

e. Study of 10:5-12

(1) On the general character of the section we observe that it is a passage of victory and triumph. The principle questions are these, it seems:

--To what extent, if any, has it been fulfilled

--Does it seem possible or likely that the calling discussed could be the giving of the Gospel to the Gentiles and the resultant saving of the elect

--And is there, and if so what is it, significance to the Person and Pronoun change in vs.12...

(2) the study

(a) verse by verse analysis

10:5 and "they shall"...what is the antecedent יְהוָה

the following imagery is very gripping... men treading the battle ground and grinding the earth to dust with the military movings. "they will fight because the Lord is with them" must be a contrast to the terms of the Babylonian Captivity when the Lord was with Nebuchadnezzar.

רֹכְבֵי 'riders' cf 9:10

"shall be ashamed" cue, no doubt, to the loss in battle.

10:6

"and I will strengthen them" וְהָיִינוּ
A play on the root בָּנָה from v. 5.

Judah--Joseph. The reference is surely to the divided kingdom and the emphasis that God is going to reunite and save both. The division of the Hebrew nation prayed on the minds of the prophets and the Divine healing of the breach is a large part of the Messianic ministry.