

Isaiah 49-52 Overview Coming Servant

The prophet Isaiah will drift in and out of various visions concerning:

- 1. The deliverance of the Jews from the future Babylonian captivity.**
- 2. The Salvation of Jewish believers by the future coming Messiah.**
- 3. The Salvation of the Gentile nations by the future coming Messiah.**

God had always wanted His people to be a Kingdom of Priests to the whole world cf:

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

But the Jews refused to be evangelistic by being God's servants cf:

Isaiah 42:19 Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?

Isaiah 43:10-11 Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 43:11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour.

Isaiah 43:18-19 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 44:6-8 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God. 44:7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and

the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.
44:8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it? ye are* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, *there is* no God; I know not *any*.

Isaiah 45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

Isaiah 45:4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

Isaiah 46:3-4 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne *by me* from the belly, which are carried from the womb: 46:4 And *even to your* old age I *am* he; and *even to hoar* hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

Isaiah 46:12-13 Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that *are* far from righteousness: 46:13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

Isaiah 49:1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

V:1 O, Isles ... this specific prophecy is directed to the Gentiles.

V:1 Listen, as to a thing at a distance, the Gentiles will listened to the Gospel while the Jews were deft to it.

V:1 “the Lord hath called me from the womb,” God had appointed Him and set Him apart for the work He is to accomplish.

Luke 1:31-33 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

V:1 “from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name”

Matthew 1:18-21 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 1:19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins

Isaiah 49:2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

V:2 “And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword” To reprove the wicked and denounce upon them punishment.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Rev. 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength. Cf: Revelation 19:11-16

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

V:2 “and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;” Here Jesus is compared to a polished shaft stored in God’s quiver for use in His due time or as the scripture says: in the fullness of time cf; Galatians 4:4. The polished shaft denotes the same work as the two edged sword. The metaphor sword and arrow indicates the doctrine of the Gospel pierced the hearts of the hearers.

Isaiah 49:3 And said unto me, Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. cf:

Genesis 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

So the Servant Jesus was the representative of Israel who contended powerfully with God in behalf of mankind and prevailed.

Luke 22:24-27 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. 22:25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. 22:26 But ye *shall* not *be* so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. 22:27 For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is* not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Isaiah 49:4-6 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: *yet* surely my judgment *is* with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Isa 49:5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

Isa 49:6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.cf:

Acts 13:45-47 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 13:47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:7-8 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee. 49:8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; cf:

V:8 “In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee” because Christ has come and accomplished His work of Salvation Paul could take this verse and quote it proving Salvation is come for the Gentiles in Corinth.

II Cor. 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)

Isaiah 49:13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Isaiah 49:16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me.

Isaiah 50:4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. cf:

V:4 “The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned”

Matthew 22:41-46 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 22:42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The Son* of David. 22:43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 22:44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 22:45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? 22:46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

V:4 “that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary:”

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and

learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 11:30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

Isaiah 50:5-6 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. 50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

V:6 “I gave my back to the smiters” cf:

Matthew 27:26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

V:6 “I hid not my face from shame and spitting” Another instance of the utmost contempt, carrying with it according to the law lasting disgrace Deuteronomy 25:9 cf:

Matthew 26:66-68 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. 26:67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands, 26:68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

Isaiah 50:7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. flint cf:

Luke 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

Ezekiel 3:7-11 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted. 3:8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. 3:9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house. 3:10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. 3:11

And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

Isaiah 51:5-8 My righteousness *is* near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. 51:7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart *is* my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. 51:8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. cf:

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints

Isaiah 52:3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.cf:

Isa. 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good

tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

The Preaching of the cross of Christ is God's way of sowing the seed:

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Isaiah 52:8-11 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. 52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. 52:10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD cf:

II Cor. 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

be very high cf:

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Today have a very poor, at best, understanding of the suffering of Christ. We need to go back and read the accounts found near the end of each of the four Gospels and try to understand what Christ suffered for you and me.

Isaiah 52:15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider. cf:

V:15 "So shall He (the Messiah) sprinkle..." an unusual play on words here, not Hebrew *zaw-rak'*, to sprinkle fluid, to be here and there scatter, sprinkle or to strew. This is not the word used, but rather *naw-zaw'*, to spirit, be sprinkle especially in expiation. This word is used only to describe the priests work of sprinkling blood (Exodus 29:21-Aaron himself), the household of Aaron, the priest, (Leviticus 4:6,17;5:9; 14:7,51; 16:14-15 and 16:19), and the anointing of the cleansed first by the blood, with oil: (Leviticus 14:16 & 27).It is also interesting to note that Christ, our great high Priest, "entered by his own blood" and now when we are baptized (not sprinkled) into His death (Romans 6:3-6) we come into contact with the blood and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39). The Holy Spirit also is also described as the Oil of gladness by which Christ was anointed cf:(Luke 4:18; Hebrews 1:9 and 11 Corinthians 1;21-22).

Who will the Messiah cleanse by the sprinkling of His blood? "Many nations". Again we see that the result of His work is the conversation of the gentiles-fulfilled-Luke 24:44-47

V:15 "for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider" cf:

Romans 15:21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand