

one from another but if you put them together you see a theme worked out here. The two varying phases of emotions show it to be that.

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Here we have the different phases. "Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches." "Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen; Thus said the Lord that made thee--" Note the contrast--not that there are a lot of isolated things that go together. It is a grouping of the ideas and the presenting of the ideas and the different emotional interests in the end of the two. It does bring problems and then we ask how it is going to be worked out. We are looking then to see if the answer can be given. Israel is the servant--she must be the servant and from all reports Israel was called and it is for this work that God is preserving this ^{people} ~~work~~. There are all these wonderful blessings that God assures us ^{He} is going to perform. "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground:---" All the promises will be fulfilled. He is assuring them of the continuance of his blessing upon them. "And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. One shall say ~~for~~ I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; ---" Here is Israel in bondage and greatly humiliated, under the people of Babylon and almost ashamed to call themselves Israel and God says the time is coming when people will be proud to be a part of them and will gladly say they belong to the Lord. V. 6 . They are now thinking of the future and if something happens it will happen. It is interesting that there is great stress on this matter of prediction. Only God can predict the future. The things that are coming and will come are from Him. Ones who make the gods are faint from hunger and how then can they make the gods? He makes it after a figure of a man and he is just a man himself. How can you have a god from a part of a thing and from the other part you can make the bread? The idolatry is stressed here so greatly. V.9-20 --what is the theme there? It is the folly of idolatry and he describes the making of the idol, tells how to use it yourself and takes part of the piece to burn for fuel and uses the other part for the image. Thus 9-20 shows the absurdity of idolatry. A theme prominent in ch. 40-53 and it is touched upon in many places but no where so much dwelled on as here. In v. 21 in contrast to the idols and to the people who worshipped them and they called the attention