

centuries later, a conqueror from this area conquered all of China and gave his name, the name of his section to the entire great empire, and it became for a brief period, the land of Chin. After that, this name was carried on as the name in all foreign lands, the name of China, and from it our present word China is today derived. The RSV~~is~~ is quite unwarranted in rendering it these from the land of Syene. Syene is a small place in Egypt. There is no reason in the world to think that it is referred to here where it speaks of Sinnim. The interpretation which has been extended to it of many years is one which is entirely natural and valid. It fits with the statement that the work of the servant is to extend to a very great distance, and people are to be brought into his salvation even from distances as far away as the land of China.

The direct answer of the Lord to the servant's soliloquy ends with verse 12. However it is quite proper to include verse 17 in the section, for 17 is a general statement of joy over what the Lord has promised to do. Heaven and earth are called upon to break into singing, because the Lord has comforted His people and will have mercy on His afflicted. We have just had a great statement of the outgoing of the work of the servant of the Lord to the most distant lands. Yet here the passage ends quite properly with stress upon the fact that the people of Israel are included in the result of his work. It is necessary not only to be a light to the Gentiles but also to restore the preserved of Israel.

Reassurance of for Discouraged Israel. (Isa. 49:14-50:3)

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Zion's Complaint and God's Answer. (Isa. 49:14 to 50:3)

Immediately after the great passage telling us of the certainty of the accomplishment of the servant's work which would reach to the very ends of the earth, will bring light to the Gentiles, and judgment to the nations, and which will result in His followers coming from afar, even as far as from the land of China, after this long passage of joy it seems as if Zion feels that she has been forgotten in the face of these grand accomplishments. So we have now a complaint of Zion expressed in verse 14 and again expressed by