

regathering of all of Israel, wherever they are scattered, east or west, or north or south, his sons and daughters are to be brought from afar, for he has created them for his glory, he has formed them, he has made them. This as we see has many themes, strongly stressed, in it, but one that is most stressed is that God has made Jacob. They are his formation, his sons, his daughters, ~~they-are~~ he has a purpose in it all. The purpose has been clearly brought out in the previous chapter. In this chapter it will be only touched upon but quite definitely touched upon.

God's Supremacy, Verses 8 to 13.

Again we find a considerable passage with the note on praise to God, recognition of God's supremacy. ~~The-people~~ Back in verse 18 of chapter 42 the phrase deaf and blind was used with reference to God's servant. Here, however, it is used as in other passages for the worshippers of idolatry. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. All the nations are thought of as gathered together in order to see the inferiority of their gods in comparison with the power of the God of Israel. Who is there among them who can predict the future as God can? Let them bring their witnesses. God has his witnesses. He says in verse 10 you are my witnesses and my servants whom I have chosen. Israel is to know how God has predicted the future and how he has fulfilled the various things that he has promised. They are to be his witnesses and his servants. They are to declare his divine power and glory. It is interesting to see how often God has stressed here the uniqueness of God. He is the only God. Before me was no God formed, neither shall there be any one after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. Verse 12 again brings out the fact that they are God's witnesses. God has declared the events which have occurred before they happen. He is now declaring new ones which will also happen, and they are his witnesses of his power and supremacy. Verse 13 concludes this passage with the declaration of the confidence they may have in him because, when he works, no one can stop him.

Part III, Deliverance Described, Verses 14 to 21.

This passage is closely parallel to the first one, except that the note of assurance