

## ST. THOMAS'S DIVISIO TEXTUS OF THE BOOK OF ISAIAH<sup>1</sup>

### Proemium

#### I. the threat of DIVINE JUSTICE in view of the cutting-off of sinners [chs. 1–39]

- a. he threatens the two sinning tribes [chs. 1–6]
- b. he threatens their attackers [chs. 7–31]
  - i. the threat against the attackers of the people [chs. 7–27]
    1. the enemy is threatened with dejection [chs. 7–24]
      - a. single enemies in particular are threatened [chs. 7–23]
        - i. enemies who attack corporeally [chs. 7–16]
        - ii. enemies who offer power [chs. 17–20]
        - iii. enemies who calumniate [chs. 21–23]
      - b. all enemies in general are threatened [ch. 24]
    2. the joy of thanksgiving {for victory} [chs. 25–27]<sup>2</sup>
  - ii. prophecy against those who hold the prophets in contempt [chs. 28–31]
- c. he frees them from their then-imminent enemies [chs. 32–38]
  - i. foretells deliverance in the manner of prophecy [chs. 32–35]
    1. foretells the prosperity of the Jews [ch. 32]
    2. foretells the destruction of enemies [chs. 33–35]
  - ii. foretells deliverance in the manner of history [chs. 36–39]

#### II. the consolation of DIVINE MERCY in view of the rising of the just [chs. 40–66]

- a. he brings in the expectation of promises [chs. 40–44]
- b. he elaborates on the content of the promises [chs. 45–66]
  - i. promises deliverance from evils [chs. 45–55]
    1. promises the blessing of deliverance [chs. 45–49]
      - a. presages their deliverer [ch. 45]
      - b. predicts destruction of captors and detainers [chs. 46–47]
      - c. promises deliverance of the Jews [chs. 48–49]
    2. excludes every obstacle to deliverance [chs. 50–55]
      - a. removes obstacles [chs. 50–52]
        - i. lack of divine blessings [ch. 50]
        - ii. abjection of persons [ch. 51]
        - iii. scarcity of things [ch. 52]
      - b. appoints remedies [chs. 53–55]
  - ii. promises salvation in [a gathering of] good things [chs. 56–66]
    1. sets down the preparation for salvation [chs. 56–59]
      - a. on the part of those receiving salvation [chs. 56–58]
      - b. on the part of the savior himself [ch. 59]
    2. sets down the promise of salvation [chs. 60–62]
    3. sets down the great discernment of the salvation of what is gathered together [chs. 63–66]

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<sup>1</sup> The division, of course, extends much further than this; I have not consistently followed it out everywhere to the same level.

<sup>2</sup> The song of the redeemed on the mountain, in the (saved) land of Judah.