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scholar at one of our universities today who is a student of Chinese studies is apt to be called a Professor of Sinology, which is using, as you see, the very letters in this word Sinim .

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Here we have wonderful predictions of the going out of the gospel to the Gentiles and reaching even as far as the land of China, and so v. 13 ^{49:13} gives a concluding exclamation of joy. Sing, O heavens: and be joyful, O earth; for the Lord has comforted His people and will have mercy upon His afflicted. My copy here of the Authorized Version has a paragraph division at the beginning of v. 13. I can't say the archbishop's horse stumbled because he didn't put in the paragraph/ ^{divisions} but whoever did put them certainly was wrong in that place. I think anyone should be able to recognize that v. 13 goes, not with v. 14, but with v. 12. Verse 12 is explaining the wonderful work of the servant in reaching out to the Gentiles and being a light to the people to the north and to the west and even as far as the land of China and so he breaks in with a great song of joy. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; for the Lord has comforted his people and will have mercy upon His afflicted, and then in v. 14 a new paragraph begins closely related to the previous paragraph. Zion said, The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me. It's all very well to say that blessing is going to come to the people of China, blessings from the servant is going to go out to the Gentiles. There's going to be a light to the Gentiles, yet what good does that do me? I'm here in the Babylonian captivity. I'm here in oppression and bondage and suffering and darkness, all the result of sin and there is nothing I can do about it. The Lord has forsaken me and my Lord has forgotten me. You see, we get back to the old statement. Here is the work of the servant, the work that must reach as far as the land of China. It must reach to the very ends of the earth and bring souls out of darkness into light, bring them out of their captivity, and Israel