

Chapter XLII.

1 Behold, my servant, the Messiah, whom I bring, my chosen in whom one delights : as for my WORD, I will put my Holy Spirit upon Him ; He shall reveal my judgment unto the nations.

2 He shall not cry aloud, nor raise a clamour, and He shall not lift up His voice in the street.

3 The meek who are like a bruised reed He shall not break, and the poor who are as a glimmering wick with Him, He will not quench : He shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not faint nor be weary, till He have established judgment in the earth ; and the isles shall wait for His law.

5 Thus saith the God of eternity, who hath created the heavens and suspended them, who hath founded the earth, and hath given breath to its inhabitants, even to the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein.

6 I, the Lord, I will make Thee to grow in truth, and will hold Thine hand, and I will direct Thee, and give Thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles ;

7 To open the eyes of the house of Israel, who are blind to the law, to bring back their captivity from among the nations, where they are like prisoners, and to redeem them from the servitude of the kingdoms being shut up as those that are bound in darkness.

8 I am the Lord : that is my name : and my glory in which I am revealed to you I will not give to another people; nor my praise to the worshippers of images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare : I apprise you of them before they come to pass.

10 Sing unto the Lord a new song, proclaim His praise from the ends of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and its fulness; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness praise Him, and the cities that are in it, the villages which inhabit the wilderness of the Arabians ; let the dead praise Him, when they go forth from their long abodes; from the tops of the mountains let them lift up their voice.

12 Let them ascribe glory unto the Lord, and declare His praise in the islands.

13 The Lord shall be seen to do mighty-things : He shall reveal Himself in anger to do a mighty work by the

word of His wrath; He shall reveal Himself to His enemies by His might in an earthquake.

14 I have given them prolongation for a long time, if they would but return to my law ; but they did not return. My judgment shall be revealed upon them, as pains on a woman in travail ; they shall be destroyed, and come to an end together.

15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16 And I will lead the house of Israel, who are like the blind, in a way which they knew not, in paths they have not learned I will lead them ; I will make darkness light before them, and the rugged place a plain. These things will I do for them, and will not forsake them.

17 They shall be turned back, they shall be ashamed, that worship images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

18 Ye wicked, (who are like the deaf,) have ye no ears? hear ye! and ye sinners, (who are like the blind,) have ye no eyes ?

19 Is it not so ? if the wicked and the sinners, to whom I have sent my prophets, will repent, they shall be called

my servants ; but the wicked shall be paid with vengeance for their sins ; but if they will repent, they shall be called the servants of the Lord.

20 Ye see many things, but ye observe not; having your ears opened, but ye receive not instruction.

21 The Lord delights in justifying Israel ; He will magnify those that obey His law, yea. He will strengthen them.

22 But this is a people robbed, and spoiled, and all their young men are covered with confusion, and shut up in prison-houses : they are for a prey, and there is none who delivereth ; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23 Who is there among you that will listen to this ? who will hearken, and consider for the time to come ?

24 Who delivered Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers ? Was it not the Lord ? Because they have sinned against Him ; and they would not walk in His righteous paths before Him, neither would they receive the instruction of His law.

25 Therefore He hath poured upon them the fury of His anger, and hath brought upon them the strength of His warriors, and hath slain them round about, and they

knew it not ; and they ruled over them, and they did not lay His fear to heart.

Chapter XLIII.

1 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, Israel, Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee who art mine by thy name.

2 For at first when ye did pass the Red sea my WORD was your support. Pharaoh and the Egyptians, who were as many as the waters of the river, did not prevail against you. And again, when ye came amongst nations, who were as mighty as fire, they did not prevail against you ; and kingdoms, which were strong as a flame, did not destroy you ;

3 Because I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour : I gave Egypt in exchange for thee, Ethiopia, and Seba, in thy stead.

4 Ever since I loved thee, thou wast precious ; yea, I loved thee dearly, and I gave nations instead of thee, and kingdoms for thy soul.

5 Fear not, for my WORD shall be thy support; I will bring thy children from the east, I will bring together thy captivity from the west.

6 I will say to the north, Bring ; and to the south, Keep not back : bring my sons from afar, and the captivity of my people from the ends of the earth.

7 All these things shall come to pass for the sake of your righteous fathers, upon whom my name was called, yea, for my glory I have created them. I will restore their captivity, yea, I will work wonders for them.

8 When I brought forth my people from Egypt, they were like the blind, although they had eyes ; and like the deaf, although they had ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, let the kingdoms be brought together : who among them can declare this, and give us the joyful tidings of old? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified ; let them hear, and let them speak the truth.

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant, the Messiah, in whom is my delight, in order that ye may know, and that ye may believe in me, and understand that I am He who was from the beginning ; yea, ages after ages are mine, and beside me there is no God.

11 I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no saviour.