

and abhorred. Seven would be capable of either interpretation but it ~~is~~ one delivered. Now when we look at eight, "in a day of salvation have I helped thee and I will preserve thee and give thee for a covenant of the people." Now what does that mean? Just how is Israel given as a covenant of the people? Or is it Christ given in the new covenant? Special note: this phrase "covenant of the people" in verse eight ought to be studied a bit. Let's take that as an assignment for next time and let's look into it with the concordance and see if we find the same phrase _____. We should ~~knew~~ note that this exact phrase occurs in 42:6 in the ideal picture of the servant he is given for a covenant of the people for a light of the Gentiles. In our present verse there is no necessary reference to the Gentiles but the phrase "covenant of the people" certainly seems to be messianic.

Shall we leave this for now considering that verse seven/and eight is almost certainly the work of the servant and then nine to twelve hardly seems to be the work of the servant delivering them from the exile to Babylon. That would seem to be meant by the work of Cyrus the man whom God has raised up for that purpose. Verse nine to twelve probably the work of the servant of God who is to raise up the tribes of Jacob and also to be a light to the Gentiles. This work consists of redemption, delivering them, bringing them out in a physical sense from oppression and suffering but far more important, delivering them from the results of sin. And so I question _____ to think that it definitely means conversion to the Gospel of the people in the east and the west and as far away as China. Now to narrow it down and make it just be bringing back Jews from a later exile scattered in all these lands and bringing them is another possibility which might be further considered. I fear at the present appearance I don't see anything here of a remnant going out to spread the Gospel unless one infers it from other neighboring verses and then carries it on into these verses. Now then we might go on to the next