

outside of the earth established by the power and wisdom of God. The earth itself and all of its contents established by his power and by his plan. He that gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein. The climax of God's creation, the establishment of man, of humanity, upon the earth. The reminder that even the proud Babylonian and the freedom-loving Greek draws his very breath only because God empowers him. Surely if this God has declared that such a work as described in verses 1 to 4 is to be accomplished, we can depend upon God's promise that it will be done.

In verses 6 to 7 God addressed the servant directly. He assures the servant that he the Lord has called. ~~These~~ This is not a matter of someone volunteering for a work. It is too great a work for any man to volunteer for. God has himself established ^{it} and chosen

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I am the Lord that called you...

Isaiah 7. (3/4)

...The work that the servant is called upon to do would indeed be impossible if a mere man or group of men were asked to do it. However, the Lord declares that he has chosen a servant for the purpose and that he will hold the servant's hand and keep him. Divine leadership and divine power is promised for every step of the way. The last two phrases in the verse are extremely interesting. The Lord will give his servant for a covenant of the people and for a light of the Gentiles. The second of these phrases parallels exactly what we had in verse 1, that he is bring forth judgment to the Gentiles, ~~and~~ ^{verse 4} the isles shall wait for his law. He is to bring the light of God's revelation to the Gentiles. This is great missionary work which Israel has responsibility to see performed. However, the first part adds a new idea. The servant is to be a covenant of the people. This word (1 3/4) am *, people, is a word which is used ^{most commonly} ~~almost exclusively~~ for the people of Israel. It occurs many times in the Bible, ²⁶ twenty-six of them being in our own particular symphony here. ~~It is a common word - A covenant of the people~~ ^{It} cannot be said to be impossible that a covenant of the people is used in the same sense as light of the Gentiles, as the word