1. Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew [their] strength; let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

2. Who raised up the righteous [man] from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made [him] rule over kings? he gave [them] as the dust to his sword, [and] as driven stubble to his bow.

3. He pursued them, [and] passed safely; [even] by the way [that] he had not gone with his feet.

4. Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I [am] he.

5. The isles saw [it], and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6. They helped every one his neighbour, and [every one] said to his brother, Be of good courage.

7. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, [and] he that smootheth [with] the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It [is] ready for the sodering; and he fastened it with nails, [that] it should not be moved.

8. But thou, Israel, [art] my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

9. [Thou] whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou [art] my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10. Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, [even] them that contended with thee: that they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Fear not, thou worm Jacob, [and] ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat [them] small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt fan the wind, and the wind shall scatter them: and thou shalt scatter the wind, and the wind shall carry them away.

One of Israel.

I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.
That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong [reasons], saith the King of Jacob.

Let them bring [them] forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they [be], that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

Behold, ye [are] of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination [is he] that chooseth you.

I have raised up [one] from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as [upon] mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, [He is] righteous? yea, [there is] none that sheweth, yea, [there is] none that declareth, yea, [there is] none that heareth your words.

The first [shall say] to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

For I beheld, and [there was] no man; even among
them, and [there was] no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

Behold, they [are] all vanity; their works [are] nothing; their molten images [are] wind and confusion.