these very verses to introduce his discussion of God's calling of the Gentiles. As always, he does not quote a few words out of context, but applies and explains the very matter which is under discussion in the passage from which he quotes.

After 15 verses of severely condemning His people for their sin, and pointing out the mysterious change in God's economy which is to occur, the latter part of chapter 65 shows great blessing coming after the punishment. Israel is still God's people. Although erring, and subject to great rebuke and chastisement, there is still a grand future in store for them eventually. The latter part of chapter 65 shows the great blessings that are ahead for all God's people, both Jews and Gentiles, after the end of the present age of trouble.

Full discussion of both portions of chapter 65 must wait till next month.