

as the Babylonian Isaiah, the changes in his soul as the historical vision changes, his inner struggles, and the triumph of faith over disappointments, when he perceives that "our God Jahweh is working the atonement of sinful Israel by the sufferings of His righteous servant Israel." The doctrine filled his soul. He discovers that salvation may not mean material deliverance, and that God's highest purpose for his sons may be that they are to suffer. This suffering is atoning, inasmuch as it is a symbolic acknowledgement by the nation of its deserts, and at the same time the most powerful influence is exerted on the mind and heart of the sinner when he learns what his sin deserves and what it has brought upon the guiltless. The great truth is thus taught that every righteous man must be a Saviour of others. In the days of formal religion that followed the full establishment of the Levitical ritual by Ezra this truth was narrowed to a belief in a future possibility of salvation by one righteous prince. "Yet the blind were led by a way they knew not, and at last their little hope had an unspeakably grand realisation; their mistake was a prediction of the coming truth." Jesus came, and by His life and death "illuminates the grand doctrine of the Babylonian teacher, and enlightens up the life of the good with service, and the life of the bad with hope."

Dr. Duff's treatment of the extensive subject he undertook is at times obscure; but he shows a large acquaintance with its literature, and he writes with a freedom of conception and warmth of style that makes his Thesis an important contribution to the elucidation of the central idea in the Christian revelation.

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"HANDBOOK OF ENGLISH SYNONYMS, with an Appendix showing the correct uses of Prepositions, and a collection of Foreign Phrases," by L. J. CAMPBELL.

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