

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VII. Isaiah’s *Discourse* on the Servant of God, the Messiah (49:1-57:21)

D. The *Comforting* of the Righteous Remnant

(Part 1) (51:1-52:12)

1. *Prompting* them to **Recall** their **Divine Origins** (51:1-2)
 2. *Predicting* Zion’s **Future Comfort** and **Joyful Restoration** (51:3)
 3. *Proclaiming* the **Future Coming** of His **Laws of Justice**, His **Righteousness**, and His **Salvation** (51:4-8)
 4. *Praying* for the **Lord** to **Manifest** His Strong “**Arm**” (51:9-10)
 5. *Portraying* their **Triumphant** and **Joyful Return** to **Zion** (51:11)
- (Part 2)
6. *Prevailing* upon them **not** to **Fear** **Mortal Man** (51:12-13)
 7. *Promising* **Deliverance** for the **Suffering Exiles** (51:14-16)
 8. *Professing* that **they** were made to **drink fully** from the **Cup of God’s Wrath** (51:17-20)
 9. *Pronouncing* the **Passing** of the **Cup of God’s Wrath** to **Zion’s Tormentors** (51:21-23)

10. *Presenting* the **Glory** of a Redeemed Zion

(Part 3) (52:1-12)

**52 Awake, awake,
Clothe** yourself in **your strength**, **O Zion**;

Clothe yourself in **your beautiful garments**,
O Jerusalem, the **holy city**;

For the **uncircumcised** and the **unclean**
will **no longer** come into you.

² **Shake yourself** from the **dust**, **rise up**, **O captive Jerusalem**;
loose yourself from the **chains** around your **neck**,
O captive daughter of Zion.

³ For thus says **the LORD**,
“You were **sold** for **nothing** and you will be **redeemed** **without money**.”

⁴ For thus says the **Lord GOD**,
“**My people** went down at the first into **Egypt** to **reside** there;
then the **Assyrian** **oppressed** them **without cause**.”

⁵ Now therefore, **what** do I have **here**,” declares **the LORD**,
“seeing that **My people** have been **taken away *without cause?***”

Again the LORD declares, “Those who **rule** over them ***howl***,
and **My name** is continually ***blasphemed*** all day long.

⁶ Therefore **My people** shall **know My name**;
therefore in **that day I am** the one who is speaking, **‘Here I am.’**”

⁷ How **lovely** on the **mountains**
are the **feet** of **him** who brings **good news**,
Who **announces peace**
and brings **good news of happiness**,

Who **announces salvation**, *and says to Zion*,
“**Your God reigns!**”

⁸ **Listen!** Your **watchmen** lift up *their voices*,
they *shout joyfully together*;
for they will see with their **own eyes** when **the LORD restores Zion**.

⁹ **Break forth**, shout **joyfully together**, you ***waste places*** of Jerusalem;
for **the LORD** has **comforted His people**,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ **The LORD** has bared **His holy arm** in the sight of **all the *nations***,
that **all the *ends*** of the **earth** may see
the **salvation** of our **God**.

¹¹ Depart, depart, **go out** from there, touch nothing **unclean**;

Go **out of** the midst of her, ***purify yourselves***,
you who carry the **vessels of the LORD**.

¹² But you will ***not*** go out **in haste**,
nor will you go as **fugitives**;

For **the LORD** will go **before you**,
and the **God of Israel** *will be* your **rear guard**.

Message Summary

***Presenting* the Glory of a Redeemed Zion**

- a. A **City (Jerusalem)** *clothed* with **strength** (52:1a)
- b. A **Holy City** *clothed* with **beautiful** garments (52:1b)
- c. A **City** no longer **trodden** by **heathen nations** (52:1c)
- d. A **Zion redeemed** from *past* **captivities (Egypt & Assyria)**
(52:2-4)

- e. A *Zion* to be **redeemed** from a **treacherous present captivity (Babylon)** (52:5-6)
- f. A *Zion* that is to **receive** the “good news” of **salvation** (52:7-10)
 - 1) *proclaimed* by the **presence** of a “lovely” **messenger** (57:7)
 - 2) *announced* by “watchmen” who will *personally* see the **Lord restoring Zion** (57:8)
 - 3) *proclaimed joyfully* from the “waste” places of **Jerusalem** (57:9)
 - 4) *accomplished mightily* in the **sight** of **all nations** (52:10)
- g. A *Zion* **purified** from the **uncleanness** of their **captivity** (52:11)
- h. A *Zion* **fully protected** by **God** upon their **return** (52:12)

Personal Application

Another New Testament *Connection*

Tonight we read about **Isaiah’s description** of the **Messenger** who announces “good news” of **peace, happiness, and salvation**:

How **lovely** on the **mountains**
 are the **feet** of **him** who brings **good news**,
 Who announces **peace** and brings **good news** of **happiness**,
 Who announces **salvation**, *and* says to **Zion**,
 “**Your God reigns!**” (Isaiah 52:11)

Rabbi Paul quotes this **text** in the **New Testament** in reference to *those* who are **sent** to bring the “good news” message of **salvation** through **faith** in **Jesus the Messiah**.

for “**WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED**.”

How then will they **call on Him** in whom they **have not believed**?
How will they **believe in Him** whom they have **not heard**?
 And **how** will they **hear** without a **preacher**?

How will they **preach** unless they **are sent**? Just as it is **written**,
 “**HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF *THOSE***
WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!” (Romans 10:13-15)

In the **New Testament**, those who bring the “good news,” the **gospel of salvation** through **faith** in **Messiah** are called **Evangelists** (Ephesians 4:11, Acts 20:8).

Although there are **those** who are specifically **called** to a **ministry of *Evangelism***, **all believers** are **called** to **share** the **“good news”** of our **salvation** in **Messiah**.

And **He (Jesus)** said to **them (His disciples)**,
“**Go** into all the **world** and **preach the gospel** to **all creation**. (Mark 16:15)

;..but **you (Messiah’s disciples)** will receive **power**
when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you;
and you shall be **My witnesses** both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and
Samaria, and even to the **remotest part** of the **earth**.” (Acts 1:8)

For I am **not ashamed** of the **gospel**, for it is the
power of God for **salvation** to **everyone** who **believes**,
to the **Jew first** and also to the **Greek**.

For in it **the righteousness of God** is **revealed** from **faith to faith**;
as it is written, “**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**”
(Romans 1:16-17)

But **you (Timothy)**, be **sober** in all things, endure **hardship**,
do the **work of an evangelist**, fulfill **your ministry**. (II Timothy 4:5)

...but **sanctify Messiah** as **Lord** in **your hearts**, always **being ready**
to make a **defense** to **everyone** who **asks you**
to **give an account** for the **hope** that is **in you**,
yet with **gentleness** and **reverence**; (I Peter 3:15)

Paul and **Barnabas** spoke out boldly and said,
“It was necessary that the **word of God** be spoken to **you (the Jews)** first;
since you **repudiate it** and judge yourselves **unworthy** of **eternal life**,
behold, we are turning to the **Gentiles**.”

For so **the Lord** has **commanded us**,
‘I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A **LIGHT** FOR THE **GENTILES**,
THAT YOU MAY **BRING SALVATION** TO THE **END OF THE EARTH.**”
(Acts 13:46-47)

Therefore, **we are ambassadors** for **Messiah**,
as though **God** were making **an appeal through us**;
we beg you on **behalf of Messiah**, be **reconciled to God**. (II Corinthians 5:20)

For if I **preach the gospel**, I have **nothing** to boast of, for I am under **compulsion**;
for **woe is me** if I **do not preach** the **gospel**. (I Corinthians 9:16)

Closing Comments