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(Authorized Version)

Verse 1:

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The
LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother
hath he made mention of my name.

Now this is not speaking of an individual, but it is referring to Israel and is showing that in the very beginning, YAHWEH had this in mind, that is, to choose Israel. When the child is still in the womb, this is the beginning. This means that before the child was born, before there even was an Israel, that YAHWEH had a purpose, a plan that there would be a people who would love righteousness and would glorify HIM and vindicate HIS name, and make HIS purpose a success in the earth.

Verse 2:

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of
his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his
quiver hath he hid me;

"..and he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword." This means that Israel's mouth would be like a sharp sword, indicating that they would be able to gain the victory over all opponents.

"..in the shadow of his hand he hath hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver he hath hid me." This means that Israel remains hidden for a long time, it remains silent for a long time, it comes up afterwards when HE draws it out and everyone is able to see the sword, or the polished shaft.

Verse 3:

And said unto me, Thou [art] my servant, O Israel, in whom I
will be glorified.

Now this very plainly states that it will be Israel who will honor YAHWEH. How anyone can possibly get around this I don't know. The word "Israel" is used 2,421 times, and this is all HE speaks of, naturally HE speaks of the wickedness of the israel of old, but HE always speaks of the blessings of the restoration of Israel. Even Paul makes it very clear what Israel HE is referring to. YAHWEH'S purpose hasn't failed because "the israel of the flesh is not the Israel of GOD, but the Israel of the promise is counted as the seed." (Rom. 9:6-8). It will be the Israel of promise that will fulfill these blessings. Now how anyone could possibly call themselves anything else but Israel (if they want to be the LORD'S People) I can't understand because HE deals with Israel alone, and Israel are HIS People. And we find that in the "last days when YAHWEH begins to pour HIS holy spirit upon HIS People and gives them the understanding." (Joel 2:28) that they will gain this understanding and realize that in order to be pleasing to YAHWEH, they must be part of HIS original plan, they must be HIS Israel. So it is Israel that glorifies HIM and the way they do this is that they side up with YAHWEH in the issue against satan the devil.

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Now this is the blunt truth, that the devil is the opponent of YAHWEH, and that the devil possess this world, and that all members of this world who are in ignorance will oppose YAHWEH, and will oppose HIS People. Now when Israel stands up and fights, and sets the record straight, and does not back off, they don't have to push the belief down somebody's throat. But they will stand up for what is right, and they will not allow themselves to be kicked around by the devil's organization. They will stand up and honor their GOD, and when they do they will set a living example of who True Israel belongs to, that their GOD is YAHWEH, and they will serve no other GOD. And you will know them because they understand their GOD, they know their GOD, they understand HIS purpose, and have the knowledge of the scriptures. Whereas those in the devil's organization do not. Now there is nothing that will attract more attention than true people and a real issue, a real battle, and YAHWEH knows, so HE says in Luke 21:12,13:

- 12 you shall be brought before kings and governors for my namesake,
- 13 and it will turn out as testimony against them.

Now the kings and governors of old were judges or like the judges of today. The kings and governors of times past had this same authority, they would try many cases. But in modern language you might say "You will be brought before judges for my namesake and it will turn to be a testimony against them." Why will it turn out a testimony against them? Because we will bring out the truth, we will bring out YAHWEH'S purpose, and it will be revealed that they are not true christians, as they call themselves. They are not really serving YAHWEH because they oppose and will be forced to contradict their very beliefs that they claim to uphold. They will be found to be ignorant of YAHWEH'S purpose, and they will be found to be fighting HIS People.

Now these conditions will continue to increase until YAHWEH'S People are really noticed in the earth, and the whole earth will be talking about the new nation that is coming up, that is obeying a GOD that they know nothing about. GOD, who has spoken to Israel, so they know HIS purpose, and have the faith to stand up in the face of all opposition.

Verse 4:

4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: [yet] surely my judgment [is] with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Now Israel feels this way, they go on speaking and continuing and trying and meeting with so much failure that they feel as though they have labored in vain. And any of those who have been at it for any length of time you know how true this may seem. The Revised Standard says:

But I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD and my recompense with my GOD.

So we haven't accomplished anything you might say in times past, that is we apparently haven't accomplished anything. With all the efforts and the zeal everything seems to remain the same. Yet Israel does not give up.

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And those who are true Israel say "Yes, my reward is with my GOD." In other words, HE will certainly bring those things about. They understand, and they just don't give up. Now those who are not Israel, when they do not see the results naturally they quit and do something else, these are not Israel. Anybody would come in, if you give him some gain. But if one is real he is willing to prove himself, and suffer for it.

Verse 5:

5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb [to be] his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

The Authorized has this kind of turned about. I'll read this is the R.S.V.:

And now the LORD says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him.

In other words, Israel is gathered through him. Now what is He referring to? Well, Israel gathers Israel. It is Israel that glorifies YAHWEH, and it is Israel that will bring Jacob back to HIM, or gather Israel, and bring them back to the understanding and service of the Almighty GOD YAHWEH. HE continues: "...for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my GOD has become my strength." This is the attitude of Israel; those who know will continue and do the work and begin to gather all those who are Israel, and in turn these who learn will do the same thing, and it goes on until all of the 200,000,000 are gathered. Now this was true with the 144,000. The apostles began to gather, and then when some were gathered they began to gather others, and it continued until all of them were gathered. So, everyone who gets the understanding knows their mission and they change from weak to strong, or they change from ignorance to enlightenment, understanding, true wisdom, and naturally their conduct changes. Where once they knew nothing and did nothing, they have knowledge and they do something, they take their stand and they are serving YAHWEH. And the thing that they are doing is gathering Israel and honoring HIM.

Verse 6:

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

"..it is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob." In other words, it is not sufficient, it is not a big enough task to gather Israel.

Now Israel isn't only going to gather Israel, they have a bigger task to do, they must gather the gentiles or the heathen and these will eventually become the stranger class. So they are not going to gather themselves, they are going to gather one third of the earth's population which will

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make up the persuaded ones, the Japheth class, or the strangers. (side one of tape ends)...and YAHWEH'S name will be known throughout the earth.

Verse 7:

Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, [and] his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, [and] the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Now Israel is the "one whom man despiseth" and who the "nations" as other translations bring out "abhorreth." or hates. Israel has been the "servant of rulers", in other words it has been held down, like the israel of old was in captivity. Likewise all those who are in line for Israel are scattered all over the earth and are in subjection to this world. It is these that will vindicate YAHWEH'S name and make HIS purpose known throughout the entire earth to the extent that even many of the mighty of the earth will be convinced, those here referred to as "kings and princes", and they will come over and become submissive to Israel. There are many people of goodwill who are in key positions in this world, they are powerful men, they have understood nothing but competition and survival of the fittest. And they figure the only way to gain is to fight; and they have fought; they just played the rules of the game. But this doesn't mean to say they are wicked, its the system that has made them do this. I've been competing in this system, I've fought, I was in business and I know what it is. It is a very dirty game. And if you don't fight, they will walk all over you. And if they walk all over you, you are finished. So what good are you? You are no good to yourself, or anyone else. You have to keep fighting, to do anything else would be just to lay down and die. This doesn't mean that the people are wicked, there are many, many mighty men of high rank who have gotten there because they have been successful in fighting the battle you might say, according to the rules. These people aren't really happy, they are righteous hearted, and when Israel proves itself, many of these will come in. So we can expect men from all walks of life to respond. We may even get some lawyers, some politicians; there are some politicians who start out right, they really want to straighten out the system. YAHWEH knows who they are, and we will know who they are after they respond. But Israel is going to make a tremendous impression on this earth, and all the righteous will respond, and the world will be amazed at what takes place.

Verse 8:

Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

This means that at an "acceptable time" or at the proper time, or in the last days of this world, which is YAHWEH'S appointed time. HE will hear, HE will answer our prayers, and HE will "help us" In other words, help us do what we want to see realized, help us serve HIM and meet with some success, not just pray and hope, but there will be a time of fulfillment.

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This will be the blessing that Israel will experience. "...and I will preserve thee and give thee for a covenant of the people." In other words, it is the covenant or the contract that YAHWEH makes with Israel, and not with anybody else. HE makes the covenant with Israel and the other people, the strangers, will be blessed thereby. Because if the contract was not made with Israel, the strangers would never be blessed; no one else would be blessed. It is a people that HE can deal with; a people that HE can trust, and HE makes HIS covenant with them. And HE establishes HIS Kingdom and trusts them to inherit it and to be loyal to HIM, they prove themselves. And because of this HE causes all others to be submissive to Israel.

Verse 9:

That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that [are] in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures [shall be] in all high places.

So it is Israel that lightens up the world of darkness, these are people who are prisoners because of not understanding and Yahshua said "know the truth and the truth shall set you free." (John 8:32) Well, they know the truth through Israel, so Israel actually "opens the prison to those who are hell in chains of darkness." "Go forth to them that are in darkness, show yourselves." (Is. 61:1) So Israel does go to those who are in darkness and they set an example, they teach the people, and they make themselves known and make HIS purpose known. And all the earth is enlightened by the work that YAHWEH causes Israel to perform. "...they shall feed in the ways and their pastures shall be in all high places." In other words, feeding means that they will be nourished. YAHWEH will bless Israel and HE pictures it like a herd walking or grazing. YAHWEH will provide all the spiritual food that they need while they are going along and doing their work. HE promises them blessings. HE will pour HIS spirit upon them and give them understanding "HE will give them pastors who will teach them will knowledge." (Jer. 3:15) They will have all the necessary information to be able to glorify YAHWEH and do HIS work.

Verse 10:

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

HE likens them to a herd of sheep or cattle, and they "won't hunger or thirst or neither will they be smitten by the heat of the sun." Indicating that they will not be deprived of anything, they will not suffer, YAHWEH will "have mercy on them and lead them to springs of water." Meaning that they will be guided and receive of HIS spirit, and kept strong by the holy spirit that will guide them. NOW this will be fulfilled only with those who have the keenest desire to serve HIM. These will be nourished, where others won't realize any blessing at all. Those who are keenly looking up to YAHWEH for fulfillment will see little blessings here and a little blessings there, and they will rejoice because they will say, "its from YAHWEH." And anything from YAHWEH is a true blessing. Anything at all, because YAHWEH is making contact with HIS People. Those who are sincerely

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seeking will realize these little blessings, and they are big blessings, because it comes from the Almighty.

Verse 11:

And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

What HE is bringing out that HE will make a way throughout all HIS mountains, and provide a highway so that HIS People can make progress. So where there were once mountains, they become passable. HE will make a highway for them so that they will be able to cross over and make progress. What HE is referring to here is the obstacles that Israel has faced, that have held Israel back from flourishing and prospering and making headway, will be removed. We can see that even now in a very small beginning, things are being done now that were never done before. We were able to get on television and radio, we were able to get publicity here and there, and this way for years, was not opened up at all, for a long time, even though I did not cease from trying. But the time was not right, so YAHWEH had not opened up the way. But now HE is opening up the way for HIS People and we find that we are meeting with greater success all the time. And this will go on in leaps and bounds.

Verse 12:

Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

Which is situated in the south. In other words, they will come from all directions. Yahshua says "they shall come from the north, and the south and the east, and the west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (Matt. 8:11,12; Luke 13:28,29) In other words, people who recognize YAHWEH'S Prophets, those who recognize the true Israel of YAHWEH will come from all portions of the earth and join Israel and honor YAHWEH together. Now YAHWEH promises that HE will definitely gather HIS People and this is going to be done with a world-wide publicity. The publicity will gain momentum and have a tremendous driving force because of the fabulous knowledge that YAHWEH has given HIS People. They will have an understanding of the scriptures, they will understand fully why there is wickedness on earth and what is going to happen to this wickedness, they will understand how the Kingdom will operate and how YAHWEH will deliver HIS People, they will have all the answers. And the people who are looking for the answers will be thrilled beyond measure, and they will respond quickly; those who are looking. Don't expect everyone to hear and to understand, this is not the case. You understand, and those like you will understand, and this is what you can expect. Those whose hearts are right will understand.

Verse 13:

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

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This is a true time of rejoicing because definitely YAHWEH will bring to pass that which HE has promised. HE has promised everlasting life, everlasting blessings to HIS People, blessings where they will know no heartache of any kind.

Verse 14:

But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

This is an illustration as though Zion is saying; its because it is so long between the time that Zion of old fell, and the restoration of Zion, as though YAHWEH had completely forgotten. It is centuries between the time of Zion of old and the restoration of Zion. And HE is this bringing out because of the lapse of time, as though YAHWEH had completely forgotten, and that HE wasn't going to do what HE promised. YAHWEH brings out our thoughts, people themselves who possibly say they waited too long, feel that YAHWEH has forgotten. This is not the proper attitude, but being as centuries have past, it would appear that YAHWEH really has forgotten Zion, but YAHWEH does not forget.

Verse 15:

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Now HE asks this question, Is it possible for a woman to forget her sucking child? Well, we know the love that a mother has for her child, we would say this is impossible even though we have read of some bizarre cases where women have forgotten their children. But this would be a rarity, there would be something wrong with the woman. So YAHWEH uses this as an illustration, as though it were impossible. But HE goes on to make it even clearer, "yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee." In other words, HIS promise is even stronger; even though it is practically impossible for a woman to forget her sucking child. But it is even more impossible for YAHWEH to forget Zion. It is truly, truly, impossible for YAHWEH to forget Zion.

Verse 16:

Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of [my] hands; thy walls [are] continually before me.

How often do you look at your hands? They are written on the palms of HIS hands, so HE can't forget. You know people tie a string around their finger so that they won't forget. But here Zion is written on HIS hands all the time, and every time HE looks at HIS hands HE remembers Zion. Indicating that HE will never forget. "Thy walls are continually before me." The walls symbolize the structure, the building of Zion. They are always before HIS eyes, HE always sees them in the vision before HIS eyes. Meaning that the desire is so great to have Zion rebuilt. And if the desire is so great, naturally, HE is not going to abandon it.

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Verse 17:

Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

"Thy children" anyone who is a child of Zion, naturally is those who receive nourishment from Zion, these would be the earthly members. These "will make haste" meaning the time will come when they shall flock over to Zion. ".thy destroyers and they that made thee a waste shall go forth of thee." This is not clear, in other words, those who fought you shall leave you, or leave you alone, meaning that Zion will no longer be held down by those who oppressed them. Zion would gain the victory and she would be restored because those who opposed her would not be around.

Verse 18:

Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, [and] come to thee. [As] I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them [on thee], as a bride [doeth].

Zion is going to be honored, she is going to be surrounded by millions of people. And they will be like an "ornament" to Zion, they will be something that will bring praise to Zion. Just like a person who puts on jewels to adorn themselves and show off, you might say, it is an honor to them to possess this wealth. The children of Zion, the earthly members, those who are her devotees, who devote themselves and come over to her, will be like precious jewels; a true honor to Zion. Where once Zion was desolate and had no children, had no followers, and appeared to be a complete failure, she will now be honored by having millions and millions of followers. People who understand, who are in their right mind, who have been awakened, people who will vindicate Zion because they have made the choice, they realize Zion is right and what they have been in is wrong. So they have left what is wrong, and come over to what is right. This vindicates YAHWEH'S organization.

Verse 19:

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

Now the "land that she lived in" or where she was destroyed you might say, would be far too narrow for the followers that she gains. She gains so many people, so many inhabitants that she will need a lot more room. YAHWEH is bringing this out as an illustration to show you the tremendous gain she will have in followers.

Verse 20:

20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place [is] too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

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Zion of old naturally lost her children. But the new Zion, she regains them. And she will regain them in such proportion that there will be no room for all of these followers. What YAHWEH is bringing out is that the restored Zion will have a tremendous increase; it will be nothing like the Zion of old. Having no room means that they need a lot more space. The increase will be so great that the provisions aren't even made. The illustration here shows that they didn't even expect them, and here they are already crowded together. "give us room." Meaning that they are coming in in such great numbers, and so rapidly, that they will not be able to provide. All YAHWEH is telling you is that they are going to come in fast, and there is going to be an awful lot.

Verse 21:

Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where [had] they [been]?

Again HE is using the illustration of surprise is Zion herself. "who gave me all these?" Where did they come from? Where were they? Well this is true. You see nobody understanding, no one was following, no one knows the truth. Every one is completely under submission to this satanic system. And all of a sudden there is a tremendous break; people shoot out all over. And there are millions of people coming in. "Where were you? where did you come from? I didn't know you even existed, I didn't even know there was this type of person who would understand." The whole world has been opposing us, and all of a sudden so many people are coming out of the world! Being as the world was opposing us you would automatically think that everybody is of one mind that they are all the same. They are all demonized and no one is going to understand; but all of a sudden there is a tremendous change that takes place. So YAHWEH gives HIS understanding to HIS PEOPLE, all those who are seeking after righteousness: "blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6)

Verse 22:

Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in [their] arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon [their] shoulders.

Where is HE getting these Israelites from? "I will lift up mine hand to the gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders." The children of Zion are Israel, not strangers. They are Israel because Zion nourishes Israel. "lifting up HIS hand to the gentiles" means that HE will begin to deal with the gentiles, and show HIMSELF, and beckon to them and "set up a standard." or show a sign "to the people." These are the gentiles. The gentiles are the ones who make up the children of Zion, who are Israel. Again, this is in harmony in Hosea 1:10 where HE says "those who are not my people become my people, and

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Israel will be as the sands of the sea which cannot be measured nor numbered."

Verse 23:

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with [their] face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I [am] the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

In other words, they (Israel) will gain support from all, even the mighty ones of this earth. "nursing them." means they will nourish or support them. "and they will bow down to them." In other words, become submissive. Now then the ones who, naturally, are not Israel, but they will support Israel and honor Israel, as though they were actually bowing down to them literally, practically worshipping them because the stranger class, the heathen of this world will suddenly awake to the fact that here are YAHWEH'S anointed people, the 2 prophets, HIS witnesses! The people HE has been dealing with, the people who they have oppressed, the people they didn't understand but rather fought against. That they treated as criminals, were able to survive in the face of all this opposition and go on to carry out YAHWEH'S purpose. And if it wasn't for their strength and their faith and their ability to stand, the strangers would have never awakened. And the strangers will realize what a terrible mistake they have made and how they have been fully deceived by the devil, and that it was Israel, and Israel alone, that brought about their salvation. Now HE says "for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me." In other words, you will have the fulfillment that YAHWEH has promised you. HE will not make you a promise that will not be fulfilled, you will not be made to look like a fool. But what HE has promised shall be fulfilled, and you will be recognized as a true servant of YAHWEH; one who knows what they are talking about.

Verse 24:

Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

In other words, are you going to take a prey, say, from a lion? Or pull a man out of jail who has been arrested? Is this possible? Well, HE says:

Verse 25:

But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

So no matter what condition Israel is in, even though it seems impossible to get them out, they will come out. In other words, what YAHWEH is bringing out is that HE will accomplish the impossible. And there are many things that have looked impossible in the past, but we begin to see with each passing day that things like this are possible. When the publicity is

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in full swing, Israel will be fully convinced that everything that YAHWEH has promised will be carried out.

Verse 26:

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD [am] thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Now "feeding them with their own flesh" and "being drunken with their own blood" means that they will devour or destroy one another. This is the way the final battle takes place. They will turn on each other, and not only different kingdoms will be fighting one another, but there will be utter confusion. "...and every man's hand will turn on his neighbor, and every man will thrust his brother." (Zech 14:13; Is. 19:2) So this is the manner in which the wicked, those who reject Israel, will meet their fate. This will bring about the end of this wicked system of things. The end of the world, and at this time Israel's blessings will be truly realized because they will be free from the opposition and the opposition felt during the past ages by the hand of the wicked.