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# The Prediction Contest

<b>Call to Contest</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>God's Prediction: Cyrus</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Challenge: Who else can predict?</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>26-28</b>
<b>Pagans &amp; their Idols</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>

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# 41:8-9, Servant:

## Titles from the Past

Alternation as outside of ABBA chiasm

A	8 Israel my <b>Servant</b>	9b Thou art my <b>Servant</b>	A
	Jacob ... <b>Chosen</b>	I have <b>chosen</b> thee	
	Abraham ... <b>Friend</b>	<b>Not cast thee away</b>	
B	9a <b>Snatched</b> from <b>ends</b> of the earth	<b>Called</b> from its <b>corners</b>	B

# 41:10-16 Servant: Past and Future Triumph

<b>Past</b>	10 <b>Fear Not</b>	13 <b>Fear Not</b>	14 <b>Fear Not</b>
	I will help thee	I will help thee	I will help thee
<b>Future</b>	11 <b>Behold</b> (enemies destroyed)		15 <b>Behold</b> (servant victorious)

# 41:10 Internal Structure

**Fear thou not**

**For with thee am I** [answers “Where?”]

**Be not dismayed**

**For I am thy God** [answers “Who?”]

**I will strengthened thee**

**Yea, I will helped thee**

**Yea, I will upheld thee**

# 41:10b

## God's Past Deliverance of his Servant

<b>Verb</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>strengthen</b>	<b>Ps 80:15, 17 multiply during Exodus</b>	<b>Equip in advance</b>
<b>help</b>	<b>1 Sam 7:2 military aid</b>	<b>Fight alongside</b>
<b>uphold</b>	<b>Ps 41:12 sustain in personal opposition</b>	<b>Internal concurrent support</b>

## 41:11-12, Increasing Opposition

11 They shall be ashamed and confounded:	all they that are <b>incensed</b> against thee
They shall be as nothing; and shall perish.	the men that <b>strive</b> <b>ר יב</b> with thee
12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them,	the men that <b>contend</b> with thee:
They shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.	the men that <b>war</b> against thee



# **Titles of God**

**10 I am thy God**

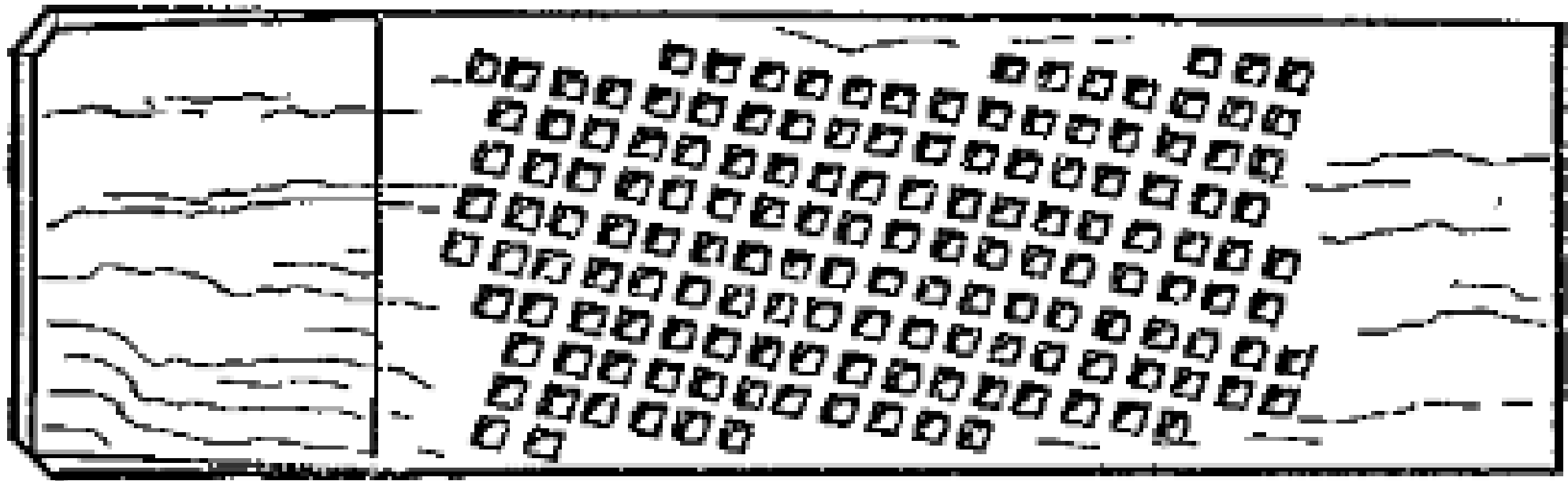
**13 I am the LORD thy God**

**14 saith the LORD thy redeemer  
the Holy One of Isr.**

# A Threshing Sledge



# The “Teeth” of a Threshing Sledge



# 41:17-20 and 35:1-7

	35	41
Miserable state of the people	3 weak hands, feeble knees 4 fearful heart 5 blind, deaf 6 lame, dumb	17 poor, needy, thirst
Renewal of the Wilderness	6 waters, streams 7 pool, springs	18 rivers, fountains, pools, springs
	1 blossom as rose 2 glory of Lebanon, excellency of Carmel	19 (many excellent trees)
People respond to the Lord	2 they shall see the glory of the LORD, <i>and</i> the excellency of our God.	20 That they may see, know, consider, understand ... the hand of the LORD ...

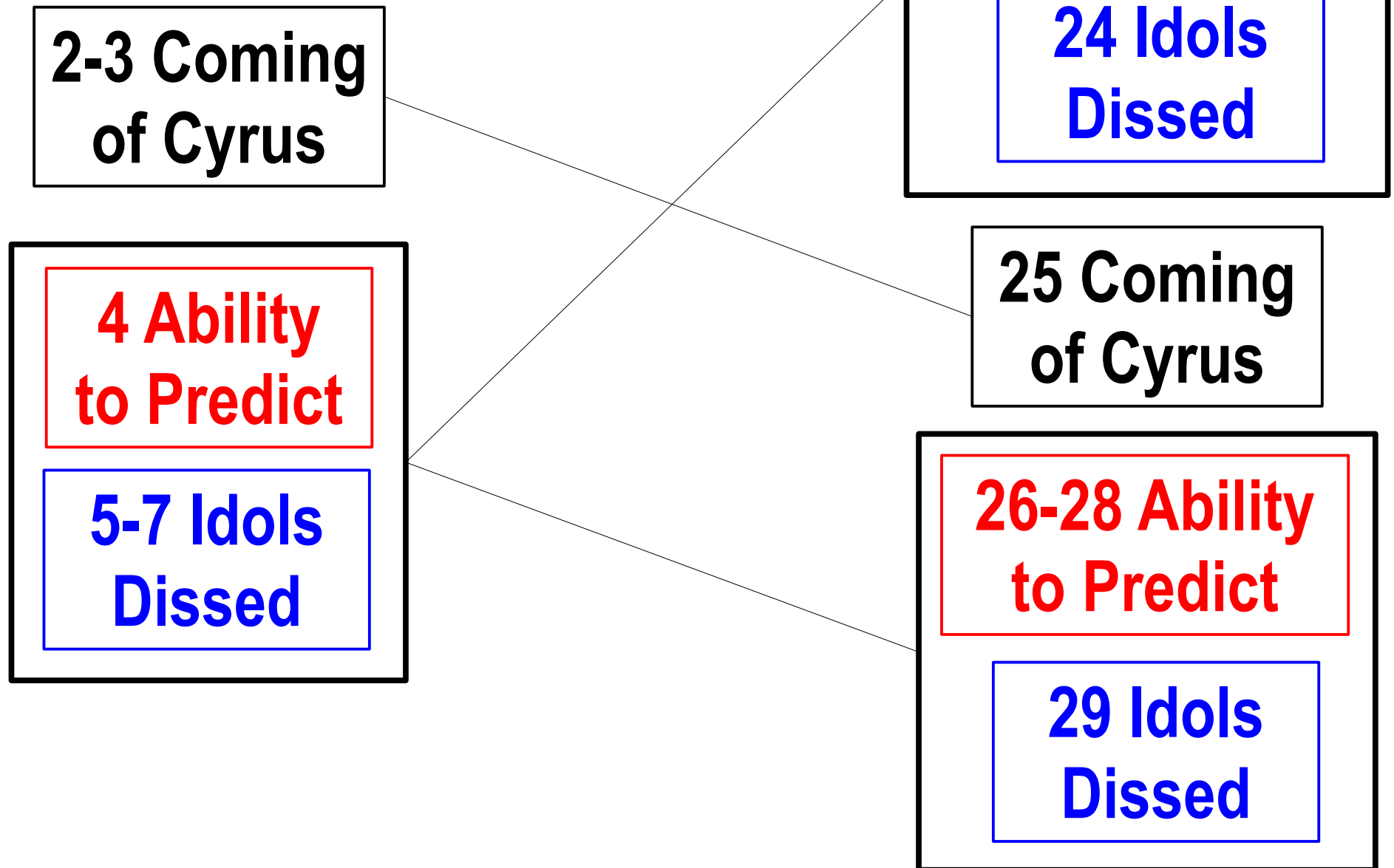
# 41:20 Progress in Insight

<b>see</b>	<b>awareness</b>
<b>know</b>	<b>articulation</b>
<b>consider</b>	<b>meditation</b>
<b>understand</b>	<b>insight leading to success</b>

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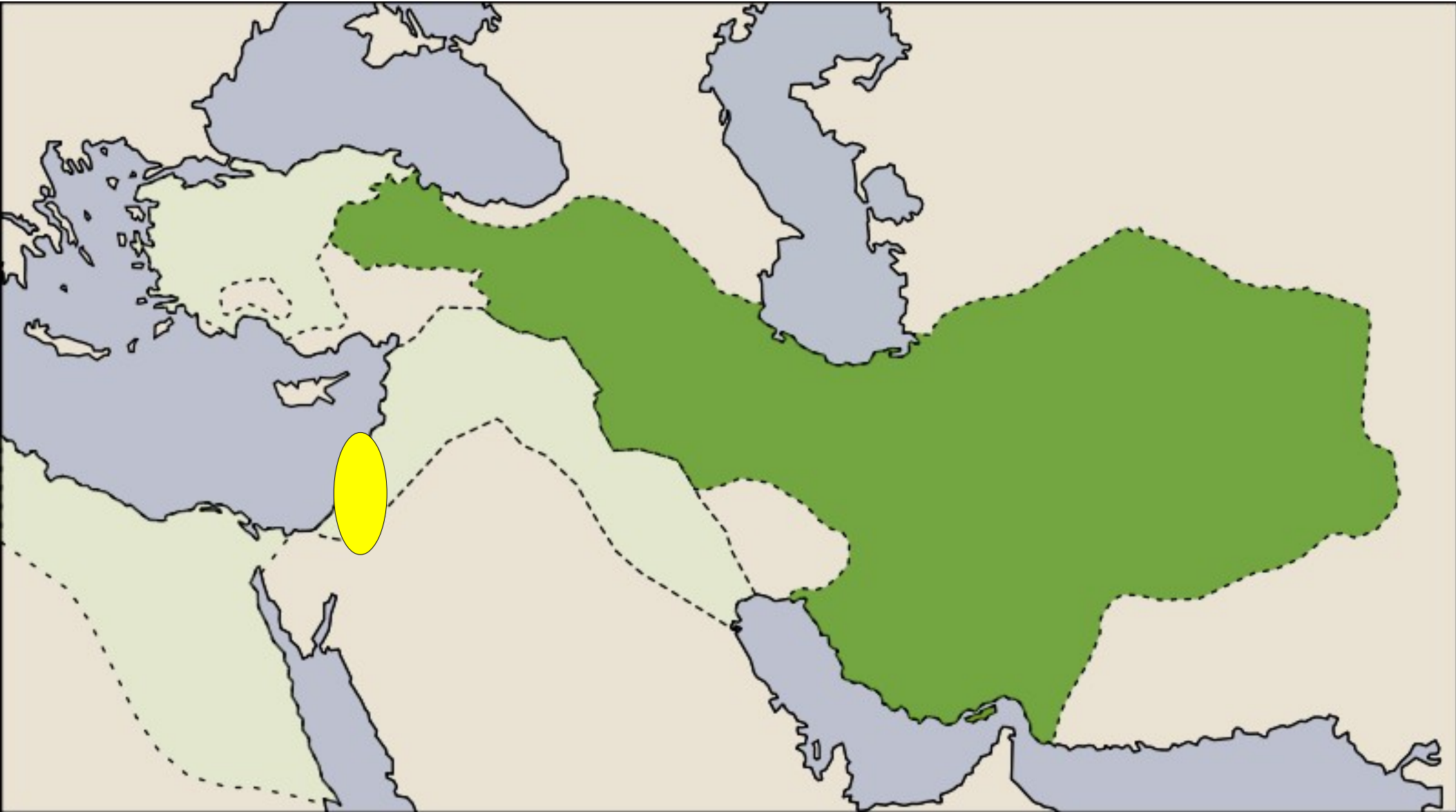
Formal Challenge	1	21	
The coming of Cyrus	2-3	25	
Ability to Predict	4	22-23	26-28
Idols	5-7	24	29



# Three Challenges in 41:22-23

Challenge	Purpose
<sup>22</sup> Show the former things, what they be ...	... that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them
Or declare us things to come, <sup>23</sup> show the things that are to come hereafter ...	... that we may know that ye are gods
Yea, do good or do evil ...	... that we may be dismayed, and behold it together

# 41:25 “From the north ... from the rising of the sun”



# Correspondences in 41:22-23, 26-28

	<b>22-23</b>	<b>26a</b>	<b>26b</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Explain</b>	Show former things	Who showed from the beginning	None showeth	
<b>Predict</b>	Declare things to come	Who showed ... beforetime	None declareth	
<b>Act</b>	Do good or do evil			
<b>Speak</b>			None heareth your words	No man ... could answer a word

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# 42:1-7 Behold My Servant

1-4, God tells *about* the Servant (3<sup>rd</sup> person)

1a, God does three things for the Servant

1b-4, The servant brings **judgment** three times

5-7, God commissions the Servant (2<sup>nd</sup> person)

5, Basis: God created him (“the last Adam”)

“Stretch out heavens”: Day 2 (Gen 1:6-8)

“Spread forth earth”: Day 3a (Gen 1:9, 10)

“That which cometh out”: Day 3b (Gen 1:12)

“Giveth breath”: Day 6 (Gen 2:7)

6-7, Commission

6a, What God has done

6b, What God will do

7, The Purpose

Isa 42	Matt 12
<p>1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, <i>in whom</i> my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth <b>judgment</b> to the Gentiles.</p>	<p>18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew <b>judgment</b> to the Gentiles.</p>
<p>2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not <b>break</b>, and the smoking flax shall he not <b>quench</b>: he shall bring forth <b>judgment</b> unto truth.</p>	<p>19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth <b>judgment</b> unto victory.</p>
<p>4 He shall not be <b>quenched</b> nor <b>break</b>, till he have set <b>judgment</b> in the earth:</p>	<p>???</p>
<p>and the isles shall wait for his law.</p>	<p>21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust (<i>shift to LXX</i>)</p>

# Servants of the Servant: 42:6-7 in Acts 26:16-18

## God to his Servant

## The Servant (Jesus) to his Servant (Paul)

Isa 42:6-7 I the LORD have called thee ... and give thee	Acts 26:16-18 I have appeared unto thee ... to make thee a minister and a witness ... now I send thee,
and will keep thee,	17 Delivering thee
for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;	from the people, and from the Gentiles,
7 To open the blind eyes, for a light of the Gentiles;	18 To open their eyes, to light,
to bring out the prisoners from the prison,	and from the power of Satan unto God,
and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.	and to turn them from darkness

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# The Nations (“Gentiles”) in ch. 41-42

41:1-20	41:21-42:17
<p><b><i>Prediction:</i></b>            1 keep            silence, O  <b>islands</b>            2 I gave  <b>nations</b>            before him            5 the <b>isles</b>            saw it, and            feared</p>	<p><b><i>Servant:</i></b>            1 he shall bring forth judgment to the <b>Gentiles</b>            4 the <b>isles</b> shall wait for his law.            6 I will ... give thee ... for a light of the <b>Gentiles</b>;</p> <hr/> <p><b><i>People:</i></b>            10-12 Sing unto the LORD ... from the <b>end of the earth</b>, ... the <b>isles</b>...            11 . ... <b>Kedar</b> ... the <b>Rock</b> ...            12 Let them ... declare his praise in the <b>islands</b>.</p>

# God's Care for His People

	41:17-20	42:10-16
Deliv- erance	<p>17 I will hear 18 I will open rivers I will make the wilderness ... 19 I will plant I will set...</p>	<p>14 I will cry, I will destroy 15 I will make waste I will dry up, I will make ... I will dry up 16 I will bring, I will lead I will make darkness light</p>
Re- sponse	<p>20 that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand</p>	<p>10 sing unto the Lord 11 let the wilderness lift up Let the inhabitants sing Let them shout 12 Let them give glory</p>