

Israel is a blind and deaf servant of the LORD. Through the ministry of the servant of the LORD (Christ), Israel's sight and hearing is restored which enables Israel to bear witness to the nations.

e.g. Paul was blind and deaf but through the ministry of Jesus his sight and hearing were restored and he was commissioned to bear witness to and proclaim God's saving acts to the nations.

In Isa 43-45, it is God's **sovereign work in history** (announcing his decrees and causing them to be realized) on behalf of his people (Isa 45:4) that causes the nations to realise that **God is the only God** and to turn to him for salvation (Isa 45:6).

The means by which the nations hear of God's work is through **God's servant(s)** bearing **witness** (Isa 43:10,12).

The servant of the LORD proclaims God's work of salvation to the nations (Isa 43:10) causing them to place their faith in the LORD. In doing so he becomes a light to the nations and brings them justice (Isa 42:1,6).

The LORD says to his servant: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isa 49:6)

The LORD has bared his holy arm (displayed his power) before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God (Isa 52:10).

These verses appear to be pointing to the eschatological battle and yet possibly they allude also to the servant's gospel mission. It appears that the nations witness God's glory (in judgment) and a sign (God's deliverance of Israel). Survivors then go to the nations of Turkey and Greece that have not heard God's fame or seen God's glory. There they proclaim God's glory among the nations (Isa 66:18-24).