

implication in verse 1 of chapter 50. Also in verse 24 a question is asked which is in the nature of a complaint.

The original complaint which is found in verse 14 says God is thinking of these great things that are to be done as a result of the work of the servant, but I, Zion, I, the Jewish people have been forgotten, the Lord has forsaken me. God proceeds to answer this complaint in the following verses. His first answer to it which includes verses 15 and 16, refers back to the relationship which He has established with Israel, whom He has called, to be His servant, whom He has blessed and ~~ca~~cared for so many years, whom He has treated as a son. Can a woman forget her sucking child, yes, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee. I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands, thy walls are continually before me. After this assurance ~~they~~ based upon the relationship that God has assumed toward Israel, He proceeds to give a strong statement of the certainty of deliverance that is before them in verse 17. Thy children shall make haste, thy destroyers and they that make me waste shall go forth of thee, a wonderful promise of deliverance from oppression. After this, there comes, God's promise, however, goes far beyond that of mere deliverance. He promises enlargement and extension to His people. This passage includes verses 18 -23. Here He assures them that He is going to clothe their lands with ornaments. He is going to ~~make~~ the land that had seemed so vast in comparison to the small number of people that were left, seem small because the people will so greatly increase. They will spread out and ~~expand~~,^{and} the various distant nations will help in the enlargement that God is promising to them. This is a wonderful promise of expansion contained in verses 18 -23. Within it there is a section, ~~verses~~ 20-22, which probably contains something of an implication of connecting up again Israel with the promises given for the outreach of the work of the servant. Israel is not merely to be expanded physically, not merely are her children to be great in number and marvelously blessed of the Lord, she is to have a vast spiritual progeny. Verse 21 says, then shalt thou say in thine heart, who hath ~~begotten~~ me these,