found in them. These latter words are  
spoken of *Cyrus*, see Isa. xliv. 28. That  
such citations are left in their present shape  
in our text, forms a strong presumption  
that we have the speeches of St. Paul word  
for word as delivered by him, and no subsequent general statement of what he said,  
in which case the citation would have been  
*corrected by the sacred text*.

**23.**  
**hath God according to promise brought...**]  
viz. the promise in Zech. iii. 8, where the  
very word “*bring forth*” is used; not  
however excluding the many other promises to the same effect.

**24. before  
the presence of his coming**] referring to  
“*brought*” above, when his coming forward  
publicly was about to take place.

**25.**]  
‘Ihe expression “to fulfil (or finish) a  
course” is peculiar to St. Paul: see ch.  
xx. 24; 2 Tim. iv. 7. On this course see  
Luke iii. 15 ff.

**26.**] The same two  
classes, (see on ver. 16,) Jews, and God-fearing Gentiles, are here again addressed:  
and this should be more distinctly marked

in the version, than is done in the A.V.

**this salvation**] viz. the salvation implied  
in Jesus being a Saviour—salvation *by  
Him.*

**27.**] On the peculiar construction of this verse, almost unintelligible  
in any English representation, consult my  
Greek Test.

**28. when they found**]  
Not, *‘though*,’ but rather **because** they  
found no cause: **when they found no cause  
of death in him, they besought,** &c.: see  
Luke xxiii. 22, 23.

**29.**] De Wette  
rightly remarks, that St. Paul, in this  
compendious narrative, makes no distinction between friend and foe in what was  
done to our Lord, but regards both as  
fulfilling God’s purpose regarding Him. I  
may add that there is also a contrast  
between what men did to Him, and *God's*  
raising Him, ver. 30.—Joseph and Nicodemus, be it observed, were both *rulers*.  
Paul touches but lightly on the cross of  
Christ, and hastens on to the great point,  
the Resurrection, as the fulfilment of prophecy and seal of the Messiahship of Jesus.