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Isaiah 1 [" [Is 1-2](#)]

A Vision About Judah

1 ¶ The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. [Similar to [Ho 1:1](#) >32-yr period; see [Kings Chart](#).]

2 ¶ Hear, O heavens, and Give ear, O land [earth] [of Judah]! For YHWH has spoken:

“I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me; 3 The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master’s crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider.” 4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken YHWH, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward. 5

Why should you be stricken again?

You will revolt more and more.

The whole head is sick, and

The whole heart faints. 6

From the sole of the foot even to the head,

There is no soundness in it, but

wounds and

bruises and

putrefying sores [a sick man: Judah];

They have not been

closed or bound up, or

soothed with ointment. 7

Your country is desolate,

Your cities are burned with fire;

Strangers devour your land

in your presence; and

It is desolate,

as overthrown by strangers. 8

So the daughter of Zion is left

as a booth in a vineyard,

as a hut in a garden of cucumbers,

as a besieged city. 9

[Quoted by Paul in [Ro 9:29](#)]

Unless YHWH of hosts

had left to us a very small remnant,

We would have become

like Sodom,

We would have been made

like Gomorrah.

10 ¶

Hear the word of YHWH, [to Jerusalem]

You rulers of Sodom;

Give ear to the law of our God,

You people of Gomorrah: 11

“To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?”

Says YHWH.

“I have had enough of

burnt offerings of rams and

the fat of fed cattle.

I do not delight in the blood

of bulls, or

of lambs or goats. 12

When you come to appear before Me,

Who has required this from your hand,

To trample My courts? 13

Bring no more futile sacrifices;

Incense is an abomination to Me.

The New Moons,

The Sabbaths, and

The calling of assemblies —

I cannot endure

iniquity and

the sacred meeting. 14

Your New Moons and

Your appointed feasts

My soul hates;

They are a trouble to Me,

I am weary of bearing them. 15

When you spread out your hands,

I will hide My eyes from you;

Even though you make many prayers,

I will not hear.

Your hands are full of blood.

16 ¶

Wash yourselves,

Make yourselves clean;

Put away the evil of your doings

from before My eyes.

Cease to do evil, 17

Learn to do good;

Seek justice,

Rebuke the oppressor;

Defend the fatherless,

Plead for the widow. 18

Come now, and

Let us reason together”,

Says YHWH, [permanent dye ↓]

“Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow; [↓]

Though they are red like crimson,

They shall be as wool. 19

If you are willing and obedient,

You shall eat the good of the land; 20

But if you [cont. to] refuse and rebel,

You shall be devoured by the sword”;

For the mouth of YHWH has spoken.

Unfaithful Jerusalem: Harlot

How the faithful city [under David]

has become a harlot!

It was full of justice;

Righteousness lodged in it,

But now murderers. 22

Your silver has become dross,

Your wine mixed with water. 23

Your princes [rulers] are

rebellious, and

companions of thieves;

Everyone loves bribes, and

follows after rewards.

They do not defend the fatherless,

Nor does the cause of the widow

come before them. 24

Therefore the Lord says,

YHWH of hosts,

the Mighty One of Israel:

“Ah, I will

rid Myself of My adversaries, and

take vengeance on My enemies. 25

I will

turn My hand against you, and

thoroughly purge away your dross, and

take away all your alloy. 26

I will restore

your judges as at the first, and

your counselors as at the beginning.

Afterward you shall be called
the city of righteousness,
the faithful city.” 27

Zion shall be redeemed
with justice, and her penitents
with righteousness. 28

The destruction
of transgressors and
of sinners

shall be together, and
Those who forsake YHWH
shall be consumed. 29

For they
shall be ashamed
of the terebinth trees
That you have desired;

And you
shall be embarrassed
because of the gardens
That you have chosen. 30

For you shall be
as a terebinth whose leaf fades, and
as a garden that has no water. 31

The strong shall be as tinder, and
The work of it as a spark;

Both will burn together, and
No one [person] shall quench them.
[Not hell, but temporal judgment.]

2:1 ¶

Isaiah 2

The Distant Future [Church Age]

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz
saw concerning
Judah and
Jerusalem: 2

Isaiah 2:2-4 ||

The Distant Future [Church Age]

Now it shall come to pass
in the latter days

That the mountain of YHWH's house
Shall be established [[^]the Church]
on the top of the mountains, and
Shall be exalted above the hills;
and All nations shall flow to it. 3
[[^]Gentiles who become Christians.]

Many people shall come and say,
“Come, and let us go up

To the mountain of YHWH,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways, and
We shall walk in His paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth
the law, and
the word of YHWH

from Jerusalem. 4

He shall
judge between the nations, and
rebuke many people;

They shall beat
their swords into plowshares, and
their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword
against nation,

Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Micah 4:1-3

YHWH's Future Reign

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in the latter days

That the mountain of YHWH's house
shall be established [[^]the Church]
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and peoples shall flow to it. 2
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Many nations shall come and say,
“Come, and let us go up

to the mountain of YHWH,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways, and
We shall walk in His paths.”

For out of Zion
the law shall go forth, and
the word of YHWH

from Jerusalem. 3

He shall
judge between many peoples, and
rebuke strong nations afar off;

They shall beat
their swords into plowshares, and
their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword
against nation,

Neither shall they learn war any more.

6 ¶

But For Now, Judgment is Coming

For You have forsaken

Your people,
the house of Jacob,

Because

They are filled with eastern ways;
They are soothsayers
like the Philistines, and
They are pleased
with the children of foreigners. 7

Their land is also
full of silver and gold, and
there is no end to their treasures;
Their land is also full of horses, and
there is no end to their chariots. 8

Their land is also full of idols;

They worship
the work of their own hands,
that which
their own fingers have made. 9

People bow down, and
Each man humbles himself;
Therefore do not forgive them.

10 ¶

Enter into the rock, and
Hide in the dust,

From
the terror of YHWH and
the glory of His majesty. 11

The lofty looks of man
shall be humbled,

The haughtiness of men
shall be bowed down,

And YHWH alone
shall be exalted in that day. 12

For the day of YHWH of hosts
shall come
upon everything proud and lofty,
upon everything lifted up
—and it shall be brought low— 13

upon all the cedars of Lebanon
that are high and lifted up, and
upon all the oaks of Bashan; 14
upon all the high mountains, and
upon all the hills *that are* lifted up; 15
upon every high tower, and
upon every fortified wall; 16
upon all the ships of Tarshish, and
upon all the beautiful sloops. 17

The loftiness of man
shall be bowed down, and
The haughtiness of men
shall be brought low;
YHWH alone
will be exalted in that day. 18
But the idols He shall utterly abolish. 19
They shall go
into the holes of the rocks, and
into the caves of the land [earth],
From
the terror of YHWH and
the glory of His majesty,
When He arises
to shake the land [earth] mightily. 20
In that day a man will cast away
his idols of silver and
his idols of gold,
which they made,
each for himself to worship,
to the moles and bats, 21

To go
into the clefts of the rocks, and
into the crags of the rugged rocks,
From
the terror of YHWH and
the glory of His majesty,
When He arises
to shake the land [earth] mightily. 22

Sever yourselves from such a man,
Whose breath *is* in his nostrils;
For of what account is he?

3:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Is 3-6](#)]

Isaiah 3
Judgment on Judah
For behold,
the Lord,
YHWH of hosts,
Takes away
from Jerusalem and
from Judah
The stock and the store,
The whole supply of bread and
The whole supply of water, 2
The mighty man and the man of war,
The judge and the prophet, and
The diviner and the elder, 3
The captain of fifty and
The honorable man,
The counselor and
The skillful artisan, and
The expert enchanter. 4

“I will give
children to be their princes, and
babes shall rule over them. 5
The people will be oppressed,
Every one by another and
Every one by his neighbor;
The child will be insolent
toward the elder, and
The base
toward the honorable.” 6

When a man takes hold of his brother
In the house of his father, saying,
“*You have clothing;*
You be our ruler,
And let these ruins
be under your power”, 7

In that day he will protest, saying,
“I cannot cure *your* ills,
For in my house *is*
neither food nor clothing;
Do not make me
a ruler of the people.” 8

For
Jerusalem stumbled, and
Judah is fallen,
Because
their tongue and
their doings
Are against YHWH,
To provoke the eyes of His glory. 9 ¶

The look on their countenance
witnesses against them, and
They declare their sin as
Sodom;
They do not hide it.
Woe to their soul!
For they have brought evil
upon themselves. 10

“Say to the righteous [remnant] that
It shall be well with them,
For they shall eat
the fruit of their doings. 11
Woe to the wicked!
It shall be ill with him,
For the reward of his hands
shall be given him. 12

As for My people,
children are their oppressors, and
women rule over them.
O My people!
Those who lead you
cause you to err, and
destroy the way of your paths.” 13

YHWH
stands up to plead, and
stands to judge the people. 14
YHWH will enter into judgment with
the elders of His people and
His princes:
“*For you have eaten up the vineyard;*
The plunder of the poor is
in your houses. 15
What do you mean by
crushing My people and
grinding the faces of the poor?”
Says the Lord YHWH of hosts.
[Adonai YHWH]

16 ¶
Haughty Daughters of Zion
Moreover YHWH says:
“*Because the daughters of Zion*
are haughty, and
walk with
outstretched necks and
wanton eyes,
walking and mincing as they go,
making a jingling with their feet, 17
Therefore
The Lord will strike with a scab
The crown of the head
of the daughters of Zion, and
Their secret parts.
YHWH will uncover” 18

In that day
The Lord will take away the finery:
the jingling anklets,
the scarves, and
the crescents; 19
the pendants,
the bracelets, and
the veils; 20
the headdresses,
the leg ornaments, and
the headbands;

the perfume boxes,
the charms, ²¹ and
the rings;
the nose jewels, ²²
the festal apparel, and
the mantles;
the outer garments,
the purses, ²³ and
the mirrors;
the fine linen,
the turbans, and
the robes. ²⁴

And so it shall be:

Instead of a sweet smell
there will be

a stench;

Instead of a sash,
a rope [captivity];

Instead of well-set hair,
baldness;

Instead of a rich robe,
a girding of sackcloth; and
branding

instead of beauty. ²⁵

Your men shall fall by the sword, and
Your mighty, in the war. ²⁶

Her gates

shall lament and mourn, and

She, being
desolate,

shall sit on the ground. ^{4:1 ¶}

[4:1 should be 3:27: poor breakpoint]

Isaiah 4

And in that day seven [7] women
shall take hold of one man, saying,
“We will
eat our own food and
wear our own apparel;
Only let us be called by your name,
to take away our reproach.”

2 ¶

Promise of Restoration

In that day [The Church Age again:]
the Branch of YHWH [the Messiah]

shall be beautiful and glorious; and
the fruit of the land [earth]

shall be excellent and appealing
for those of Israel who have escaped. ³
[escaped the torments forecast above]

And it shall come to pass that

he who is left

in Zion and remains

in Jerusalem

will be called holy —

everyone who is recorded among

the living in Jerusalem. ⁴

When the Lord has

washed away the filth of

the daughters of Zion, and

purged the blood of Jerusalem

from her midst,

by the spirit of judgment and

by the spirit of burning, ⁵

Then YHWH will create [↓ Christian]

above every dwelling place

of Mount Zion, and

above her assemblies,

a cloud and smoke

by day and

the shining of a flaming fire

by night.

[i.e., as in Moses day, the protection and guidance of the Spirit — the Shekinah glory of God — over each/all member(s) of the Church.]

For over all the glory

there will be a covering; ⁶ and

there will be a tabernacle

for shade in the daytime from the heat,

for a place of refuge, and

for a shelter from storm and rain.

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3:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Is 3-6](#)]

Isaiah 5

A Song re YHWH's Vineyard

[Cf. [Mt 21:33](#) // [Mk 12:1b](#) // [Lu 20:9b](#)]

Now let me sing to my Well-beloved

A song of my Beloved

Regarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard

On a very fruitful hill. ²

He

dug it up and

cleared out its stones, and

planted it with

the Choicest Vine.

[Judah: v7, but cf. [Jn 15:5](#)]

He

built a tower in its midst, and also
made a winepress in it; So

He expected

it to bring forth good grapes, But
it brought forth wild grapes. ³

“And now, O

inhabitants of Jerusalem and
men of Judah,

Judge, please,

between Me and My vineyard. ⁴

What more

could have been done

to My vineyard

That I have not done in it?

Why then, when

I expected

it to bring forth good grapes, Did
it bring forth wild grapes? ⁵

And now, please let Me tell you what
I will do to My vineyard:

I will

take away its hedge, and

It shall be burned; and

break down its wall, and

It shall be trampled down. ⁶

I will

lay it waste;

It shall not be pruned or dug, but

There shall come up

briers and thorns.

I will also

Command the clouds that

They rain no rain on it.” ⁷

For the vineyard of YHWH of hosts is

the house of Israel, and

the men of Judah

are His pleasant plant.

He looked [wordplay in Hebrew:]

For justice [good grapes: v2, v4],

but behold, oppression [wild...];

For righteousness [good...],

but behold, a cry for help [wild].

⁸

Woe to Judah and Jerusalem

Woe [#1] to those

Who join house to house;

They add field to field,

Till there is no place

Where they may dwell alone

in the midst of the land! ⁹

In my hearing YHWH of hosts said,

“Truly,

Many houses shall be

desolate,

Great and beautiful ones,

without inhabitant. ¹⁰

For ten [10] acres of vineyard

shall yield one bath,

And a homer of seed [↑ ~6 gal.]

shall yield one ephah.”

[Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes](#)

11 ¶
Woe [#2] to those
 Who rise **early in the morning**,
That they may follow
intoxicating drink;
 Who continue
until night,
till wine inflames them! 12
 The harp and the strings,
 The tambourine and flute, and
Wine
 are in their feasts; But
 They
 Do not regard
the work of YHWH,
 Nor consider
the operation of His hands. 13
 Therefore
My people have gone into captivity,
 Because *they have* no knowledge;
 Their honorable men *are* famished, and
 Their multitude *dried up* with thirst. 14
 Therefore **Sheol** [*the grave*] has
 enlarged itself and
 opened its mouth beyond measure;
 Their glory and
 Their multitude and
 Their pomp, and
 He who is jubilant,
 shall descend into *it.* 15 People
 shall be **brought down**, Each man
 shall be **humbled**, And
 the eyes of the lofty
 shall be **humbled.** 16
 But **YHWH** of hosts
 shall be **exalted in judgment**,
 And **God** who is holy
 shall be **hallowed in righteousness.** 17
Then the lambs shall feed
 in their pasture, and
 in the waste places of the fat ones
 strangers shall eat.

18 ¶
Woe [#3] to those
 Who draw [*pull*]
 iniquity with cords of vanity, and
 sin as if with a cart rope; 19
 That say,
 “Let **Him**
 make **speed and**
hasten His work,
 That we may **see it**; and
 Let the counsel of [*↓ 26x in Isaiah*]
the Holy One of Israel
 draw near and come,
 That we may **know it.**”

20 ¶
Woe [#4] to those
 Who call
 evil **good**, and
 good **evil**;
 Who put
darkness for light, and
light for darkness;
 Who put
 bitter for **sweet**, and
sweet for bitter!

21 ¶
Woe [#5] to those
 Who are
 wise in their own eyes, and
 prudent in their own sight! 22
Woe [#6a] to men mighty
 at drinking wine,
Woe [#6b] to men valiant
 for mixing intoxicating drink, 23
 Who
 justify **the wicked for a bribe**, and
 take away **justice**
 from **the righteous man!** 24 ¶

Therefore, as
 the **fire** devours the **stubble**, and
 the **flame** consumes the **chaff**,
 So their root will be as rottenness, and
 their **blossom** will ascend like **dust**;
 Because they have
 rejected
the law of YHWH of hosts, and
 despised [*↓ 26x in Isaiah*]
the word of the Holy One
of Israel. 25

Therefore
the anger of YHWH is aroused
 against **His people**;
He has
 stretched out **His hand**
 against them and
 stricken them,
 and **the hills** trembled.

Their carcasses *were*
 as refuse in the midst of the streets.
 For
 all this **His anger** is not turned away,
 But
His hand is stretched out **still.** 26

He
 will lift up a banner to the nations
 from afar, and
 will whistle to them
 from the end of **the land** [earth];
 Surely they shall come
with speed,
swiftly. 27

No one will
 be weary or stumble among them,
 No one will
 slumber or sleep;
 Nor will
 the belt on their loins be loosed,
 Nor
 the strap of their sandals be broken; 28

Whose
 arrows *are* sharp, and
 all their bows bent;
 Their horses' hooves will seem
 like flint, and
 Their wheels
 like a whirlwind. 29
 Their roaring *will be*
 like a lion,
 They will roar
 like young lions; Yes,
 They will roar
 and lay hold of the prey;
 They will carry *it* away safely, and
 No one will
deliver. 30
In that day
 They will roar against them
 like the roaring of **the sea**.
 And if *one* looks to **the land**,
 Behold, [*↑ the land of Israel*]
darkness and sorrow; and
the light is **darkened** by the clouds.
 [*Likely, clouds of smoke from*
the burning city of Jerusalem.]

[*The prophecies of Isa 6-17 had to*
do with Israel, not Judah:]
 [Isa 6 follows 2Ki 15:7, June 24]
 [Isa 7-12 follow 2Ki 16:5, June 25-27]
 [Isa 13-16 follow 2Ki 16:20, June 30]
 [Isa 17 follows Isa 12 in 2Ki, June 27]

Isaiah 18

Woe to Ethiopia [Cush]

Woe to the land
 shadowed with buzzing wings,
 Which is beyond
 the rivers of Ethiopia, ²
 Which sends ambassadors by sea,
 Even in vessels of reed on the waters,
 saying,
 "Go, swift messengers,
 To a nation tall and smooth of skin,
 To a people terrible
 from their beginning onward,
 A nation powerful and
 treading down,
 Whose land the rivers divide." ³

All inhabitants of the world and
 dwellers on the lands [earth]:
 When he lifts up a banner
 on the mountains,
 you see it; And
 When he blows a trumpet,
 you hear it. ⁴
 For so YHWH said to me,
 "I will take My rest, And
 I will look from My dwelling place
 Like clear heat
 in sunshine,
 Like a cloud of dew
 in the heat of harvest." ⁵

For before the harvest,
 When the bud is perfect
 And the sour grape is ripening
 in the flower,
 He will both
 cut off the sprigs
 with pruning hooks And
 take away, cut down the branches. ⁶

They will be left together
 for the mountain birds of prey And
 for the beasts of the land [earth];
 The birds of prey
 will summer on them, And
 All the beasts of the land [earth]
 will winter on them. ⁷
 In that time a present will be brought
 to YHWH of hosts
 From a people tall and smooth of skin,
 And
 From a people terrible
 from their beginning onward,
 A nation powerful and
 treading down,
 Whose land the rivers divide —
 To the place of
 the name of YHWH of hosts,
 To Mount Zion.

Isaiah 19

The Burden Against Egypt

The burden against Egypt.
 Behold, YHWH
 rides on a swift cloud, And
 will come into Egypt;
 The idols of Egypt
 will totter at His presence, And
 The heart of Egypt
 will melt in its midst. ²

"I will set Egyptians
 against Egyptians;
 Everyone will fight
 against his brother, And
 Everyone against his neighbor,
 City against city,
 Kingdom against kingdom. ³

The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst;
 I will destroy their counsel,
 And they will consult
 The idols and the charmers,
 The mediums and the sorcerers. ⁴
 And the Egyptians I will give
 Into the hand of
 a cruel master, And
 a fierce king
 will rule over them",
 Says the Lord, YHWH of hosts. ⁵
 The waters will fail from the sea, And
 The river will be wasted and dried up. ⁶
 The rivers will turn foul;
 The brooks of defense will be
 emptied and dried up;
 The reeds and rushes will wither. ⁷
 The papyrus reeds
 by the River,
 by the mouth of the River, And
 Everything sown by the River, Will
 wither,
 be driven away, and
 be no more. ⁸
 The fishermen also will mourn;
 All those will lament
 who cast hooks into the River,
 And they will languish
 who spread nets on the waters. ⁹

Moreover
 those who work in fine flax And
 those who weave fine fabric
 will be ashamed. ¹⁰
 And its foundations
 will be broken;
 All who make wages
 will be troubled of soul. ¹¹

Surely the princes of Zoan ["place of
 departure"¹] are fools;
 Pharaoh's wise counselors
 give foolish counsel.
 How do you say to Pharaoh,
 "I am the son of the wise,
 the son of ancient kings?" ¹²

Where are they?
 Where are your wise men?
 Let them tell you now, And
 Let them know what YHWH of hosts
 has purposed against Egypt. ¹³

The princes of Zoan
 have become fools;
 The princes of Noph
 ["presentability"²] are deceived;
 They have also deluded Egypt, Those
 who are the mainstay of its tribes. ¹⁴
 YHWH has mingled
 a perverse spirit in her midst; And
 they have caused Egypt
 to err in all her work,
 As a drunken man
 staggers in his vomit. ¹⁵

Neither will there be
 any work for Egypt, Which
 the head or tail,
 Palm branch or bulrush,
 may do. ¹⁶

60—
¹ An ancient city of lower Egypt called Tanis
 by the Greeks; located on the eastern bank
 of the Tanitic branch of the Nile; the capital
 of the Shepherd dynasty, built 7 years after
 Hebron and existing before Abraham and
 the dwelling place of the Pharaoh at the
 time of the exodus; modern 'San'.
² Another name for 'Memphis', the capital
 city of Egypt.

In that day Egypt will be like women, and will be afraid and fear because of the waving of the hand of YHWH of hosts, which He waves over it. 17 And the land of Judah will be a terror to Egypt; everyone who makes mention of it will be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of YHWH of hosts, which He has determined against it. 18 ¶

In that day five [5] cities in the land of Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swear by YHWH of hosts; one will be called the City of Destruction. 19

In that day there will be an altar to YHWH in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to YHWH at its border. 20 And it will be for a sign and for a witness to YHWH of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to YHWH because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them. 21

Then YHWH will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know YHWH in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to YHWH and perform it. 22 And YHWH will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to YHWH, and He will be entreated by them and heal them. 23

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. 24

In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria — a blessing in the midst of the land, 25 whom YHWH of hosts shall bless, saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.”

20:1 ¶

Isaiah 20

Assyria Against Egypt and Ethiopia

In the year that [the] Tartan came to Ashdod [the commander of the army: Sennacherib, son of Sargon, to be the next king of Assyria 8 years later],

[Hezek-Reign:14=JudahYear:263, so 3292 AB = 713 BC, per Jones]

when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it, 2 at the same time YHWH spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying [hence, the prophecies of Isa 20-38 all came in that one year (since Hezekiah's sickness happened that same year, according to Jones)],

“Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet.”

And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 Then YHWH said,

“Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three [3] years for a sign and a wonder against

Egypt and Ethiopia, 4

so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5

Then they [Judah?] shall be afraid and ashamed of

Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory. 6

And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day,

“Surely such is our expectation, wherever we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?”

21:1 ¶

Isaiah 21

Burden Against the Wilderness of the Sea (Babylon: v9)

The burden against [↓ Gentiles?] the Wilderness of the Sea.

As whirlwinds in the South pass through,

So it comes from the desert, from a terrible land: 2

A distressing vision is declared to me; The treacherous dealer deals treacherously, And The plunderer plunders.

Go up, O Elam! [Persia] Besiege, O Media! [of Medo-Persia] All its sighing I have made to cease. 3

Therefore my loins are filled with pain; Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor.

I was distressed when I heard it; I was dismayed when I saw it. 4 My heart wavered,

fearfulness frightened me; The night for which I longed He turned into fear for me. 5

Prepare the table, Set a watchman in the tower, Eat and drink. Arise, you princes, Anoint the shield! 6 For thus has the Lord said to me: “Go, set a watchman, Let him declare what he sees.” 7 And he saw

a chariot with a pair of horsemen, a chariot of donkeys, and a chariot of camels, And he listened earnestly with great care. 8

Then he cried, [Isaiah, the seer] “A seer [lion], my Lord! [^ or prophet] I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime;

I have sat at my post every night. 9 And look, here comes a chariot of men with a pair of horsemen!”

Then he answered and said, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen! [Re 18:2] And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground.” 10

Oh, my threshing and my floor's grain³! That which I have heard from YHWH of hosts, The God of Israel, I have declared to you.

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³ KJV: “the grain of my floor”
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Isaiah 21:11

Burden Against Dumah (Edom)

11 ¶ The burden against Dumah
[“silence/stillness”:
a wordplay on the word Edom].

He calls to me out of Seir,

“Watchman, what of the night?

Watchman, what of the night?” 12

The watchman said,

“The morning comes, and also the night.

If you will inquire, inquire;

Return!

Come back!”

Burden Against Arabia

13 ¶ The burden against Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge,

O you traveling companies
of Dedanites. 14

O inhabitants of the land of Tema,

Bring water to him who is thirsty;

With their bread

they met him

who fled. 15 For they fled

from the swords,

from the drawn sword,

From the bent bow, and

from the distress of war. 16

For thus the Lord has said to me:

“Within a year,

according to the year of a hired man,

all the glory of Kedar⁴

will fail; 17 and

the remainder of the number of archers,

the mighty men of

the people of Kedar,

will be diminished;

for Y^{HWH} God of Israel has spoken it.”

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⁴ “dark”; named after a son of Ishmael

Isaiah 22

Burden Against the Valley of Vision (Jerusalem) 22:1 ¶

The burden against the Valley of Vision
[figurative of Jerusalem or Hinnom].

What ails you now, that you have all

gone up to the housetops, 2

You who are full of noise,

A tumultuous city,

A joyous city?

Your slain men are

Not slain with the sword,

Nor dead in battle. 3

All your rulers have fled together;

They are captured by the archers.

All who are found in you

are bound together;

They have fled from afar. 4

Therefore I said,

“Look away from me,

I will weep bitterly;

Do not labor to comfort me

Because of the plundering of

the daughter of my people.” 5

For it is a day of

trouble and

treading down and

perplexity [“Adonai Y^{HWH}]

By the Lord Y^{HWH} of hosts

In the Valley of Vision —

Breaking down the walls And

of crying to the mountain. 6

Elam [Persia] bore the quiver

With chariots of men and

horsemen, And

Kir [Moab] uncovered the shield. 7

It shall come to pass that

your choicest valleys

Shall be full of chariots,

And the horsemen

shall set themselves in array

at the gate.

8 ¶

He removed the protection of Judah.

You looked in that day to the armor

of the House of the Forest; 9

[1Ki 7:2, a government building]

You also saw the damage

to the city of David,

That it was great; And

You gathered together

the waters of the lower pool. 10

You numbered

the houses of Jerusalem, And

the houses you broke down

To fortify the wall. 11

You also made a reservoir between

the two walls

For the water of the old pool. But

You did not look to its Maker,

Nor did you have respect for Him

who fashioned it long ago. 12

And in that day

the Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}] of hosts

Called

For weeping and

For mourning,

For baldness and

For girding with sackcloth. 13

But instead, [Israel celebrated with]

Joy and gladness,

Slaying oxen and killing sheep,

Eating meat and drinking wine:

[Quoted in 1Co 15:32]

“Let us eat and drink,

for tomorrow we die!” 14

Then it was revealed in my hearing

by Y^{HWH} of hosts,

“Surely for this iniquity

There will be no atonement for you,

Even to your death”;

says the Lord Y^{HWH} of hosts.

[Adonai Y^{HWH}]

About Shebna the Steward

15 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH} of hosts:
[Adonai Y^{HWH}]

“Go, proceed to this steward,

To Shebna⁵ [“vigil”],

[cf. Is 36:3 // 2Ki 18:18 ff]

who is over the [king’s] house,

and say: 16

“What have you here, and

Whom have you here,

That you have hewn a sepulcher here,

As he who hews himself

a sepulcher on high,

Who carves a tomb for himself

in a rock? 17

Indeed, Y^{HWH}

will throw you away violently,

O mighty man, And

will surely seize you. 18

He will surely

turn violently and

toss you like a ball

Into a large country;

There you shall die, and

There your glorious chariots shall be

The shame of your master’s house. 19

So I will drive you

out of your office, And

from your position

he will pull you down. 20

Then it shall be

in that day,

That I will call My servant Eliakim⁶

[“God raises/sets up”]

the son of Hilkiah

[“my portion is Y^{HWH}”]; 21

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⁵ A person of high position in the court of king Hezekiah of Judah; subsequently the secretary of Hezekiah.

⁶ The son of Hilkiah, master of Hezekiah’s household: Is 36:3 // 2Ki 18:18 ff.

I will
 clothe him with your robe And
 strengthen him with your belt;
 I will
 commit your responsibility
 into his hand.
 He shall be a father
 to the inhabitants of Jerusalem And
 to the house of Judah. 22
 The key of the house of David
 I will lay on his shoulder; [cf. Re 3:7:]
 So he shall open,
 and no one shall shut;
 And he shall shut,
 and no one shall open. 23
 I will fasten him
 as a peg in a secure place, And
 he will become a glorious throne to
 his father's house. 24
 They will hang on him
 all the glory of
 his father's house,
 the offspring and the posterity,
 all vessels of small quantity,
 from the cups to all the pitchers. 25
 In that day,
 says Y^{HWH} of hosts,
 "the peg that is fastened
 in the secure place
 will be removed and
 be cut down and
 fall, and
 the burden that was on it
 will be cut off;
 for Y^{HWH} has spoken."

23:1 ¶

Isaiah 23

Burden Against Tyre

The burden against Tyre ["a rock"].
 Wail, you ships of Tarshish!
 [↑ "yellow jasper"]
 For it [Tyre] is laid waste,
 So that there is no house, no harbor;
 From the land of Cyprus
 it is revealed to them. 2
 Be still,
 You inhabitants of the coastland,
 You merchants of Sidon,
 Whom those who cross the sea
 have filled. 3
 And on great waters
 The grain of Shihor ["dark"],
 The harvest of the [Nile] River,
 is her [Tyre's] revenue;
 And she [Tyre] is
 a marketplace for the nations. 4
 Be ashamed, O Sidon;
 For the sea has spoken,
 The strength of the sea, saying,
 "I do not labor,
 nor bring forth children;
 Neither do I rear young men,
 Nor bring up virgins." 5
 When the report reaches Egypt,
 They also will be in agony
 at the report of Tyre. 6
 Cross over to Tarshish;
 Wail,
 You inhabitants of the coastland! 7
 Is this your joyous city,
 Whose antiquity is from ancient days,
 Whose feet carried her far off to dwell? 8

Who has taken this counsel against Tyre,
 the crowning city,
 Whose merchants are princes,
 Whose traders are
 the honorable of the land [earth]? 9
 Y^{HWH} of hosts has purposed it,
 To bring to dishonor
 the pride of all glory,
 To bring into contempt all
 the honorable of the land [earth]. 10
 Overflow through your land
 like the River,
 O daughter of Tarshish;
 There is no more strength. 11
 He stretched out His hand over the sea,
 He shook the kingdoms;
 Y^{HWH} has given a commandment
 against Canaan
 To destroy its strongholds. 12 And
 He said,
 "You will rejoice no more,
 O you oppressed virgin
 daughter of Sidon.
 Arise, cross over to Cyprus;
 There also you will have no rest." 13
 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans,
 [i.e., the Babylonians]
 This people which was not;
 Assyria founded it
 for wild beasts of the desert.
 They set up its towers,
 They raised up its palaces, And
 brought it to ruin. 14
 Wail, you ships of Tarshish!
 For your strength is laid waste.
 15 ¶

Now it shall come to pass in that day
 that Tyre will be forgotten
 seventy [70] years, [dynasty 7]
 according to the days of one king.
 At the end of
 seventy [70] years [609-539 BC]⁷
 it will happen to Tyre
 as in the song of the harlot: 16
 "Take a harp,
 Go about the city,
 You forgotten harlot;
 Make sweet melody,
 Sing many songs,
 That you may be remembered." 17
 And it shall be,
 at the end of
 seventy [70] years,
 that Y^{HWH} will visit Tyre.
 She will return to her hire, and commit
 fornication with all the kingdoms of
 the world on the face of the lands
 [earth] [cf. Rev 17:1-7]. 18 Her gain
 and her pay will be set apart for Y^{HWH};
 it will not be treasured nor laid up, for
 her gain will be for those who dwell
 before Y^{HWH}, to eat sufficiently, and for
 fine clothing.

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⁷ JFB Bible Commentary: The Babylonian
 monarchy lasted properly but seventy years.
 From the first year of Nebuchadnezzar to
 the taking of Babylon, by Cyrus, was seventy
 years; then the subjected nations would be
 restored to liberty. Tyre was taken in the
 middle of that period, but it is classed in
 common with the rest, some conquered
 sooner and others later, all, however, alike
 to be delivered at the end of the period. So
 "king" is used for dynasty (Da 7:17; 8:20):
 Nebuchadnezzar, his son Evil-merodach, and
 his grandson, Belshazzar, formed the whole
 dynasty (Jer 25:11, 12; 27:7; 29:10).
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24:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg [Is 24-27](#)]

Isaiah 24

Destruction of the Land

(of Israel: v5b, v23; AD 70)

Behold, Y^{HWH}

Makes the land [earth] empty and
Makes it waste,

Distorts its surface And
Scatters abroad its inhabitants. 2
And it shall be:

As with the people, so with the priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the maid, so with her mistress;
As with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the creditor, so with the debtor. 3

The land shall be
entirely emptied and
utterly plundered,

For Y^{HWH} has spoken this word. 4
The land [earth] mourns and fades away,
The world languishes and fades away;
The haughty people of the land [earth]
languish. 5

The land [earth] [of Israel] is also
defiled under its inhabitants,
Because they have
Transgressed the laws,
Changed the ordinance,
Broken the everlasting covenant. 6

Therefore
the curse has devoured
the land [earth], And
those who dwell in it are desolate.
Therefore
the inhabitants of the land [earth]
are burned, And few men are left. 7

The new wine fails,
The vine languishes,
All the merry-hearted sigh. 8
The mirth of the tambourine ceases,

The noise of the jubilant ends,
The joy of the harp ceases. 9
They shall not drink wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter
to those who drink it. 10

The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, [^r Jerusalem]
so that none may go in. 11
There is a cry for wine in the streets,
All joy is darkened, [[Je 25:10](#); [Re 18:23](#)]
The mirth of the land is gone. 12

In the city
Desolation is left, And
The gate is stricken
with destruction.

13 ¶
When it shall be thus in the midst of
the land among the people,
It shall be

Like the shaking of an olive tree,
Like the gleaning of grapes
when the vintage is done. 14

They shall lift up their voice,
They shall sing;

For the majesty of Y^{HWH}
They shall cry aloud from the sea. 15
Therefore

Glorify Y^{HWH}
in the dawning light [the east],
The name of Y^{HWH} God of Israel
in the coastlands of the sea.

16 ¶ [[^] the west]
From the ends of the land [earth]
we have heard songs:

“Glory to the righteous!”

But I said,
“I am ruined, ruined!

Woe to me!
The treacherous dealers
have dealt treacherously, Indeed,
The treacherous dealers
have dealt very treacherously.” 17

Fear and the pit and the snare
Are upon you,
O inhabitant of the land [earth]. 18
And it shall be That [[Am 5:18-19](#)]
He who flees from the noise of the fear
Shall fall into the pit, And
He who comes up
from the midst of the pit
Shall be caught in the snare;
For the windows from on high
are open [reminiscent of the Flood],
And the foundations of the land [earth]
are shaken [ref. to Creation]. 19
The land [earth] is violently broken,
The land [earth] is split open,
The land [earth] is shaken exceedingly. 20
The land [earth]
shall reel to and fro like a drunkard,
And shall totter like a hut;
Its transgression shall be heavy upon it,
And it will fall, and
not rise again. 21

It shall come to pass in that day That
Y^{HWH} will punish
on high
the host of exalted ones, And
on the land [earth] [[Ps 2](#)]
the kings of the land [earth]. 22

They will be gathered together,
As prisoners are gathered in the pit,
And will be shut up in the prison;
After many days,
They will be punished. 23
Then the moon will be disgraced And
the sun ashamed [due to the Light]
[cf. [Re 21:23](#), [22:5](#)];

For Y^{HWH} of hosts will reign
On Mount Zion and
In Jerusalem And
Before His elders,
gloriously [in the Church Age].

25:1 ¶

Isaiah 25

Praise for Judgment and Salvation

O Y^{HWH}, You are my God.

I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name,
For You have done wonderful things;
Your counsels of old are
faithfulness and
truth. 2

For You have made [Jerusalem:]
A city a ruin,
A fortified city a ruin,
A palace of foreigners to be
A city no more; [_v as God's]
It will never be rebuilt. 3

Therefore [Gentiles in the Church:]
The strong people
will glorify You;
The city of the terrible nations
will fear You. 4

For You have been
A strength to the poor,
A strength to the needy
in his distress,
A refuge from the storm,
A shade from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones is
As a storm against the wall. 5
You will reduce the noise of aliens,
As heat in a dry place;
As heat in the shadow of a cloud,
The song of the terrible ones
will be diminished.

6 ¶ [[Is 2:2](#) the Church:]
And in this mountain Y^{HWH} of hosts
will make for all people:
A feast of choice pieces,
A feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow,
Of well-refined wines
on the lees. 7

And He will destroy on this mountain
 The surface of the covering
 cast over all people, And
 The veil that is
 spread over all nations. 8
[Alluded to by Paul in 1Co 15:54]
 He will swallow up death forever, And
 The Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}] will
 wipe away tears from all faces;
 The rebuke of His people
 He will take away from all the land;
 For Y^{HWH} has spoken. [earth ↑]
 9 ¶
 And it will be said in that day:
 “Behold, this is our God;
 We have waited for Him, and
 He will save us.
 This is Y^{HWH};
 We have waited for Him;
 We will
 be glad and
 rejoice
 in His salvation.” 10
 For on this mountain
 the hand of Y^{HWH} will rest,
 And Moab shall be trampled down
 under Him,
 As straw is trampled down
 for the refuse heap. 11
 And He will spread out His hands
 in their midst
 As a swimmer reaches out to swim,
 And He will bring down their pride
 Together with
 the trickery of their hands. 12
 The fortress of the high fort of your walls
 He will
 bring down,
 lay low, And
 bring to the ground,
 down to the dust.

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26:1 ¶

Isaiah 26

A Song of Praise to Y^{HWH}

In that day this song will be sung
 in the land of Judah:

“We have a strong city;
 God will appoint salvation
 for walls and bulwarks. 2

Open the gates,
 That the righteous nation [the Church]
 that keeps the truth

may enter in. 3 [[^]not the law]

You will keep him in perfect peace,

Whose mind is stayed on You,

Because he trusts in You. 4

Trust in Y^{HWH} forever,

For in Y^{AH}, Y^{HWH}, is

Eternal [everlasting] strength.

5 ¶

For He brings down those

who dwell on high,

The lofty city;

He lays it low,

He lays it low to the ground,

He brings it down to the dust. 6

The foot shall tread it down —

The feet of the poor and

The steps of the needy.” 7

The way of the just is uprightness;

O Most Upright,

You weigh the path of the just. 8

Yes, in the way of Your judgments,

O Y^{HWH},

we have waited for You;

The desire of our soul is

for Your name And

for the remembrance of You. 9

With my soul

I have desired You

in the night, Yes,

By my spirit within me

I will seek You

early;

For when Your judgments are [obeyed]

in the land [earth] [the Church],

The inhabitants of the world

will learn righteousness. 10

Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet

he will not learn righteousness;

In the land of uprightness

he will deal unjustly, And

will not behold

the majesty of Y^{HWH}. 11

Y^{HWH}, when Your hand is lifted up,

they will not see. But

they will see and be ashamed

For their envy of people; Yes,

the fire of Your enemies

shall devour them.

12 ¶

Y^{HWH}, You will establish peace for us,

For You have also done

all our works in us. 13

O Y^{HWH} our God,

Masters besides You

Have had dominion over us; But

By You only

we make mention of Your name. 14

They are dead, they will not live;

They are deceased, they will not rise.

Therefore

You have

punished and destroyed them, And

made all their memory to perish. 15

You have increased the nation,

O Y^{HWH},

You have increased the nation;

You are glorified;

You have expanded

all the borders of the land.

[of Israel, hence, the Church] 16

Y^{HWH}, in trouble

They have visited You,

They poured out a prayer when

Your chastening was upon them. 17

As a woman with child

Is in pain and cries out in her pangs,

When she draws near the time of

her delivery,

So have we been in Your sight,

O Y^{HWH}. 18

We have been with child,

We have been in pain;

We have, as it were, brought forth wind;

We have not accomplished

any deliverance in the land [earth],

Nor have the inhabitants of the world

fallen. 19

Your dead shall live;

Together with my dead body

they shall arise.

Awake and sing,

you who dwell in dust;

For your dew is like the dew of herbs,

And the land [earth] shall cast out

the dead. [The resurrection.]

20 ¶

Restoration for Israel

Come, my people [Israel: v6],

Enter your chambers, And

Shut your doors behind you;

Hide yourself, as it were,

For a little moment,

Until the indignation is past. 21

For behold, [cf. Jude 15]

Y^{HWH} comes out of His place

To punish

the inhabitants of the land [earth]

for their iniquity;

The land [earth]

will also disclose her blood, And

will no more cover her slain.

Isaiah 27**In that day**

Y^{HWH} with
 His severe sword,
 great and strong,
 Will punish [Satan:]
 Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
 Leviathan that twisted serpent;
 And He [[^] Job 3:8, 41:1-34; _↓]
 Will slay [Ps 74:14, 104:26]
 The dragon [reptile] [dinosaur]
 that is in the sea. 2
In that day sing to her [Judah],
 “A vineyard of red wine! 3
 I, Y^{HWH}, keep it,
 I water it every moment;
 Lest any hurt it,
 I keep it night and day. 4
 Fury is not in Me.
 Who would set briars and thorns
 against Me in battle?
 I would go through them,
 I would burn them together. 5
 Or let him take hold of My strength,
 That he may make peace with Me;
 And he shall make peace with Me.” 6
 Those who come
 He shall cause to take root in
 Jacob; [the Church:]
 Israel shall
 blossom and bud, And
 fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 ¶
 Has He struck Israel [Israel _↓]
 as He struck those who struck him?
 Or has he [Israel] been slain
 according to the slaughter of those
 who were slain by Him
 [for slaying Israel]? 8
 [Next: “it” = “Israel’s sin”: v9]

In measure, by sending it away,
 You contended with it.
 He removes it by His rough wind
 [dispersing them in the Exile]
 In the day of the east wind. 9
 Therefore by this
 the iniquity of Jacob
 will be covered;
 And this is all
 the fruit of taking away his sin:
 [evidence of his sin being gone]
When he [Israel] makes
 All the stones of the altar
 Like chalkstones
 that are beaten to dust,
 Wooden images and incense altars
 shall not stand. 10
 Yet [_↓ old Jerusalem]
 The fortified city will be
 desolate,
 The habitation
 forsaken and
 left like a wilderness;
 There the calf will
 feed, and
 There it will
 lie down And
 consume its branches. 11
When its boughs are withered,
 they will be broken off;
 The women come
 and set them on fire [firewood].
 For it [Israel] is
 a people of no understanding;
 Therefore
 He who made them
 will not have mercy on them, And
 He who formed them
 will show them no favor. 12

And it shall come to pass in that day
 That Y^{HWH} will thresh,
 From the channel of
 the [Euphrates] River
 To the Brook of Egypt;
 [i.e., from north to south of Israel]
 And you will be gathered one by one,
 O you children of Israel. 13
 So it shall be in that day:
 The great trumpet will be blown;
 They will come, [[^] the gospel]
 who are about to perish
 in the land of Assyria, and
 They
 who are outcasts
 in the land of Egypt,
 And shall worship Y^{HWH}
 in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

[This is about the re-gathering of Israel
 after the Exile to come in the days of
 Ezra and Nehemiah. It also illustrates
 that the blowing of a trumpet means
 the gathering of the saints to a place
 or state where they can worship Y^{HWH}.
 Cf. Mt 24:31, 1Co 15:52, 1Th 4:16;
 see also Ze 9:14] 29:1 ¶

[Isa 28:1-29 precedes 2 Ki 17:5, July 2]

Isaiah 29 [Audio: S. G. Is 28-29]
Woe to Ariel⁸
 “Woe to Ariel, to Ariel,
 the city where David dwelt!
 Add year to year;
 Let feasts come around. 2
 Yet I will distress Ariel;
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⁸ i.e., Jerusalem; Ariel: “lion(-ess) of God”;
 sounds like a Hebrew word that means
 “hearth” or “altar” (fire, judgment).

There shall be heaviness and sorrow,
 And it shall be to Me as Ariel. 3
 I will encamp against you all around,
 I will lay siege against you
 with a mound, and
 I will raise siegeworks against you. 4
 You shall be brought down,
 You shall speak
 out of the ground;
 Your speech shall be low,
 out of the dust;
 Your voice shall be like a medium’s,
 out of the ground; and
 Your speech shall whisper
 out of the dust. 5
 Moreover
 the multitude of your foes shall be
 like fine dust, and
 the multitude of the terrible ones
 like chaff that passes away; yes,
 it shall be in an instant, suddenly. 6
 You will be punished
 by Y^{HWH} of hosts
 with
 thunder and
 earthquake and
 great noise,
 with
 storm and
 tempest and
 the flame of devouring fire. 7
 The multitude of all the nations
 who fight against Ariel,
 even all
 who fight against
 her and her fortress, and
 distress her,
 shall be
 as a dream of a night vision. 8 It
 shall even be
 as when a hungry man dreams,

and look — he eats; but he awakes,
and his soul is still empty; or
as when a thirsty man dreams,
and look — he drinks; but he awakes,
and indeed *he is* faint,
and his soul still craves:
So the multitude of all the nations
shall be,
who fight against Mount Zion.”

9 ¶
Pause and wonder!
Blind yourselves and be blind!
They are drunk,
but not with wine;
They stagger,
but not with intoxicating drink. 10
[Paraphrased by Paul in [Ro 11:8](#)]
For YHWH has poured out on you
The spirit of deep sleep,
And has closed your eyes,
namely, the prophets;
And He has covered your heads,
namely, the seers. 11
The whole vision has become to you
like the words of a book
that is sealed,
which men deliver to one
who is literate, saying,
“Read this, please.”
And he says,
“I cannot, for it is sealed.” 12
Then the book is delivered to one
who is illiterate, saying,
“Read this, please.”
And he says,
“I am not literate.” 13

[Quoted by Jesus: [Mt15:8-9](#) // [Mk7:6-7](#)]
Therefore the Lord said:
“Inasmuch as
these people
draw near with their mouths And
honor Me with their lips, But
have removed their hearts
far from Me, And
their fear toward Me is taught
by the commandment of men, 14

[NT quotes: *this is about AD 30-70.*]
[Paraphrased by Paul in [1Co 1:19](#)]
Therefore, behold, I will again do
A marvelous work
Among this people,
A marvelous work and a wonder;
For the wisdom of their wise
men shall perish, and
the understanding of their prudent
men shall be hidden.” 15

Woe to those who seek deep to hide
their counsel far from YHWH, And
their works are in the dark;
They say,
“Who sees us?”
and,
“Who knows us?” 16
Surely you have things turned around!
Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay;
For shall the thing made say of him
who made it,
“He did not make me”?
Or shall the thing formed say of him
who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

17 ¶
Is it not yet a very little while
Till Lebanon shall be turned into
a fruitful field, And
the fruitful field
be esteemed as a forest? 18

In that day
the deaf shall hear
the words of the book, And
the eyes of the blind
shall see out of obscurity and
out of darkness; 19
the humble also
shall increase their joy
in YHWH, And
the poor among men shall rejoice
in the Holy One of Israel. 20

For
The terrible one is
brought to nothing,
The scornful one is
consumed, And
All who watch for iniquity are
cut off — 21
Who [political correctness?:]
make a man an offender
by a word, And
lay a snare for him
who reproves in the gate, And
turn aside the just
by empty words. 22
Therefore thus says YHWH,
who redeemed Abraham,
concerning the house of Jacob:
“Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
Nor shall his face now grow pale; 23
But when he sees his children,
The work of My hands, in his midst,
They will
hallow My name, and
hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and
fear the God of Israel. 24
These also who erred in spirit
will come to understanding, and
Those who complained
will learn doctrine [teachings].”

30:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg [Is 30-33](#)]
Isaiah 30
Judah's Worthless Treaty with Egypt
“Woe to the rebellious children”,
says YHWH,
“Who take counsel,
but not of Me, and
Who devise plans,
but not of My Spirit,
That they may add sin to sin; 2
Who
walk to go down to Egypt, and
have not asked My advice,
To strengthen themselves
in the strength of Pharaoh, and
To trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3
Therefore
the strength of Pharaoh
Shall be your shame, and
trust in the shadow of Egypt
Shall be your humiliation. 4
For his princes were at Zoan, and
his ambassadors came to Hanes. 5
They were all ashamed of a people
who could not benefit them, or
be help or benefit, but
a shame and also a reproach.” 6

Burden Against the Beasts of the South
The burden against [the Negev]
the beasts of the South.
Through a land of trouble and anguish,
From which came
The lioness and lion,
The viper and fiery flying serpent,
They will carry [Heb. ↑ saraph]
their riches on the backs
of young donkeys, And
their treasures on the humps
of camels,
To a people who shall not profit; 7

For the Egyptians
shall help in vain and
to no purpose.

Therefore
I have called her Rahab⁹-Hem-Shebeth
["pride/strength sits idle/still"].

⁸ ¶
Warning to Rebellious Judah

Now go,
Write it before them on a tablet, and
Note it on a scroll,
That it may be
for time to come,
Forever and ever: ⁹

That this *is*
A rebellious people,
Lying children,
Children *who* will not hear
the law of Y^{HWH}; ¹⁰

Who say to the seers,
"Do not see",
And to the prophets,
"Do not prophesy to us right things;
Speak to us smooth things,
Prophecy deceits [illusions]. ¹¹
Get out of the way,
Turn aside from the path,
Cause the Holy One of Israel
To cease from before us." ¹²

Therefore
thus says the Holy One of Israel:

"Because you
despise this word, and
trust in oppression and perversity, and
rely on them, ¹³

Therefore
this iniquity shall be to you like
a breach ready to fall,
a bulge in a high wall,
whose breaking comes
suddenly,
in an instant. ¹⁴ And

He shall break it like
the breaking of the potter's vessel,
which is broken in pieces;
He shall not spare.
So there shall not be found
among its fragments a shard
to take fire from the hearth, or
to take water from the cistern." ¹⁵

For thus says
the Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}],
the Holy One of Israel:
"In returning and rest
you shall be saved;
In quietness and confidence
shall be your strength."

But you would not, ¹⁶ and you said,
"No, for we will flee on horses" —
Therefore you shall flee! And,
"We will ride on swift horses" —
Therefore
Those who pursue you shall be swift! ¹⁷
One thousand shall flee
at the threat of one [1],
at the threat of five [5]

you shall flee,
Till you are left
as a pole on top of a mountain And
as a banner on a hill.

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Isaiah 30:18

¹⁸ ¶
Blessings for Y^{HWH}'s People

Therefore Y^{HWH} will wait,
that He may be gracious to you;
And therefore He will be exalted,
that He may have mercy on you.
For Y^{HWH} is a God of justice;
Blessed are all those
who wait for Him. ¹⁹
For the people shall
dwell in Zion at Jerusalem;
[Jn 14:16, 15:4-10; 2Co 6:16;
Eph 3:17; Re 7:15, 21:3]

You shall weep no more.
He will be very gracious to you
at the sound of your cry;
When He hears it,
He will answer you. ²⁰
And though the Lord gives you
The bread of adversity and
The water of affliction,
Yet your teachers will not be moved
into a corner anymore,
But
Your eyes shall see your teachers. ²¹
Your ears shall hear
a word behind you, saying,
"This is the way, walk in it",
Whenever you turn to the right hand, or
Whenever you turn to the left. ²²
You will also defile
the covering of
your graven images of silver, and
the ornament of
your molded images of gold.
You will throw them away
as an unclean thing;
You will say to them,
"Get away!" ²³

Then He will give
the rain for your seed
With which you sow the ground, And
bread of the increase of the land [earth];
It will be fat and plentiful.
In that day your cattle
Will feed in large pastures. ²⁴

Likewise
The oxen and the young donkeys
that work the ground
Will eat cured fodder
That has been winnowed
with the shovel and fan. ²⁵
There will be
on every high mountain And
on every high hill
Rivers and streams of waters,
In the day of the great slaughter,
When the towers fall. ²⁶

Moreover
the light of the moon will be
as the light of the sun, And
the light of the sun will be
sevenfold,
As the light of seven [7] days,
In the day that Y^{HWH}
binds up the bruise of His people
And heals the stroke of their wound.
²⁷ ¶
[Y^{HWH}'s anger against Assyria: v31]
Behold,
the name of Y^{HWH} comes from afar,
Burning with His anger, And
His burden is heavy;
His lips are full of indignation, And
His tongue like a devouring fire. ²⁸
His breath is like an overflowing stream
That reaches up to the neck,

⁶⁰ _____
⁹ Rahab is the name of a [likely real] sea monster that represents chaos in ancient literature. The name is used here as a poetic name for Egypt. Cf. Isa 51:9, Ps 87:4.

To sift the nations
 with the sieve of futility; And
there shall be a bridle
 in the jaws of the people,
 Causing *them* to err. 29
 You shall have
 a song as **in the night**
when a holy festival is kept, and
 gladness of heart as
when one goes with a flute,
 To come into the mountain of YHWH,
 To the Mighty One of Israel. 30
 YHWH will
 cause His glorious voice
 to be heard, And [*the Messiah*]
 show the descent of His arm,
 With
 the indignation of His anger And
 the flame of a devouring fire, With
 scattering, tempest, and hailstones. 31
 For through the voice of YHWH
 Assyria will be beaten down,
 As He strikes with the rod. 32
 And in every place where the staff of
 punishment passes,
 Which YHWH lays on him,
 It will be with tambourines and harps;
 And in battles of brandishing
 He will fight with it. 33
 For Tophet [*“place of fire”; a place in
 the southeast end of the valley of the
 son of Hinnom south of Jerusalem,
 where trash was burned: Je 7:31-33,
 19:2-6; 2Ki 21:6 // 2Ch 33:6; 2Ki 23:10*]
 was established of old,
 Yes, for the king it is prepared.
 He has made it deep and large;
 Its [*funeral*] pyre is fire with much wood;
 The breath of YHWH,
 like a stream of brimstone,
 Kindles it.

31:1 ¶
Isaiah 31
Woe to Those Who Rely on Egypt
Woe to those
 Who
 go down to Egypt for help, And
 rely on horses,
 Who trust
 in chariots
 because *they are* many, And
 in horsemen
 because they are very strong,
 But
 Who do
 Not look to the Holy One of Israel,
 Nor seek YHWH! 2
 Yet He also
 is wise and
 will bring disaster, And
 will not call back His words, But
 will arise
 against the house of evildoers,
 and
 against the help of those
 who work iniquity. 3
 Now the Egyptians are men,
 and not God;
 And their horses are flesh,
 and not spirit.
 When YHWH stretches out His hand,
 Both he who helps will fall,
 And he who is helped will fall down;
 They all will perish together. 4
 For thus YHWH has spoken to me:
 “As a lion roars, and a young lion,
 over his prey
 (When a multitude of shepherds
 is summoned against him,
 He will not be afraid of their voice
 Nor be disturbed by their noise),

So YHWH of hosts will come down
 To fight
 for Mount Zion and
 for its hill. 5
 Like birds flying about,
 So will YHWH of hosts
 Defend Jerusalem.
 Defending,
 He will also deliver it;
 Passing over,
 He will preserve it.”
 6 ¶
 Return to Him against whom
 the children of Israel have
 deeply revolted. 7
 For in that day
 [Not today but when Assyria fell:]
 every man shall throw away
 his idols of silver and
 his idols of gold
 — sin,
 which your own hands have made
 for yourselves. 8
 “Then Assyria shall fall by
 a sword not of man, and
 a sword not of mankind
 shall devour him.
 But
 he shall flee from
 the sword, and
 his young men
 shall become forced labor; 9
 he shall cross over to
 his stronghold for fear, and
 his princes
 shall be afraid of the banner”,
 Says YHWH,
 Whose fire is in Zion And
 Whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

32:1 ¶
Isaiah 32
Israel’s Ultimate Deliverance
 Behold,
 A king will reign in righteousness, and
 Princes will rule with justice. 2
 A man will be
 As a hiding place from the wind, and
 a cover from the tempest,
 As rivers of water in a dry place,
 As the shadow of a great rock
 in a weary land. 3
 The eyes of those who see
 will not be dim, And
 The ears of those who hear
 will listen. 4 Also
 The heart of the rash
 will understand knowledge, And
 The tongue of the stammerers
 will be ready to speak plainly. 5
 The foolish person
 will no longer be called generous,
 Nor the miser said to be bountiful; 6
 For the foolish person
 will speak foolishness,
 And his heart
 will work iniquity:
 To practice ungodliness,
 To utter error against YHWH,
 To keep the hungry unsatisfied,
 And he will cause the drink of the
 thirsty to fail. 7 Also
 The schemes of the schemer are evil;
 He devises wicked plans
 To destroy the poor
 with lying words,
 Even when the needy
 speaks justice. 8
 But a generous man
 devises generous things, And
 by generosity
 he shall stand.

9 ¶
 Rise up, [cf. *Is 3:16-4:1; Am 4:1*]
 you women who are at ease,
 Hear my voice;
 You complacent daughters,
 Give ear to my speech. 10
 In a year and some days
 You will be troubled,
 you complacent women;
 For the vintage will fail,
 The gathering will not come. 11
 Tremble,
 you women who are at ease;
 Be troubled,
 you complacent ones;
 Strip yourselves,
 Make yourselves bare, And
 Gird sackcloth on your waists. 12
 People shall mourn upon their breasts
 For the pleasant fields,
 For the fruitful vine. 13
 On the land of my people will
 come up thorns and briars, Yes,
 On all the happy homes
 in the joyous city; 14
 Because
 The palaces will be forsaken,
 The bustling city will be deserted.
 The forts and towers will become
 Lairs forever,
 A joy of wild donkeys,
 A pasture of flocks — 15
 Until [Pentecost, AD 30:]
 The Spirit is poured upon us
 from on high, And
 The wilderness becomes
 a fruitful field, And
 The fruitful field is counted as
 a forest. 16
 Then justice will dwell
 in the wilderness,

And righteousness remain
 in the fruitful field. 17
 The work of righteousness will be
 peace, And
 The effect of righteousness,
 quietness and assurance forever. 18
 My people will dwell
 In a peaceful habitation,
 In secure dwellings, and
 In quiet resting places, 19
 Though hail comes down on the forest,
 And the city is brought low
 in humiliation. 20
 Blessed are you
 Who sow beside all waters,
 Who send out freely
 the feet of the ox and the donkey.

33:1 ¶

Isaiah 33

Woe to Assyria¹⁰ (or Jerusalem: v14)

Woe to you who plunder,
 though you have not been plundered;
 And you who deal treacherously,
 though they have not
 dealt treacherously with you!
 When you cease plundering,
 You will be plundered;
 When you make an end of dealing
 treacherously,
 They will deal
 treacherously with you. 2
 O YHWH, be gracious to us;
 We [the remnant] have waited for You.
 Be their arm
 every morning,
 Our salvation also
 in the time of trouble. 3

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¹⁰ The Hebrew text does not specifically identify Assyria as the object of this prophecy. Perhaps the wicked in Jerusalem.

At the noise of the tumult
 the people shall flee;
 When You lift Yourself up,
 the nations shall be scattered; 4
 And Your plunder shall be gathered
 Like the gathering of the caterpillar;
 As the running to and fro of locusts,
 He shall run upon them. 5
 YHWH is exalted,
 for He dwells on high;
 He has filled Zion with
 Justice and righteousness. 6
 Wisdom and knowledge
 will be
 the stability of your times, And
 the strength of salvation;
 The fear of YHWH is His treasure. 7
 Surely their valiant ones
 shall cry outside,
 The ambassadors of peace
 shall weep bitterly. 8
 The highways lie waste,
 The traveling man ceases.
 He has broken the covenant,
 He has despised the cities,
 He regards no man. 9
 The land [earth]
 mourns and languishes,
 Lebanon [proud cedars] is
 shamed and shriveled;
 Sharon is like a wilderness, And
 Bashan and Carmel
 shake off their fruits. 10
 "Now I will rise",
 says YHWH;
 "Now I will be exalted,
 Now I will lift Myself up. 11
 You shall conceive chaff,
 You shall bring forth stubble;
 Your breath, as fire,
 shall devour you. 12 And

The people shall be
 like the burnings of lime;
 like thorns cut up
 They shall be burned in the fire.
 13 ¶
 Hear,
 you who are afar off,
 what I have done; and
 you who are near,
 Acknowledge My might." 14
 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
 Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites:
 "Who among us shall dwell with
 The Devouring Fire?
 Who among us shall dwell with
 Eternal Burnings?" 15
 He who [↑ NKJ: Everlasting]
 walks righteously and
 speaks uprightly, [cf. *Ps 15*]
 He who
 despises the gain of oppressions,
 Who
 gestures with his hands,
 refusing bribes,
 Who
 stops his ears
 from hearing of bloodshed, and
 shuts his eyes
 from seeing evil: 16
 He will dwell on high;
 His place of defense will be
 the fortress of rocks;
 Bread will be given him,
 His water will be sure. 17
 Your [the remnant's] eyes will see
 the King [Messiah] in His beauty;
 They will see
 the land that is very far off. 18
 Your heart will meditate on terror:
 "Where is the scribe? [Gone.]
 Where is he who weighs?
 Where is he who counts the towers?" 19
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You will not see
 a fierce people,
 a people of obscure speech,
 beyond perception,
 of a stammering tongue
 that you cannot understand. 20

Look upon Zion,
 the city of our appointed feasts;
 Your eyes will see
 [New, spiritual] Jerusalem,
 a quiet home,
 a tabernacle
 that will not be taken down;
 not one of its stakes will ever be
 removed,
 nor will any of its cords be
 broken. 21

But there
 The majestic Y^{HWH} will be for us
 a place of broad rivers and streams,
 in which
 no galley with oars will sail,
 nor majestic ships pass by 22

(For
 Y^{HWH} is our Judge,
 Y^{HWH} is our Lawgiver,
 Y^{HWH} is our King;
 He will save us
); 23 [^ Model for the three
 branches of the U.S. government:
 Courts, Congress, and President.]

Your tackle is loosed,
 They could not strengthen their mast,
 They could not spread the sail.
 Then
 The prey of great plunder is divided;
 The lame take the prey. 24 And
 The inhabitant will not say,
 "I am sick";
 The people who dwell in it
 will be forgiven their iniquity.

34:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg [Is 34-35](#)]

Isaiah 34
Indignation Against All Nations
*[including Israel/Jerusalem
 (symbolized as Edom?)]*

Come near, you nations, to hear;
 And heed, you people!
 Let the lands [earth] hear,
 and all
 that are [is] in them [it],
 The world and all things
 that come forth from it. 2

For the indignation of Y^{HWH} is
 against all nations,
 And His fury
 against all their armies;
 He has utterly destroyed them,
 He has given them over
 to the slaughter. 3

Also their slain shall be thrown out;
 Their stench shall rise
 from their corpses, And
 The mountains shall be melted
 with their blood. 4

All the host of heaven [13:10]
 shall be dissolved,
 And the heavens [Re 6:14]
 shall be rolled up like a scroll;
 All their host shall fall down
 As the leaf falls from the vine, And
 As fruit falling from a fig tree. 5

"For My sword shall be bathed
 in heaven;
 Indeed it shall come down
 on Edom, and
 on the people of My curse,
 for judgment. 6

The sword of Y^{HWH} is filled
 with blood,
 It is made overflowing
 with fatness,
 with the blood of lambs and goats,
 with the fat of the kidneys of rams.
 For Y^{HWH} has
 a sacrifice [^ city in Edom]
 in Bozrah, and
 a great slaughter
 in the land of Edom. 7

The wild oxen shall come down
 with them, and
 The young bulls
 with the mighty bulls;
 Their land shall be soaked
 with blood, and
 Their dust saturated
 with fatness." 8

For it is [61:2, 63:4: AD 70?]
 The day of Y^{HWH}'s vengeance,
 The year of recompense
 for the cause of Zion.

9 ¶
 Its streams shall be turned into pitch, and
 Its dust into brimstone;
 Its land shall become burning pitch. 10
 It shall not be quenched night or day;
 Its smoke shall ascend
 forever. [Re 14:9-11]
 From generation to generation
 It shall lie waste;
 No one shall pass through it
 forever and ever. 11

But the pelican and the porcupine
 shall possess it,
 Also the owl and the raven
 shall dwell in it.

And He shall stretch out over it
 The line of confusion and
 The stones of emptiness. 12
 They shall call its nobles
 to the kingdom,
 But none shall be there, and all
 its princes shall be nothing. 13

And thorns shall come up
 in its palaces,
 Nettles and brambles
 in its fortresses;
 It shall be [^ dinosaurs]
 A habitation of dragons [jackals],
 A courtyard for ostriches. 14

The wild beasts of the desert
 shall also meet with the jackals,
 And the wild goat [^ diff. word]
 shall bleat to its companion;
 Also the night creature shall rest there,
 And find for herself a place of rest. 15

There the arrow snake
 shall make her nest and lay eggs
 And hatch,
 and gather them under her shadow;
 There also shall the hawks be gathered,
 Every one with her mate. 16

"Search from the book of Y^{HWH}, and
 read:
 not one of these shall fail;
 not one shall lack her mate.
 For My mouth has commanded it, and
 His Spirit has gathered them. 17
 He has cast the lot for them, and
 His hand has divided it among them
 with a measuring line.
 They shall possess it forever;
 from generation to generation
 They shall dwell in it."

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35:1 ¶

Isaiah 35

Hope for Restoration

The wilderness and the wasteland

shall be glad for them, And

The desert shall

rejoice and

blossom as the rose; 2 It shall

blossom abundantly and

rejoice, [cf. 51:11]

Even with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon

shall be given to it,

The excellence of Carmel and Sharon

[shall be given to it.]

They shall see [Cf. He 8:13]

The glory of Y^{HWH},

The excellency of our God. 3

[Allusion: He 12:12]

Strengthen the weak hands, And

Make firm the feeble knees. 4

Say to those who are fearful-hearted,

“Be strong!

Do not fear!

Behold,

your God will come

with vengeance;

with the recompense of God

He will come and save you.”

5 ¶

[Alluded to by Jesus:

Mt 11:4-6 || Lu 7:22-23]

Then the eyes of the blind

shall be opened, And

The ears of the deaf

shall be unstopped. 6

Then the lame shall leap like a deer,

And the tongue of the dumb sing.

For waters shall burst forth

in the wilderness,

And streams ... [Spirit]

in the desert. 7

The parched ground

shall become a pool, And

The thirsty land

... springs of water;

In the habitation of dragons

[jackals] [dinosaurs],

where each lay,

There shall be grass

with reeds and rushes. 8

A highway shall be there, and a road,

And it shall be called

the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it, But

it shall be for others.

Whoever walks the road,

although a fool,

Shall not go astray. 9

No lion shall be there,

[cf. 1Pe 5:8 roaring lion]

Nor shall any ravenous beast

go up on it;

It shall not be found there.

But the redeemed

shall walk there, 10

And the ransomed of Y^{HWH}

shall return, And come to Zion

with singing, [or Eternal: God's]

With everlasting joy on their heads.

They shall obtain

joy and gladness, And

sorrow and sighing

shall flee away.

[Isaiah 36 follows Micah]

Micah 2:1-7:20

[Micah 1 follows 2Ki 15:35, June 25]

[Micah probably wrote the prophecies here (2:1-7:20) shortly before Assyria invaded Judah in 713 BC.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Micah]

2:1 ¶

Micah 2

Judgment Against Wealthy Oppressors

Woe to those who

devise iniquity, and

work out evil on their beds!

At morning light they practice it,

because

It is in the power of their hand. 2

They covet fields

and take them by violence,

Also houses,

and seize them.

So they oppress

a man and his house,

a man and his inheritance. 3

Therefore thus says Y^{HWH}:

“Behold, against this family

I am devising disaster,

from which

you cannot remove your necks;

nor shall you walk haughtily,

For this is an evil time. 4

In that day one shall

take up

a proverb against you, and

lament with

a bitter lamentation, saying:

“We are utterly destroyed!

He has changed

the heritage of my people;

How He has removed it from me!

To a turncoat

He has divided our fields.” 5

Therefore you will have no one
to determine boundaries by lot
in the assembly of Y^{HWH}.

6 ¶

True and False Prophets

“Do not prattle”,

You say to those who prophesy.

So they shall not prophesy to you;

They shall not return insult for insult. 7

You who are named the house of Jacob:

“Is the Spirit of Y^{HWH} restricted?

Are these His doings?

Do not My words do good

to him who walks uprightly? 8

Lately My people have risen up

as an enemy —

You pull off the robe with the garment

from those who trust you,

as they pass by,

like men returned from war. 9

The women of My people you cast out

from their pleasant houses;

from their children

You have taken away

My glory forever [Heb. olam]. 10

Arise and depart,

for this is not your rest;

because it is defiled,

It shall destroy, yes,

with utter destruction. 11

If a man should walk in a false spirit

and speak a lie, saying,

‘I will prophesy to you

of wine and drink’,

even he would be

the prattler of this people.

12 ¶

The Remnant Gathered

I will surely assemble all of you,

O Jacob,

I will surely gather

the remnant of Israel;

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I will put them together
 like sheep of the fold,
 like a flock
 in the midst of their pasture;
 They shall make a loud noise
 because of *so many* people. 13
 The one who breaks open
 will come up before them;
 They will
 break out,
 pass through the gate, and
 go out by it; [Messiah:]
 Their king will pass before them,
 with YHWH at their head.”
 [Hint that Messiah is YHWH
 in the flesh.]

3:1 ¶
Micah 3
Judgment Against Israel's Leaders
 And I said:
 “Hear now,
 O heads of Jacob, and
 you rulers of the house of Israel:
 Is it not for you to know justice? 2
 You
 who hate good and love evil;
 who strip
 the skin from My people, and
 the flesh from their bones; 3
 who also
 eat the flesh of My people,
 flay their skin from them,
 break their bones, and
 chop them in pieces
 like meat for the pot,
 like flesh in the caldron.” 4
 Then they will cry to YHWH, but
 He will not hear them;
 He will even hide His face from them
 at that time, because
 they have been evil in their deeds. 5

Thus says YHWH concerning
 the prophets
 who make my people stray;
 who chant, “Peace”, while
 they chew with their teeth, but
 who prepare war against him
 who puts nothing
 into their mouths: 6
 “Therefore
 you shall have night
 without vision, and
 you shall have darkness
 without divination;
 the sun shall go down
 on the prophets, and
 the day shall be dark
 for them. 7
 So the seers shall be ashamed, and
 the diviners abashed; indeed
 they shall all cover their lips;
 For there is no answer from God.”
 8 ¶
 But truly I am full
 of power
 by the Spirit of YHWH, and
 of justice and might,
 To declare
 to Jacob his transgression, and
 to Israel his sin. 9
 Now hear this, you
 heads of the house of Jacob and
 rulers of the house of Israel,
 who
 abhor justice and
 pervert all equity, 10
 who build up
 Zion with bloodshed and
 Jerusalem with iniquity: 11
 her heads judge for a bribe,
 her priests teach for pay, and
 her prophets divine for money.

Yet they lean on YHWH, and say,
 “Is not YHWH among us?
 No harm can come upon us.” 12
 Therefore because of you
 Zion shall be plowed like a field,
 Jerusalem shall become
 heaps of ruins, and
 the mountain of the temple
 like the bare hills of the forest.

4:1 ¶
Micah 4 [vv1-3 // Is 2:2-4]
YHWH's Future Reign [↑ parallel]
 Now it shall come to pass
 in the latter days
 That the mountain of YHWH's house
 shall be established [↑ the Church
 on the top of the mountains, and
 shall be exalted above the hills;
 and peoples [Jews & Gentiles]
 shall flow to it. 2
 Many nations
 shall come and say,
 “Come, and let us go up
 to the mountain of YHWH,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
 He will teach us His ways, and
 We shall walk in His paths.”
 For out of Zion [the Church]
 the law shall go forth, and
 the word of YHWH
 from [spiritual] Jerusalem. 3
 He shall
 judge between many peoples, and
 rebuke strong nations afar off;
 They shall beat
 their swords into plowshares, and
 their spears into pruning hooks;
 Nation shall not lift up sword
 against nation,
 neither shall they learn war
 any more. 4

But everyone shall sit
 under his vine and
 under his fig tree, and
 No one shall make them afraid;
 For the mouth of YHWH of hosts
 has spoken. 5
 For all people walk
 each in the name of his god, but
 We will walk
 in the name of YHWH our God
 Forever and ever.
 6
Israel's Return From Exile
 “In that day”,
 says YHWH,
 “I will assemble the lame,
 I will gather
 the outcast and
 those whom I have afflicted; 7
 I will make
 the lame a remnant, and
 the outcast a strong nation;
 So YHWH will reign over them
 in Mount Zion
 From now on, even forever.
 8 ¶
 And you,
 O tower of the flock,
 the stronghold of
 the daughter of Zion,
 To you shall it come, even
 the former dominion shall come,
 the kingdom of
 the daughter of Jerusalem.” 9
 Now why do you cry aloud?
 Is there no king in your midst?
 Has your counselor perished?
 For pangs have seized you
 like a woman in labor. 10
 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth,
 O daughter of Zion,
 like a woman in birth pangs.
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For now you shall go forth from the city, you shall dwell in the field, and to Babylon you shall go. There you shall be delivered; There YHWH will redeem you from the hand of your enemies. 11 Now also many nations have gathered against you, who say, "Let her be defiled, and Let our eye look upon Zion." 12 But they do not know the thoughts of YHWH, Nor do they understand His counsel; For He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor. 13 "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; For I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hooves bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples; I will consecrate their gain to YHWH, and their substance to the Lord of the whole Earth."

5:1 ¶

Micah 5

A Ruler From Bethlehem

Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. 2

[Paraphrased in Mt 2:6]

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,

Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, [Lit., day eternal] from everlasting." 3

Therefore He shall give them up, until the time

that she who is in labor has given birth;

Then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. 4 And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of YHWH, in the majesty of the name of YHWH His God; and they shall abide,

For now He shall be great to the ends of the lands [earth]; 5 And this One shall be peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land, and

When he treads in our palaces, Then we will raise against him seven [7] shepherds and eight [8] princely men. 6

They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;

Thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian,

When he comes into our land and

When he treads within our borders.

7 ¶

The Remnant Purified

Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from YHWH, like showers on the grass,

that tarry for no man nor wait for the sons of men. 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Who, if he passes through, both treads down and tears in pieces, And none can deliver. 9 Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off. 10

"And it shall be in that day", says YHWH, "That

I will cut off your horses from your midst and destroy your chariots. 11

I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds. 12

I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no soothsayers; 13 your carved images

I will also cut off, and your sacred pillars from your midst; you shall no more worship the work of your hands; 14

I will pluck your wooden images from your midst;

Thus

I will destroy your cities. 15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury on the nations that have not heard."

6:1 ¶

Micah 6

YHWH's Case Against Israel Hear now what YHWH says:

"Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2

Hear, O you mountains, YHWH's complaint, and you strong foundations of the land [earth];

For YHWH has a complaint against His people, and He will contend with Israel. 3

O My people, What have I done to you? And How have I wearied you? Testify against Me. 4

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5

O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab counseled [Nu 22-24], and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, from Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of YHWH."

6 ¶

With what shall I come
before Y^{HWH}, and bow myself
before the High God?
Shall I come
before Him
With burnt offerings,
With calves a year old? 7
Will Y^{HWH} be pleased with
Thousands of rams,
Ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give
my firstborn
for my transgression,
the fruit of my body
for the sin of my soul? 8
He has shown you, O man,
what is good; and
what does [cf. Mt 9:13, 12:7]
Y^{HWH} require of you but
To do justly,
To love mercy, and
To walk humbly with your God?

9 ¶
Israel's Guilt and Punishment

Y^{HWH}'s voice cries to the city —
Wisdom shall see Your name:
“Hear the Rod!
Who has appointed it? 10
Are there yet
the treasures of wickedness
in the house of the wicked, and
the short measure
that is an abomination? 11
Shall I count pure those
with the wicked scales, and
with the bag of deceitful weights? 12
For
Her rich men are full of violence,
Her inhabitants have spoken lies, and
Their tongue is deceitful
in their mouth. 13

Therefore I will also make you sick
by striking you,
by making you desolate
because of your sins. 14
You shall eat, but not be satisfied;
Hunger shall be in your midst.
You may carry some away, but
shall not save them; and
what you do rescue
I will give over to the sword. 15
You shall sow,
but not reap;
You shall tread the olives,
but not anoint yourselves with oil;
And make sweet wine,
but not drink wine. 16
For the statutes of Omri are kept;
all the works of Ahab's house
are done; and
you walk in their counsels,
That I may make
you a desolation, and
your inhabitants a hissing.
Therefore you shall bear
the reproach of My people.”

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7:1 ¶
Micah 7
Misery Turned to Hope

Woe is me!
For I am
like those who gather summer fruits,
like those who glean vintage grapes;
There is no cluster to eat
of the first-ripe fruit
that my soul desires. 2
The faithful man has perished
from the land [earth], and
There is no one upright
among men.

They all lie in wait for blood;
Every man hunts his brother with a net. 3
That they may successfully do evil
with both hands —
The prince asks for gifts,
The judge seeks a bribe, and
The great man utters his evil desire;
So they scheme together. 4
The best of them is
like a brier;
The most upright is
sharper than a thorn hedge;
The day of
your watchman and
your punishment
comes;
Now shall be their perplexity. 5
Do not trust
in a friend;
Do not put your confidence
in a companion;
Guard the doors of your mouth
from her who lies in your bosom. 6
For [Cf. Mt 10:35]
Son dishonors father,
Daughter rises against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law;
A man's enemies are
the men of his own household.
7 ¶ Therefore
I will look
to Y^{HWH};
I will wait
for the God of my salvation;
My God will hear me. 8
Do not rejoice over me, my enemy;
When I fall, I will arise;
When I sit in darkness,
Y^{HWH} will be a light to me. 9

I will bear the indignation of Y^{HWH},
Because I have sinned against Him,
Until He
pleads my case and
executes justice for me.
He will bring me forth to the light;
I will see His righteousness. 10
Then she who is my enemy will see, and
Shame will cover her who said to me,
“Where is Y^{HWH} your God?”
My eyes will see her;
Now she will be trampled down
like mud in the streets. 11
In the day
when your walls are to be built,
In that day
the decree shall go far and wide. 12
In that day
they shall come to you
from Assyria and
the fortified cities,
from the fortress to the River,
from sea to sea, and [↑Euphrates]
mountain to mountain. 13
Yet the land shall be desolate
because of those who dwell in it, and
for the fruit of their deeds.
14 ¶
Y^{HWH}'s Compassion on Israel
Shepherd
Your people with Your staff,
The flock of Your heritage,
Who dwell solitarily
in a woodland,
in the midst of Carmel;
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead,
as in days of old. 15
“As in the days when you came out of
the land of Egypt,
I will show them wonders.” 16

The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; They shall put *their* hand over *their* mouth; Their ears shall be deaf. 17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the land [earth]. They shall be afraid of **YHWH our God**, and shall fear because of **You**. 18 Who is a **God** like **You**, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. 19 He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old.

2 Chronicles 32:1-8

Assyria Invades Judah 713 BC

[Overview of the report of *Is 36:1ff* by a later author (perhaps *Ezra*):]

32:1 ¶ **After** these deeds of **faithfulness** [by **Hezekiah**], Sennacherib¹¹ [later to

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¹¹ “Sin multiplied brothers” (Sin = the moon); son of Sargon, father of Esarhaddon, and king of Assyria from 705-681 BC, but here

be] king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself. 2 And **when** Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem, 3 he consulted with his leaders and commanders to stop the water from the springs **that were** outside the city; and they helped him. 4 Thus many people gathered together who stopped all the springs and the brook that ran through the land, saying,

“Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?” 5

And he strengthened himself, built up all the wall that was broken, raised it up to the towers, and built another wall outside;

also he repaired the Millo in the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6 **Then** he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying, 7

“Be strong and courageous; Do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him;

For there are more with us than with him; 8 with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is **YHWH our God**. To help us and to fight our battles.”

And the people were strengthened by the words of **Hezekiah** king of Judah.

as “Tartan” (20:1), commander of the army under his father Sargon.

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 36:1-22 ||

36:1 ¶ **Now** it came to pass in the fourteenth [14th] year of King **Hezekiah** [Hezek-Reign: 14=JudahYear:263, so 3292 AB = 713 BC, per Jones]

that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.

[~\$3,110,400 in 2008 dollars →]
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2 **Then** the king of Assyria sent the

Rabshakeh [a title, probably Chief of Staff or Governor] _____, with a great army from **Lachish** to King **Hezekiah** at Jerusalem. And

he stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, _____ on the highway to the Fuller’s Field.

[Audio: S. G. *Is 36-39, 2Ki 17-18*]
2 Kings 18:13-37

13 **And** _____ in the fourteenth [14th] year of King **Hezekiah**, [Hezek-Reign: 14=JudahYear:263, so 3292 AB = 713 BC, per Jones]

_____ Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. 14

Then **Hezekiah** king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at **Lachish**, saying, “I have done wrong.

Turn away from me. Whatever you impose on me, I will pay.”

And the king of Assyria assessed **Hezekiah** king of Judah three hundred [300] talents of silver and thirty [30] talents of gold. 15 So **Hezekiah** gave him all the silver that was found in the house of **YHWH** and in the treasuries of the king’s house. 16 **At that time** **Hezekiah** stripped the gold from the doors of the temple of **YHWH**, and from the pillars that **Hezekiah** king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

[Audio: S. Gregg *2Ki 18:17-22:end*]

17 ¶ **Then** the king of Assyria sent the Tartan [a title, probably Commander in Chief], the Rabсарis [a title, probably Chief Officer], and the Rabshakeh [a title, probably Chief of Staff or Governor] from **Lachish**, with a great army against Jerusalem, to King **Hezekiah** _____. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. **When** they had come up, they went and stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, which was on the highway to the Fuller’s Field.

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 36

3 And

Eliakim [“raised/set up by **God**”] the son of Hilkiah [“**YHWH** is my portion”], who was over the household, Shebna [“vig^or”] the scribe, and Joah [“**YHWH** is brother”] the son of Asaph [“gatherer”], the recorder, came out to him.

Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem

4 **Then** the Rabshakeh said to them,

“Say **now** to **Hezekiah**,

‘Thus says the great king,

the king of Assyria:

“What confidence is this in which you trust? 5 **I** say you speak of having plans and power for war; but *they are* mere words. **Now** in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? 6 ___ Look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, **Egypt**, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So *is* Pharaoh king of **Egypt** to all who trust in him.

7 But if you say to me,

‘We trust in **YHWH** our **God**,
is it not **He** whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem,

‘You shall worship before this altar _____?’” 8

Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of **As-syria**, and I will give you two thousand [2,000] horses — if you are able on your part to put riders on them!

[verbatim, less 5 exceptions]

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18 And

when they had called to the king,

Eliakim [“raised/set up by **God**”] the son of Hilkiah [“**YHWH** is my portion”], who was over the household, Shebna [“vig^or”] the scribe, and Joah [“**YHWH** is brother”] the son of Asaph [“gatherer”], the recorder, came out to them.

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the king of Assyria:

“What confidence *is* this in which you trust? 20 ___ You speak of *having* plans and power for war; but *they are* mere words. And in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? 21 **Now** look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, **Egypt**, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So *is* Pharaoh king of **Egypt** to all who trust in him.

22 But if you say to me,

‘We trust in **YHWH** our **God**,
is it not **He** whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem,

‘You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?’” 23

Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of **As-syria**, and I will give you two thousand [2,000] horses — if you are able on your part to put riders on them!

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 36

9 How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master’s servants, and put your trust in **Egypt** for chariots and horsemen? 10 Have I **now** come up without **YHWH** against this land to destroy it?

YHWH said to me,

‘Go up against this land, and destroy it.’”

11 ¶ **Then** Eliakim,

Shebna, and Joah said to *the* Rabshakeh,

“Please speak to your servants in the Aramaic language, for we understand *it*; and do not speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who *are* on the wall.” 12

But *the* Rabshakeh said _____,

“Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?” 13

Then *the* Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and said,

“Hear the words of the great king, _____ the king of Assyria! 14
Thus says the king:

‘Do not let **Hezekiah** deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you _____; 15 nor let **Hezekiah** make you trust in **YHWH**, saying,

“**YHWH** will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” 16

[verbatim, less 7 exceptions]

2 Kings 18

24 How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master’s servants, and put your trust in **Egypt** for chariots and horsemen? 25 Have I **now** come up without **YHWH** against this place to destroy it?

YHWH said to me,

‘Go up against this land, and destroy it.’”

26 **Then** Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, Shebna, and Joah said to *the* Rabshakeh,

“Please speak to your servants in ___ Aramaic _____, for we understand *it*; and do not speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who *are* on the wall.” 27

But *the* Rabshakeh said to them,

“Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?” 28

Then *the* Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and spoke, saying,

“Hear the word_ of the great king, _____ the king of Assyria! 29
Thus says the king:

‘Do not let **Hezekiah** deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand; 30 nor let **Hezekiah** make you trust in **YHWH**, saying,

“**YHWH** will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” 31

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 36

Do not listen to **Hezekiah**;
for thus says the king of Assyria:
“Make *peace* with me *by a present*
and come out to me;
and every one of you eat
from his own vine
and every one from his own fig tree,
and every one of you drink
the waters of his own cistern; 17
until I come and take you away to
a land like your own land,
a land of grain and new wine,
a land of bread and vineyards.

18 *Beware* lest **Hezekiah**
persuade you, saying,
“**YHWH** will deliver us.”
Has any one of the gods of the nations
delivered its land from the hand
of the king of Assyria? 19
Where are the gods of
Hamath [“fortress”] and
Arpad [“I shall be spread out /
supported”]?
Where are the gods of
Sepharvaim [“the two Sipparas”]?

Indeed, have they delivered **Samaria**
from my hand? 20
Who among all the gods of these lands
have delivered their countries from
my hand, that **YHWH** should deliver
Jerusalem from my hand?” 21
But they held their peace and
answered him not a word; for the king’s
commandment was,
“Do not answer him.” 22

[verbatim, less 7 exceptions]

2 Kings 18

Do not listen to **Hezekiah**;
for thus says the king of Assyria:
“Make *peace* with me *by a present*
and come out to me;
and every one of you eat
from his own vine
and every one from his own fig tree,
and every one of you drink
the waters of his own cistern; 32
until I come and take you away to
a land like your own land,
a land of grain and new wine,
a land of bread and vineyards,
a land of olive groves and honey,

that you may live and not die.
But do not listen to **Hezekiah**, lest he
persuade you, saying,
“**YHWH** will deliver us.” 33
Has any ___ of the gods of the nations
at all delivered its land from the hand
of the king of Assyria? 34
Where are the gods of
Hamath [“fortress”] and
Arpad [“I shall be spread out /
supported”]?
Where are the gods of
Sepharvaim [“the two Sipparas”] and
Hena [“troubling”] and
Ivah [“ruin”]?

Indeed, have they delivered **Samaria**
from my hand? 35
Who among all the gods of the lands
have delivered their countries from
my hand, that **YHWH** should deliver
Jerusalem from my hand?” 36
But the people held their peace and
answered him not a word; for the king’s
commandment was,
“Do not answer him.” 37

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 36

Then
Eliakim the son of **Hilkiah**,
who was over the household,
Shebna the scribe, and
Joah the son of **Asaph**, the recorder,
came to **Hezekiah** with their clothes
torn, and told him the words of the
Rabshakeh.

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Isaiah 37:1-20 ||

Hezekiah Seeks YHWH’s Help

37:1 ¶ And so it was,
when King **Hezekiah** heard it, that he
tore his clothes,
covered himself with sackcloth, and
went into the house of **YHWH**. 2
Then he sent
Eliakim, who was over the household,
Shebna the scribe, and
the elders of the priests,
covered with sackcloth,
to **Isaiah** the prophet, the son of **Amoz**. 3
And they said to him,
“Thus says **Hezekiah**:
“This day is a day of trouble and rebuke
and blasphemy; for the children have
come to birth, but there is no strength
to bring them forth. 4 It may be that
YHWH your God will hear ___ the words
of the **Rabshakeh**, whom his master
the king of Assyria has sent to reproach
the living God, and will rebuke the
words that **YHWH your God** has heard.
Therefore lift up your prayer for the
remnant that is left [i.e., only Judah
remains, plus remnants of the other
tribes].” 5

[verbatim, with one exception]

2 Kings 18

Then
Eliakim the son of **Hilkiah**,
who was over the household,
Shebna the scribe, and
Joah the son of **Asaph**, the recorder,
came to **Hezekiah** with their clothes
torn, and told him the words of the
Rabshakeh.

[Audio: Steve Gregg *Is 36-39*]

[Audio: Steve Gregg *2Ki 19-20*]

2 Kings 19:1-19

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when King **Hezekiah** heard it, that he
tore his clothes,
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come to birth, but there is no strength
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YHWH your God will hear all the words
of the **Rabshakeh**, whom his master
the king of Assyria has sent to reproach
the living God, and will rebuke the
words that **YHWH your God** has heard.
Therefore lift up your prayer for the
remnant that is left [i.e., only Judah
remains, plus remnants of the other
tribes].” 5

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 37

So the servants of King **Hezekiah** came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said to them, “Thus shall you say to your master,
“**Thus says YHWH:**

“Do not be afraid of the words **that** you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed **Me**. 7 Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own **land**; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own **land**.””

8 ¶ **Then** the Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against **Libnah**, for he heard that he had departed from **Lachish**. 9 And the king heard concerning Tirhakah [“he searched out the pious/waiter”] king of Ethiopia,

“**He** has come out to make war with you.”

So **when** he heard *it*, he **sent** messengers to **Hezekiah**, saying, 10 “Thus you shall speak to **Hezekiah** king of Judah, saying:

“Do not let your **God** in whom you **trust** deceive you, saying,

“**Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.**” 11 Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be **delivered**? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed:

[verbatim, less 3 exceptions]

2 Kings 19

So the servants of King **Hezekiah** came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said to them, “Thus you shall say to your master,
“**Thus says YHWH:**

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So **he again** sent messengers to **Hezekiah**, saying, 10 “Thus you shall speak to **Hezekiah** king of Judah, saying:

“Do not let your **God** in whom you **trust** deceive you, saying,

“**Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.**” 11 Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be **delivered**? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed:

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 37

Gozan [“a cutting off”] and Haran [“mountaineer”] and Rezech [“a hot stone”], and the people of Eden [“pleasant”] who were in Telassar [“Assyrian hill”]? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?” 14 And **Hezekiah** received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and **Hezekiah** went up to the house of **YHWH**, and spread it before **YHWH**. 15 **Then** **Hezekiah** prayed to **YHWH**, saying: 16

“O **YHWH of hosts**, God of Israel, *the One* who dwells between the cherubim, **You are God**, **You** alone, of all the kingdoms of the land [earth]. **You** have made heaven and land [earth]. 17 Incline **Your ear**, O **YHWH**, and hear; open **Your eyes**, O **YHWH**, and see; and hear **all** the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach **the living God**. 18 Truly, **YHWH**, the kings of Assyria have laid waste **all** the nations and their lands, 19 and have cast their gods into the **fire**; for they *were* not gods, but the work of men’s hands — wood and stone. Therefore they **have** destroyed them. 20 **Now** therefore, O **YHWH our God**, **save** us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the lands [earth] may know that **You are YHWH**, **You** alone.”

[verbatim, less 7 exceptions]

2 Kings 19

Gozan [“a cutting off”] and Haran [“mountaineer”] and Rezech [“a hot stone”], and the people of Eden [“pleasant”] who were in Telassar [“Assyrian hill”]? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?” 14 And **Hezekiah** received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and **Hezekiah** went up to the house of **YHWH**, and spread it before **YHWH**. 15 **Then** **Hezekiah** prayed before **YHWH**, and said:

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[2Ch 32:9-19 recaps Is 36:4-22]

2 Chronicles 32:9-19

General Recap by a Later Author

9 ¶ After this, Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem

(but he and all the forces with him laid siege against Lachish),

to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were in Jerusalem,

saying, 10

“Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria:

‘In what do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem? 11

Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying,

“YHWH our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria?” 12

Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem,

saying,

“You shall worship before one altar and burn incense on it?” 13

Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands?

Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand? 14

Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand? 15

Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you like this, and do not believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?” 16

Furthermore, his servants spoke

against YHWH God and against His servant Hezekiah. 17

He also wrote letters to revile YHWH, God of Israel, and to speak against Him,

saying, “As the gods of the nations of other

lands have not delivered their people from my hand,

so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand.” 18

Then they called out with a loud voice in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city. 19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the [other] lands [earth] — the work of men’s hands.

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 37:21-38 ||

Isaiah Predicts Judah’s Deliverance

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying,

“Thus says YHWH God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

22 this is the word that YHWH has spoken concerning him:

“The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, laughed you to scorn;

The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head behind your back! 23

Whom have you reproached and blasphemed?

Against whom have you raised your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 24

By your servants you have reproached the Lord, and said,

‘By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the limits of Lebanon;

I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees;

I will enter its farthest height, to its fruitful forest. 25

I have dug and drunk _____ water, and with the soles of my feet

I have dried up all the brooks of defense.’ 26

[verbatim, with 4 exceptions]

2 Kings 19:20-37

Isaiah Predicts Judah’s Deliverance

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying,

“Thus says YHWH God of Israel: ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

I have heard.’ 21 This is the word that YHWH has spoken concerning him:

‘The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, laughed you to scorn;

The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head behind your back! 22

Whom have you reproached and blasphemed?

Against whom have you raised your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 23

By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and said:

‘By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the limits of Lebanon;

I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees;

I will enter the extremity of its borders, to its fruitful forest. 24

I have dug and drunk strange water, and with the soles of my feet

I have dried up all the brooks of defense.’ 25

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 37

Did you not hear
long ago how
I made it [Isaiah: 43:1],
from ancient times that
I formed it?
Now
I have brought it to pass,
That you should be
For crushing fortified cities into
heaps of ruins. 27
Therefore
Their inhabitants had little power;
They were
dismayed and confounded;
They were
as the grass of the field and
the green herb,
as the grass
on the housetops and
grain blighted
before it is grown. 28
But I know
your dwelling place,
your going out and
your coming in, and
your rage against Me. 29
Because
your rage against Me and
your tumult
Have come up to My ears,
Therefore
I will put
My hook in your nose and
My bridle in your lips, and
I will turn you back
by the way that you came.” 30

[verbatim]

2 Kings 19

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[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 37

This shall be a sign to you [Israel]:
You shall eat
this year
such as grows of itself, and
the second year
what springs from the same;
Also
in the third year
sow and reap,
plant vineyards and
eat the fruit of them. 31
And the remnant
who have escaped
of the house of Judah
shall again
take root downward, and
bear fruit upward. 32
For
out of Jerusalem shall go
a remnant, and
those who escape
from Mount Zion.
The zeal of YHWH of hosts
will do this. 33
Therefore thus says YHWH
concerning the king of Assyria:
‘He shall not
come into this city, nor
shoot an arrow there, nor
come before it with shield, nor
build a siege mound against it; 34
by the way that he came,
by the same shall he return; and
he shall not come into this city,’
says YHWH. 35
‘For I will defend this city, to save it
For My own sake and
For My servant David’s sake.’ 36

[verbatim, with 1 exception]

2 Kings 19

This shall be a sign to you [Israel]:
You shall eat
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‘For I will defend this city, to save it
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For My servant David’s sake.’ 35

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 37

Then

the angel of Y^{HWH} went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand [185,000]; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses — all [185,000] dead. ³⁷

So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. ³⁸

Now it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch [“the great eagle”; an idol of Nineveh, an eight-headed human figure] his god, that his sons Adrammelech [“honor of the king” or “Adar is prince / Counselor / Decider”] and Sharezer [“prince of fire”] struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place [much later: 681bc, 16 years into Manesseh’s reign, after Hezekiah died].

2 Chronicles 32:20-23

Recap of the Latter by a Later Author

²⁰ Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. ²¹ Then Y^{HWH} sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

↗

[verbatim, with 1 exception]

2 Kings 19

³⁵ ¶ And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of Y^{HWH} went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand [185,000]; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses — all [185,000] dead. ³⁶

So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. ³⁷

Now it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the temple of Nisroch [“the great eagle”; an idol of Nineveh, an eight-headed human figure] his god, that his sons Adrammelech [“honor of the king” or “Adar is prince / Counselor / Decider”] and Sharezer [“prince of fire”] struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place [much later: 681bc, 16 years into Manesseh’s reign, after Hezekiah died].

²² Thus Y^{HWH} saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side. ²³ And many brought gifts to Y^{HWH} at Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

[This column parallels the next:]

July 22

Isaiah 38:1-8 ||

Hezekiah’s Sickness and Recovery

^{38:1} ¶ In those days [still his 14th year: Is 36:1 || 2Ki 18:13] Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him,

“Thus says Y^{HWH}:

‘Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.’” ²

[Hezekiah was then childless: no heir]

Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to Y^{HWH}, ³ and said, “Remember now, O Y^{HWH}, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight.”

And Hezekiah wept bitterly. ⁴ And

the word of Y^{HWH} came to Isaiah, saying, ⁵

“Go and tell Hezekiah,

“Thus says Y^{HWH},

the God of David your father:

“I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely

I will add to your days fifteen [15] years. ⁶ I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.”

[15 + 14 = 29 years total for Hezekiah’s regin: 2Ki 18:2 || 2Ch 29:1]

[verbatim, with 6 exceptions]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Is 36-39]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 19-20]

2 Kings 20:1-11

Hezekiah’s Sickness and Recovery

^{20:1} ¶ In those days [still his 14th year: Is 36:1 || 2Ki 18:13] Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him,

“Thus says Y^{HWH}:

‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’” ²

[In order: appoint your brother king]

Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to Y^{HWH}, saying, ³ “Remember now, O Y^{HWH}, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.”

And Hezekiah wept bitterly. ⁴ And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of Y^{HWH} came to him, saying, ⁵

“Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people,

“Thus says Y^{HWH},

the God of David your father:

“I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of Y^{HWH}. ⁶ And

I will add to your days fifteen [15] years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.””

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 38

[21-22 moved to parallel 2 Ki 20:7-8]

21 **Now** Isaiah had said,
“Let them take a lump of figs,
and apply it as a poultice on the boil,
and he shall recover.”

22
And **Hezekiah** had said _____,
“What *is* the sign

that I shall go up to the house of
YHWH _____?”

7
“And this is the sign to you from
YHWH, that YHWH will do this thing
that He has spoken: 8

“Behold, I will bring the shadow on
the sundial, which has gone down
with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz,
ten [10] degrees backward.”

So the **sun** returned
ten [10] degrees on the dial
by which it had gone down.

2 Kings 20

7 **Then** Isaiah ____ said,
“_____ Take a lump of figs.”

So they took and laid *it* on the boil,
and he recovered. 8

And **Hezekiah** ____ said to Isaiah,

“What *is* the sign
that YHWH will heal me, and
that I shall go up to the house of
YHWH the third day?” 9

Then Isaiah said,
“_____ This is the sign to you from
YHWH, that YHWH will do the thing
that He has spoken:
shall the shadow

go forward ten [10] degrees or
go backward ten [10] degrees?” 10

And **Hezekiah** answered,
“It is an easy thing for the shadow to
go down ten [10] degrees;
no, but let the shadow
go backward ten [10] degrees?” 11

So Isaiah the prophet cried out to **YHWH**,

and **He** brought the shadow
ten [10] degrees backward,
by which it had gone down
on the sundial of Ahaz.

[These two columns are not parallel:]

2 Chronicles 32:24-31

*Recap and Elaboration of the Latter
by a Later Author*

24 ¶ **In those days** **Hezekiah** was sick and
near death, and he prayed to **YHWH**; and
He spoke to him and gave him a sign. 25
But **Hezekiah** did not repay according
to the favor *shown* him, for his heart
was lifted up;

therefore **wrath** was looming
over him and
over Judah and Jerusalem. 26

Then **Hezekiah** humbled himself for
the pride of his heart,

he and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
so that **the wrath of YHWH** did not come
upon them **in the days of Hezekiah**.

27 **Hezekiah** had very great riches and
honor. And he made himself:
treasuries

for silver,
for gold,
for precious stones,
for spices,
for shields, and
for all kinds of desirable items; 28

storehouses
for the harvest of
grain,
wine, and
oil; and

stalls
for all kinds of livestock and
folds
for flocks. 29

Moreover he provided cities for himself,
and possessions of flocks and herds in
abundance; for **God had given him very**
much property. 30

This same **Hezekiah** also stopped the
water outlet of Upper Gihon, and brought
the water by tunnel to the west side of
the City of David.

Hezekiah prospered in all his works. 31

However, *regarding* the ambassadors of
the princes of Babylon,

[next story, after Hezekiah's poem]
whom they sent to him to inquire about
the wonder that was *done* in the land,
God withdrew from him, in order to test
him, that He might know all that was in
his heart.

Isaiah 38:9-20

Hezekiah's Poem of Praise

9 ¶ This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: 10

I said,
“In the prime of my life [_↓“the grave”]
I shall go to the gates of Sheol;
I am deprived of
the remainder of my years.” 11

I said,
“I shall not see YAH, YHWH,
in the land of the living;
I shall observe man no more
among the inhabitants
of the world. 12

My life span is
gone,
taken from me
like a shepherd's tent;
I have cut off my life like a weaver.
He cuts me off
from the loom;
from day until night
You make an end of me. 13
I have considered [patiently waited]
until morning — like a lion,
So He breaks all my bones;
from day until night
You make an end of me. 14
Like a crane or a swallow, so
I chattered;
I mourned like a dove;
My eyes fail from looking upward.
O YHWH, I am oppressed;
Undertake for me! 15

What shall I say?

He has both spoken to me, and
He Himself has done it.
I shall walk carefully all my years
in the bitterness of my soul. 16
O Lord, by these things men live; and
in all these things is
the life of my spirit;
So You will
restore me and
make me live. 17
Indeed it was for my own peace
that I had great bitterness; but
You have lovingly delivered my soul
from the pit of corruption, for
You have cast all my sins
behind Your back. 18 For
Sheol [the grave]
cannot thank You,
Death
cannot praise You;
Those who go down to the pit
cannot hope for Your truth. 19
The living, the living man,
he shall praise You,
as I do this day;
The father shall make known
Your truth to the children. 20
YHWH was ready to save me;
Therefore we will sing my songs
with stringed instruments
all the days of our life,
in the house of YHWH.”

[38:21-22 parallel 2 Ki 20:7-8 above]

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 39:1-8 ||

Envoys From Babylon

39:1 ¶ At that time Merodach-Baladan
[“Marduk has given a son”] the son of
Baladan [“Bel (is his) lord”], king of
Babylon, sent letters and a present to
Hezekiah, for he heard that he
had been sick and had recovered. 2
And Hezekiah was pleased with them,
and showed them the house of his
treasures — the silver and gold, the
spices and precious ointment, and all his
armory — all that was found among
his treasures. There was nothing in
his house or in all his dominion that
Hezekiah did not show them. 3
Then Isaiah the prophet went to King
Hezekiah, and said to him,
“What did these men say, and from
where did they come to you?”
So Hezekiah said,
“They came to me from a far country,
from Babylon.” 4
And he said,
“What have they seen in your house?”
So Hezekiah answered,
“They have seen all that is in my house;
there is nothing among my treasures
that I have not shown them.” 5 ¶
Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah,
“Hear the word of YHWH of hosts: 6
‘Behold, the days are coming
when all that is in your house, and
what your fathers have accumulated
until this day,
shall be carried to Babylon;
nothing shall be left’,
says YHWH. 7

[verbatim, but for 7 exceptions]

2 Kings 20:12-19

Envoys From Babylon

12 ¶ At that time Berodach-Baladan
[“worshiper of Baal”] the son of
Baladan [“Bel (is his) lord”], king of
Babylon, sent letters and a present to
Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah
had been sick. 13
And Hezekiah was attentive to them,
and showed them all the house of his
treasures — the silver and gold, the
spices and precious ointment, and all his
armory — all that was found among
his treasures. There was nothing in
his house or in all his dominion that
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Then Isaiah the prophet went to King
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“What did these men say, and from
where did they come to you?”
So Hezekiah said,
“They came from a far country,
from Babylon.” 15
And he said,
“What have they seen in your house?”
So Hezekiah answered,
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‘Behold, the days are coming
when all that is in your house, and
what your fathers have accumulated
until this day,
shall be carried to Babylon;
nothing shall be left’,
says YHWH. 18

[This column parallels the next:]

Isaiah 39

‘And they shall take away *some* of your sons [descendants] who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’” 8

So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Y^{HWH} that you have spoken is good!”

For he said, “At least there will be peace and truth in my days.”

[verbatim, except ending word order]

2 Kings 20

‘And they shall take away *some* of your sons [descendants] who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’” 19

So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Y^{HWH} that you have spoken is good!”

For he said, “Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?”

[20:20-21 follows Isaiah 66 below]

[No such parallels as above in Is 40-66]

July 23

[Is 40-66 cannot be dated. They may have been written at the time of Assyria’s invasion or latter in Isaiah’s ministry, ending in 697 BC: Jones.]

40:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg Is 40-41]

Isaiah 40

Comfort for God’s People

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”

Says your God. 2

“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and Cry out to her,

that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned;

For she has received from Y^{HWH}’s hand double for all her sins.”

3 ¶ [Q: Mt 3:3b || Mk 1:3 || Lu 3:4b-6]

The voice of one crying [& Jn 1:23] in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of Y^{HWH}; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God: 4 every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low;

the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places [made] smooth. 5

The glory of Y^{HWH} shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of Y^{HWH} has spoken.” 6

The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?”

[~Quoted in 1Pe 1:24-25]

“All flesh is [cf. Ja 1:10] [like] grass, and

All its loveliness is like the flower of the field: 7

the grass withers, the flower fades,

Because the breath of Y^{HWH} blows upon it;

Surely the people are grass: 8

the grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.”

9 ¶

O Zion, [↓ gospel] You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain;

O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid;

Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” 10

Behold, The Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}] shall come with a strong hand, and His arm [i.e., Messiah]

shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. 11

He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will [the good shepherd ^]

gather the lambs with His arm [i.e., Messiah], and carry them

in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

12 ¶ Who [what man] has [Pr 30:4]

measured the waters [Ge 1:2,6-8] in the hollow of His hand,

measured heaven [Jer 31:37; Ge 1:8] with a span and

calculated the dust of the land [earth] in a measure, weighed

the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13

Who has directed [cf. 1Co 2:16] the Spirit of Y^{HWH}, or as His counselor [also Ro 11:34]

has taught Him? 14

With whom did He take counsel, and Who instructed Him, and

taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and

showed Him the way of understanding? 15

Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust

on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles

as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,

Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations before Him are

as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.

18 ¶ To whom then will you liken God, or

What likeness will you compare to Him? 19

The workman molds an image, The goldsmith

overspreads it with gold, and The silversmith casts silver chains. 20

Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution

chooses a tree that will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman to prepare a carved image

that will not totter. 21 [Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes]

Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you
from **the beginning**?
Have you not understood
from **the foundations** of the land
[earth]? 22

It is **He** who sits above
the circle [*curve, arch*] of
the land [earth], and
its inhabitants are
like grasshoppers,

Who [*cf. Ge 1:7*]
stretches out the heavens
like a curtain [*Ps 104:2b*], and
spreads them out
like a tent to dwell in. 23

He brings the princes to nothing;
He makes
the judges of the lands [earth]
useless: 24

scarcely shall they be planted,
scarcely shall they be sown,
scarcely shall their stock
take root in the lands [earth],

when He
will also blow on them, and
they will wither, and
the whirlwind will take them away
like stubble. 25

**“To whom then will you liken Me, or
To whom shall I be equal?”,
says the Holy One.** 26

Lift up your eyes on high, and see
Who has created these things,
Who brings out their host by number;
[[^] the heavens']

He calls them all by name,
By the greatness of His might and
the strength of His power;
Not one is missing.

27 ¶
Why do you
say, O Jacob, and
speak, O Israel:
“My way is hidden from **YHWH**, and
my just claim is passed over
by my **God**”? 28

Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The Eternal [everlasting] God, **YHWH**,
[Hebrew: *Olam Elohim YHWH*;
cf. Ge 21:33; Ro 16:26]

The Creator of
the ends of the lands [earth],
neither faints nor is weary.
His understanding is unsearchable. 29
He gives power [*cf. 2Co 12:10*]
to the weak, and
to those who have no might

He increases strength. 30
Even

the youths
shall faint and be weary, and
the young men
shall utterly fall. 31

But [*cf. Jer 12:5ff*]
those who wait on **YHWH**
shall renew their strength; they
shall mount up with wings
like eagles, they
shall run and not be weary, they
shall walk and not faint.

41:1 ¶

Isaiah 41
God's Help for Israel
“Keep silence before **Me**,
O coastlands, and
Let the people renew their strength!
Let them come near, then
Let them speak;
Let us come near together
for judgment. 2

Who raised up one from the east?
[i.e., this conquering ruler]
Who in righteousness
called him to his feet?
Who gave the nations before him, and
made him rule over kings?
Who gave them [i.e., other nations]
as the dust to his sword,
as driven stubble to his bow? 3

Who pursued them, and
passed safely by the way that
he had not gone with his feet? 4
[i.e., over unfamiliar ground]

Who has performed and done it,
calling the generations
from the beginning?
“I, **YHWH**, am the first;
and with the last I am **He**.” 5

The coastlands saw it and
feared,
The ends of the lands [earth]
were afraid;

They drew near and came. 6
Everyone
helped his neighbor, and
said to his brother,
“Be of good courage!” 7

So the craftsman
encouraged the goldsmith;
he who smooths with the hammer
inspired him who strikes the anvil,
saying,

“It is ready for the soldering”;
Then he fastened it with pegs,
that it might not totter. 8

“But you, [the Church:]
Israel, are My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
the descendants of
[Referenced in Ja 2:23b]
Abraham My friend; 9

you whom I have taken from
the ends of the lands [earth], and
called from
its farthest regions, and
said to you,

“You are My servant,
I have chosen you and
have not cast you away: 10
Fear not,
for I am with you;
Be not dismayed,
for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, yes,
I will help you,
I will uphold you with
My righteous right hand.” 11

Behold, [i.e., [^] Messiah]
all those who were
incensed against you
shall be ashamed and disgraced;
they
shall be as nothing, and
those who strive with you
shall perish; 12
you shall
seek them and not find them —
those who contended with you;
those who war against you shall be
as nothing,
as a nonexistent thing. 13

For I, **YHWH your God**,
will hold your right hand,
saying to you,
“Fear not,
I will help you. 14
Fear not, [the Church:]
you worm Jacob,
you men of Israel!
I will help you”, [_v Messiah]
says **YHWH and your Redeemer,**
the Holy One of Israel. 15

“Behold, [_v the Church]
 I will make you into
 a new threshing sledge
 with sharp teeth;
 You shall [_v the nations]
 thresh the mountains and
 beat them small, and
 make the hills like chaff. 16
 You shall
 winnow them,
 the wind shall
 carry them away, and
 the whirlwind shall
 scatter them;
 You shall
 rejoice in Y_{HWH}, and
 glory in the Holy One of Israel. 17
 The poor and needy seek water,
 but there is none,
 Their tongues fail for thirst.
 I, Y_{HWH},
 will hear them;
 I, the God of Israel,
 will not forsake them. 18
 I will open
 rivers
 in desolate heights, and
 fountains
 in the midst of the valleys;
 I will make
 the wilderness
 a pool of water, and
 the dry land
 springs of water. 19
 I will plant
 in the wilderness
 the cedar and the acacia tree,
 the myrtle and the oil tree;

I will set
 in the desert
 the cypress tree and the pine and
 the box tree together, 20
 that they may
 see and know, and
 consider and understand
 together, that
 The hand of Y_{HWH}
 has done this, and
 The Holy One of Israel
 has created [Hebrew: bara] it.
 21 ¶
 “Present your case”, [re idols]
 says Y_{HWH}.
 “Bring forth your strong reasons”,
 says the King of Jacob. 22
 “Let them [i.e., idols]
 bring forth and
 show us what will happen;
 Let them
 show the former things,
 what they were,
 That we may
 consider them, and
 know the latter end of them; or
 declare to us
 things to come. 23
 Show the
 things that are to come hereafter,
 That we may
 know that you are gods;
 Yes, do good or do evil,
 [but do something!]
 That we may
 be dismayed and
 see it together. 24

Indeed,
 you are nothing, and
 your work is nothing;
 he who chooses you is
 an abomination. 25
 I have raised up one [Cyrus]
 from the north, and
 he shall come;
 from the rising of the sun
 [from the east, via a nor. route]
 he shall call on My name; and
 he shall come against princes
 as though mortar,
 as the potter treads clay. 26
 Who has declared from
 the beginning,
 that we may know, and
 former times,
 that we may say,
 ‘He is righteous [right]’?
 Surely there is no one who shows,
 Surely there is no one who declares,
 Surely there is no one who hears
 your words. 27
 The first time I said to Zion,
 ‘Look, there they are!’, and
 [NLT: ‘Look, help is on the way!’]
 I will give to Jerusalem one
 who brings good tidings. 28 For
 I looked, and
 there was no man [idol];
 I looked among them, but
 there was no counselor,
 who, when I asked of them,
 could answer a word. 29
 Indeed,
 they are all worthless;
 their works are nothing;
 their molded images are
 wind and confusion.

42:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 42-48]
Isaiah 42
Y_{HWH}'s Chosen Servant
 [vv1-4 ~Quoted in Mt 12:18-21]
 “Behold!
 My Servant [Messiah]
 whom I uphold,
 My Elect One
 in whom My soul delights!
 I have put My Spirit upon Him;
 He will bring forth justice
 to the Gentiles. 2
 He will not
 cry out, nor
 raise His voice, nor
 cause His voice to be heard
 in the street. 3
 A bruised reed He will not break, and
 Smoking flax He will not quench;
 He will bring forth justice for truth. 4
 He will not fail nor be discouraged,
 Till He has established justice in
 the lands [earth]; and
 the coastlands [far from Israel]
 shall wait for His law.”
 5 ¶
 Thus says God Y_{HWH},
 Who [cf. Genesis 1 Parallels]
 created the heavens [Ge 1:1] and
 stretched them out [Ge 1:7a],
 Who spread forth
 the soil [earth] [Ge 1:7b] and
 that which comes from it [Ge 1:11],
 Who gives [Ge 2:7b] [1:24, ^2:7a]
 breath to the people on it, and
 spirit to those who walk on it: 6
 “I, Y_{HWH},
 have called You [Messiah]
 in righteousness, and
 will hold Your hand;

I will
 keep You and
 give You [*the Church*]
 as a covenant to the people,
 as a light to the Gentiles, 7
 To open blind eyes, [*9:2; 49:6*]
 To bring out
 prisoners
 from the prison,
 those who sit in darkness
 from the prison house. 8
 I am YHWH, that is My name; and
 My glory I will not give to another, nor
 My praise to carved images. 9
 Behold,
 the former things
 have come to pass, and
 new things
 I declare;
 before they spring forth
 I tell you of them.” 10

A Song of Praise to YHWH

Sing to YHWH
 a new song, and
 His praise
 from the ends of the lands [earth],
 you who go down to the sea, and
 all that is in it,
 you coastlands and
 you inhabitants of them! 11
 Let
 the wilderness and its cities
 lift up their voice,
 the villages that Kedar inhabits.
 Let the inhabitants of Sela sing,
 Let them shout
 from the top of the mountains. 12
 Let them
 give glory to YHWH, and
 declare His praise
 in the coastlands.

13 ¶
 YHWH shall go forth
 like a mighty man [Messiah];
 He shall stir up His zeal
 like a man of war [Messiah].
 He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud;
 He shall prevail against His enemies. 14
 “I have
 held My peace a long time,
 I have
 been still and
 restrained Myself. Now
 I will cry like a woman in labor,
 I will pant and gasp at once. 15
 I will
 lay waste
 the mountains and hills, and
 dry up all their vegetation;
 I will
 make the rivers coastlands, and
 I will
 dry up the pools. 16
 I will
 bring the blind
 by a way they did not know;
 I will
 lead them
 in paths they have not known.
 I will
 make
 darkness light before them, and
 crooked places straight.
 These things
 I will
 do for them, and
 not forsake them; 17
 they shall be turned back,
 they shall be greatly ashamed,
 who trust in carved images,
 who say to the molded images,
 ‘You are our gods.’

18 ¶

Israel’s Failure to See and Listen

“Hear, you deaf; and
 Look, you blind, that you may see. 19
 Who is
 blind but My servant [Israel], or
 deaf as My messenger [Israel]
 whom I send?
 Who is
 blind as he who is perfect, and
 blind as YHWH’s servant? 20
 Seeing many things,
 but you do not observe;
 Opening the ears,
 but he does not hear.” 21
 YHWH is well pleased
 for His righteousness’ sake;
 He will
 exalt the law and
 make it honorable. 22
 But this is a people
 robbed and
 plundered;
 all of them are snared in holes, and
 they are hidden in prison houses;
 they are
 for prey, and no one delivers;
 for plunder, and no one says,
 “Restore!” 23
 Who among you will give ear to this?
 Who will
 listen and
 hear for the time to come? 24
 Who gave
 Jacob for plunder, and
 Israel to the robbers?
 Was it not
 YHWH,
 He
 against whom we have sinned?

For they would not walk in His ways,
 Nor were they obedient to His law. 25
 Therefore
 He has poured on him [Jacob=Israel]
 the fury of His anger and
 the strength of battle;
 it has set him on fire all around,
 yet he did not know; and
 it burned him,
 yet he did not take it to heart.

43:1 ¶

Isaiah 43

The Savior of Israel

But now, thus says YHWH,
 who created you, O Jacob, and He
 who formed you, O Israel:
 “Fear not, for
 I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by your name;
 You are Mine. 2
 When you pass
 through the waters,
 I will be with you; and
 through the rivers,
 they shall not overflow you.
 When you walk through the fire,
 you shall not be burned, [Da 3]
 nor shall the flame scorch you. 3
 For I am
 YHWH your God,
 The Holy One of Israel,
 Your Savior;
 I gave
 Egypt for your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4
 Since you were precious in My sight,
 you have been honored, and
 I have loved you.

Therefore
 I will give
 men for you, and
 people for your life. 5
 Fear not, for I am with you;
 I will
 bring your descendants
 from the east, and
 gather you
 from the west; 6
 I will say to the north,
 ‘Give them up!’,
 and to the south,
 ‘Do not keep them back!’
 Bring [“Let My people go!”]
 My sons
 from afar, and
 My daughters
 from the ends of the lands [earth]
 — 7
 Everyone
 who is called
 by My name,
 whom I have created [bara]
 for My glory; [↕↑ Hebrew]
 I have formed [yatsar] him, yes,
 I have made [asah] him.”
 8 ¶
 Bring out
 the blind people
 who have eyes, and
 the deaf
 who have ears. 9
 Let all the nations
 be gathered together, and

Let the people
 be assembled.
 Who among them
 can declare this, and
 show us former things?
 Let them bring out their witnesses,
 that they may be justified; or
 Let them hear and say,
 “It is truth.” 10
 “You are My witnesses”,
 says YHWH,
 “And My servant
 whom I have chosen,
 that you may
 know and believe Me, and
 understand that I am He.
 Before Me
 there was no God formed,
 nor shall there be after Me. 11
 I, even I, am YHWH, and
 Besides Me
 there is no savior. 12
 I have declared and saved,
 I have proclaimed, and
 there was no foreign god
 among you;
 Therefore you are My witnesses”,
 says YHWH,
 “that I am God. 13
 Indeed,
 Before the day was,
 I am He; and
 there is no one who can deliver
 out of My hand;
 I work, and who will reverse it?”

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43:14 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 42-48]

Isaiah 43:14 ¶
 YHWH's Promise of Victory

Thus says
 YHWH,
 your Redeemer,
 The Holy One of Israel:
 “For your sake I will
 send to Babylon, and
 [send an invading army to B. to]
 bring them all down as fugitives —
 the Chaldeans [i.e., Babylonians],
 who rejoice in their ships. 15

I am
 YHWH,
 your Holy One,
 The Creator of Israel,
 your King.” 16
 Thus says YHWH,
 who makes
 a way
 in the sea and
 a path
 through the mighty waters, 17

who brings forth
 the chariot and horse,
 the army and the power
 (they shall lie down together,
 they shall not rise;
 they are extinguished,
 they are quenched like a wick
): 18

“Do not remember the former things,
 Nor consider the things of old. 19
 Behold,
 I will do a new thing,
 Now it shall spring forth;
 Shall you not know it?”

I will even make
 a road in the wilderness and
 rivers in the desert. 20
 The beast of the field will honor Me,
 The dragons [jackals] [dinosaurs]
 and the ostriches,
 Because
 I give
 waters in the wilderness and
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to
 My people,
 My chosen. 21
 This people I have formed for Myself;
 They shall declare My praise.
 22 ¶ But
 You have not called upon Me,
 O Jacob; and
 You have been weary of Me,
 O Israel. 23
 You have not brought Me
 the sheep for your burnt offerings,
 Nor have you honored Me
 with your sacrifices.
 I have not caused you to serve
 with grain offerings,
 Nor wearied you
 with incense. 24
 You have bought Me
 no sweet cane with money,
 Nor have you satisfied Me
 with the fat of your sacrifices; but
 You have burdened Me
 with your sins,
 You have wearied Me
 with your iniquities. 25
 I, even I, am He
 who blots out your transgressions
 for My own sake; and
 I will not remember your sins. 26

Put **Me** in remembrance;
Let us contend [*judge*] together;
State your *case*,
that you may be acquitted. 27
Your **first** father [*Adam*]
sinned, and
Your mediators [*priests*]
have transgressed against **Me**. 28
Therefore
I will profane
the princes of the sanctuary;
I will give
Jacob to the curse, and
Israel to reproaches.

44:1 ¶

Isaiah 44

“Yet hear **now**,
O **Jacob My servant**, and
Israel whom I have chosen. 2
Thus says YHWH
who
made you and
formed you from the womb,
who
will help you:
“Fear not,
O **Jacob My servant**; and you,
Jeshurun, [*cf. De 32:15, 4th of 4*]
whom I have chosen. 3
For I will pour
water on him who is thirsty, and
floods on the dry ground;
I will pour
My Spirit on your descendants, and
My blessing on your offspring; 4
they will spring up
among the grass like willows
by the watercourses.” 5

One will say,
‘I am **YHWH**’s’;
Another will
call *himself* by
the name of **Jacob**;
Another will
write *with [on]* his hand,
‘**YHWH**’s’, and
name *himself* by
the name of **Israel**.

6

The Foolishness of Idols

Thus says

YHWH,
The King of **Israel**, and
His Redeemer [*Israel’s redeemer*],
YHWH of hosts:

‘I am the First and I am the Last;
Besides **Me** there is no **God**. 7
And who can proclaim as I do?

Then let him
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 show these to them. 8
Do not fear, nor be afraid;
Have I not
told you **from that time**, and
declared *that*
you are **My witnesses**?
Is there a **God** besides **Me**?
Indeed,
there is no other Rock;
I know not *one*.”

9 ¶

Those who make an image,
all of them *are* useless, and
their precious things
shall not profit;
they *are* their own witnesses;
they neither see nor know,
that they may be ashamed. 10

Who would
form a god or
mold an image
that profits him nothing? 11
Surely all his companions
would be ashamed; and
the workmen,
they *are* mere men.
Let them all be gathered together,
Let them stand up; yet
they shall fear,
they shall be ashamed together. 12
The blacksmith with the tongs
works one [*idol*] in the coals,
fashions it with hammers, and
works it with the strength of his arms.
Even so,

he is hungry, and
his strength fails;
he drinks no water and is faint. 13
The craftsman stretches out *his* rule,
He marks one [*idol*] out with chalk;
He fashions it with a plane,
He marks it out with the compass, and
makes it like the figure of a man,
according to the beauty of a man,
that it may remain in the house. 14
He cuts down cedars for himself, and
takes the cypress and the oak;
He secures it for himself
among the trees of the forest.
He plants a pine,
and the rain nourishes it. 15

Then it shall be for a man to burn,
for he will take some of it
and warm himself; yes,
he kindles it and bakes bread;
Indeed,
he makes a god and worships it;
he makes it a carved image, and
falls down to it; 16
he burns half of it in the fire;
with this half he eats meat;
he roasts a roast,
and is satisfied.
he even warms *himself* and says,
“Ah! I am warm,
I have seen the fire.” 17
And the rest of it
he makes into
a god,
his carved image;
he falls down before it and
worships it,
prays to it and
says,
“Deliver me,
for you *are* my god!” 18
They do not know nor understand;
For **He** has shut
their eyes,
so that they cannot see, *and*
their hearts,
so that they cannot understand. 19
And no one considers in his heart,
Nor is there
knowledge nor
understanding
to say,
“I have burned half of it in the fire,
Yes,
I have also baked bread on its coals;
I have roasted meat and eaten it;
And

Shall I make the rest of it
 an abomination?
 Shall I fall down before
 a block of wood?" 20

He feeds on ashes;
 A deceived heart has turned him
 aside; and
 he cannot deliver his soul, nor say,
 "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

21 ¶
Restoration for Jerusalem
 "Remember these,
 O Jacob, and
 Israel, for
 you are My servant;
 I have formed you,
 you are My servant;
 O Israel,
 you will not be forgotten by Me! 22

I have blotted out,
 like a thick cloud,
 your transgressions, and
 like a cloud,
 your sins.

Return to Me,
 for I have redeemed you." 23

Sing,
 O heavens,
 for YHWH has done it!

Shout,
 you lower parts of the land [earth];
 Break forth into singing,
 you mountains,
 O forest, and
 every tree in it!

For YHWH has
 redeemed Jacob, and
 glorified Himself in Israel. 24

Thus says
 YHWH,
 your Redeemer, and
 He who formed you from the womb:

"I am YHWH, [cf. *Genesis 1 Parallels*]
 who makes all things,
 who stretches out the heavens
 all alone, [Ge 1:7a]
 who spreads abroad the soil [earth]
 by Myself; [Ge 1:7b] 25
 who
 frustrates
 the signs of the babblers, and
 drives diviners mad;
 who
 turns wise men
 backward, and
 makes their knowledge
 foolishness; 26
 who
 confirms the word
 of His servant, and
 performs the counsel
 of His messengers;
 who says to Jerusalem,
 'You shall be inhabited',
 to the cities of Judah,
 'You shall be built', and
 'I will raise up
 her waste places'; 27
 who says to the deep [Euphrates],
 'Be dry!', and
 'I will dry up your rivers'; 28
 [E.R. dried up by rerouting;
 army went under the wall]
 who says of Cyrus,
 'He is My shepherd', and
 'He shall perform
 all My pleasure',
 [NKJ: makes the next Cyrus' words] }
 who says to Jerusalem, [LXX]
 'You shall be built', and
 to the temple, [Zec 1:16]
 'Your foundation
 shall be laid.' "

45:1 ¶
Isaiah 45
Cyrus, YHWH's Chosen One
Thus says YHWH
 to His anointed,
 to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have held —
 to subdue nations before him and
 loose the armor of kings,
 to open before him the double doors,
 so that the gates will not be shut: 2

"I will
 go before you and
 make the crooked places straight;
 I will
 break in pieces
 the gates of bronze and
 cut
 the bars of iron. 3

I will
 give you
 the treasures of darkness and
 hidden riches of secret places,
 That you may know that I, YHWH,
 who call you by your name,
 am the God of Israel. 4

For
 Jacob My servant's sake, and
 Israel My elect,
 I have even called you by your name;
 I have named you [Cyrus],
 though you have not known Me.

5 ¶
 I am YHWH, and
 there is no other;
 there is no God besides Me.
 I will gird you [Cyrus],
 though you have not known Me, 6
 That they may know
 from the rising of the sun
 to its setting
 That there is none besides Me.

I am YHWH, and
 there is no other; 7
 I form the light and create darkness,
 [^Ge 1:3 (yatsar)] [^Ge 1:1-2 (bara)]
 I make peace and create calamity;
 I, YHWH, do all these things. 8

Rain down, you heavens,
 from above, and
 Let the skies pour down
 righteousness;
 Let the land [earth] open,
 Let them [heavens and land]
 bring forth
 salvation, and
 Let
 righteousness
 spring up together.
 [together with salvation?]
 I, YHWH, have created it. 9

Woe to him
 who strives with his Maker!
 Let the potsherd strive with
 the potsherds of the land [earth]!
 Shall the clay say to him who forms it,
 'What are you making?' Or
 Shall your handiwork say,
 'He has no hands'? 10

Woe to him who says
 to his father,
 'What are you begetting?' Or
 to the woman,
 'What have you brought forth?'"

11 ¶
Thus says
 YHWH,
 The Holy One of Israel, and
 His [Israel's] Maker
 [yatsar: ^ former, fashioner]:
 "Ask Me of things to come
 concerning My sons; and
 concerning the work of My hands,
 you command Me. 12
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[Those may have been questions:
Do you ask...? Do you command Me?
See NIV, NLT, (N)RSV, MSG.]

I have [cf. [Genesis 1 Parallels](#)]
made the land [earth] [[Ge 1:9](#)], and
created man on it [[Ge 1:27](#)].

I — My hands — [[Ge 1:7](#)]
stretched out the heavens, and
all their host [[Ge 1:14](#)]

I have commanded. 13

I have raised him [Cyrus: v1, 44:28] up
in righteousness, and [^rMessiah?]

I will direct all his ways;
he shall build My city and
let My exiles go free,
not for price nor reward”,
says YHWH of hosts. 14

Future Conversion of Gentiles

Thus says YHWH:

“The labor of Egypt and
merchandise
of Cush [Ethiopia] and
of the Sabceans, men of stature,
[“drunkards”, the people of Seba]
shall come over to you, and
they shall be yours;
they shall walk behind you,
they shall come over in chains; and
they shall bow down to you;
they will make supplication to you,
saying,

‘Surely
God is in you, and
there is no other;
there is no other God.’” 15

Truly,
You are God,
who hide Yourself,
O God of Israel,
the Savior! 16

They [makers of idols: v16b] shall be
ashamed and also
disgraced,
all of them;

They shall go in confusion together,
who are makers of idols. 17 But

Israel shall be saved by YHWH
with an everlasting salvation;
You shall not be [^ Olam: Eternal]
ashamed or
disgraced

forever and ever. 18

For thus says

YHWH, [cf. [Genesis 1 Parallels](#)]
who created the heavens [[Ge 1:1](#)],
who is God,
who formed the land [earth] and
made it, [[Ge 1:9](#)]
who has established it, [[Ge 1:1](#)];
who did not create it in vain,
[not ready the 1st day ([Ge 1:2](#))
but the 6th ([Ge 1:26-27](#))]
who formed it to be inhabited:

“I am YHWH, and
there is no other. 19

I have not spoken
in secret,
in a dark place of the land [earth];

I did not say to the seed of Jacob,
‘Seek Me in vain’;

I, YHWH, speak righteousness,
I declare things that are right.

20 ¶
Assemble yourselves and come;
Draw near together,
you who have escaped
from the nations.

They have no knowledge, who
carry the wood of
their carved image, and
pray to
a god that cannot save. 21

Tell and bring forth your case; yes,
Let them take counsel together.

Who has declared this
from ancient time?

Who has told it
from that time?

Have not I, YHWH? And
there is no other God besides Me,
a just God and
a Savior;
there is none besides Me. 22

Look to Me, and be saved,
all you ends of the lands [earth]!

For [^rnot just believers]

I am God, and
there is no other. 23

I have sworn by Myself;
The word
has gone out of My mouth
in righteousness, and
shall not return [be frustrated],
that to Me

[Quoted by Paul in [Ro 14:12](#)
and [Php 2:9-11](#)]

[_vnot just believers]

every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall take an oath: 24
[Hence, universal reconciliation?]
he shall say, [^ eventually?]

‘Surely,

In YHWH

I have
righteousness and
strength.’”

To Him men [Gentiles] shall come, and
all shall be ashamed
who are incensed against Him. 25

In YHWH
all the descendants of Israel [Jews]
shall be justified, and
shall glory.

46:1 ¶

Isaiah 46

Babylon's False Gods Mocked

Bel¹² [“lord”] bows down,
Nebo¹³ [“prophet”] stoops;

Their [Babylon's] idols were
on the beasts and
on the cattle.

Your carriages were
heavily loaded,
a burden to the weary beast. 2

They [Bel & Nebo] stoop,
they bow down together;
They could not deliver the burden, But
have themselves gone into captivity. 3

“Listen to Me,

O house of Jacob, and
all the remnant of
the house of Israel,
who have been
upheld by Me from birth,
who have been
carried from the womb: 4
even to your old age,

I am He, and
even to gray hairs
I will carry you!
I have made, and
I will bear; even
I will carry, and
will deliver you.

5 ¶

To whom will you
liken Me, and
make Me equal and
compare Me,
that we should be alike? 6

60—
¹² A chief Babylonian deity.

¹³ A Babylonian deity who presided over
learning and letters; corresponds to Greek
Hermes, Latin Mercury, and Egyptian Thoth.
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They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver on the scales; They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god; They prostrate themselves, yes, They worship. 7 They bear it on the shoulder, They carry it and set it in its place, and it stands; from its place it shall not move. Though one cries out to it, yet it cannot answer nor save him out of his trouble. 8 Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 declaring the end [results, termination] from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure', 11 Calling a bird of prey [Cyrus? Cf. 47:1] from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country [Persia?]. Indeed, I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it. 12

Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, who are far from righteousness: 13 I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, for Israel My glory."

47:1 ¶

Isaiah 47

Prediction of Babylon's Fall

"Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called tender and delicate. 2 Take the millstones and grind meal. Remove your veil, Take off the skirt, Uncover the thigh, Pass through the rivers. 3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, Yes, your shame will be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not arbitrate with a man." 4

As for

Our Redeemer, YHWH of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel: 5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; For you shall no longer be called The Lady of Kingdoms. 6

I was angry with My people; I have profaned My inheritance, and given them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; on the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily. 7 ¶ And you said, 'I shall be a lady forever', So that you did not take these things to heart, nor remember the latter end of them. 8 Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children'; 9 But these two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments. 10 For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, 'No one sees me'; Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you have said in your heart,

'I am, and there is no one else besides me.' 11 Therefore evil shall come upon you; you shall not know from where it arises; and trouble shall fall upon you; you will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know. 12 Stand now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth — Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail. 13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you. 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; it shall not be a coal to be warmed by, nor a fire to sit before! 15 Thus shall they be to you with whom you have labored, your merchants from your youth; They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you."

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48:1 ¶ [Audio: [S. Gregg Is 42-48](#)]

Isaiah 48

God's Stubborn People

Hear this,

O house of Jacob,
who are called
by the name of Israel,
and have come forth
from the wellsprings of Judah;
who swear
by the name of Y^{HWH},
and make
mention of the God of Israel, but
not in truth or in righteousness;²
(For they
call themselves
after the holy city, and
lean on the God of Israel —
Y^{HWH} of hosts is His name)

[hear this]: 3

“I have declared
the former things
from the beginning;
they went forth from My mouth,
and I caused them to hear it.

Suddenly

I did them, and they came to pass. 4
Because I knew that
you were obstinate, and
your neck was an iron sinew, and
your brow bronze, 5
even from the beginning
I have declared it to you;
before it came to pass
I proclaimed it to you,
lest you should say,
‘My idol has done them, and
my carved image and
my molded image
have commanded them.’ 6

You have heard;
See all this.
And will you not declare it?
I have made you hear
new things from this time,
even hidden things,
and you did not know them. 7
They are created
now and
not from the beginning; and
before this day
you have not heard them,
lest you should say,
‘Of course I knew them.’ 8
Surely you did not hear,
Surely you did not know;
Surely from long ago
your ear was not opened.

For I knew that you
would deal very treacherously, and
were called a transgressor
from the womb.

9 ¶
For My name's sake
I will defer My anger, and
For My praise
I will restrain it from you,
So that I do not cut you off. 10
Behold,
I have refined you,
but not as silver;
I have tested you
in the furnace of affliction. 11
For My own sake,
For My own sake,
I will do it;
For how should
My name be profaned? And
I will not give
My glory to another. 12

Freedom From Babylon

Listen to Me,
O Jacob, and
Israel,
My called:
I am He,
I am the First,
I am also the Last. 13
Indeed, [cf. [Genesis 1 Parallels](#)]
My hand has laid the foundation of
the land [earth] [Ge 1:9], and
My right hand has stretched out
the heavens [Ge 1:7];
When I call to them,
they stand up together. 14
All of you,
assemble yourselves, and
hear!
Who among them [your idols]
has declared these things?
Y^{HWH} loves him [Cyrus];
he shall do his pleasure
on Babylon, and
his arm shall be
against the Chaldeans. 15
I, even I, have spoken; yes,
I have called him [Cyrus],
I have brought him [Cyrus],
and his way will prosper.
16 ¶
Come near to Me, hear this:
I have not spoken in secret
from the beginning;
from the time that it was,
I was there.”
And now
The Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}] and
His Spirit
have sent me [Isaiah]. 17

Thus says

Y^{HWH} your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
“I am Y^{HWH} your God,
who teaches you to profit,
who leads you
by the way you should go. 18
Oh, that you had heeded
My commandments!
Then
your peace would have been
like a river, and
your righteousness
like the waves of the sea; 19
your descendants also
would have been
like the sand, and
the offspring of your body
like the grains of sand;
his name would not have been
cut off nor destroyed
from before Me.” 20
Go forth from Babylon!
Flee from the Chaldeans!
With a voice of singing,
Declare,
Proclaim this,
Utter it to the end of the lands [earth];
Say,
“Y^{HWH} has redeemed
His servant Jacob!” 21
And they did not thirst when
He led them through the deserts;
He caused the waters to flow
from the rock for them;
He also split the rock,
and the waters gushed out. 22
“[But] There is no peace”,
says Y^{HWH},
“for the wicked.”

Isaiah 49

YHWH's Servant Commissioned

“Listen,
 O coastlands, to me, and take heed,
 you peoples from afar!
 YHWH has called me [Israel: v3]
 from the womb;
 from the matrix of my mother
 He has made mention of my name. 2
 And
 He has made my mouth
 like a sharp sword;
 in the shadow of His hand
 He has hidden me,
 and made me a polished shaft;
 In His quiver He has hidden me. 3
 And He said to me,
 ‘You are My servant, O Israel,
 In whom I will be glorified.’ 4
 Then I said,
 ‘I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength
 for nothing and
 in vain; yet surely
 my just reward is with YHWH, and
 my work with my God.’” 5
 And now YHWH says [to Isaiah],
 Who formed me from the womb
 to be His servant,
 to bring Jacob back to Him,
 so that Israel is gathered to Him
 (For I shall be glorious
 in the eyes of YHWH, and
 my God shall be my strength), 6
 indeed He says,

“It is too small a thing that
 you should be My servant
 to raise up
 the tribes of Jacob, and
 to restore
 the preserved ones of Israel;
 I will also give you as
 a light to the Gentiles,
 that you should be My salvation
 to the ends of the lands [earth].”

7 ¶
 Thus says
 YHWH,
 The Redeemer of Israel,
 their Holy One. [to Israel:]
 to him whom man despises,
 to him whom the nation abhors,
 to the servant of rulers:
 ‘Kings shall see and arise,
 Princes also shall worship,
 Because of
 YHWH who is faithful,
 The Holy One of Israel; and
 He has chosen you [Israel].”

8
Promises of Israel's Restoration
 Thus says YHWH:

[Quoted by Paul in 2Co 6:2]
 “In an acceptable time
 I have heard You, and
 in the day of salvation
 I have helped You;
 I will preserve You
 and give You
 as a covenant to the people,
 to restore the lands [earth],
 to cause them to inherit
 the desolate heritages; 9
 That You may say to the prisoners,
 ‘Go forth’,
 To those who are in darkness,
 ‘Show yourselves’.

They shall feed along the roads, and
 their pastures shall be
 on all desolate heights. 10
 They shall neither hunger nor thirst,
 Neither heat nor sun shall strike them;
 For He who has mercy on them
 will lead them,
 even by the springs of water
 He will guide them. 11
 I will make each of
 My mountains a road, and
 My highways shall be elevated. 12
 Surely these shall come from afar;
 Look!
 Those from the north and the west,
 and these from the land of Sinim
 [“thorns”; extremity of the known world].”

13 ¶
 Sing, O heavens!
 Be joyful, O land [earth]! And
 Break out in singing, O mountains!
 For YHWH
 has comforted
 His people, and
 will have mercy on
 His afflicted. 14
 But Zion said,
 “YHWH has forsaken me, and
 my Lord has forgotten me.” 15
 “Can a woman forget
 her nursing child,
 and not have compassion on
 the son of her womb? [Never!]
 Surely they may forget,
 Yet I will not forget you. 16
 See, I have inscribed you
 on the palms of My hands;
 your walls are continually before Me; 17
 your sons shall make haste [to return];
 your destroyers and
 those who laid you waste
 shall go away from you.

18 ¶
 Lift up your eyes,
 Look around and see;
 All these [your sons] gather together
 and come to you.
 As I live”,
 says YHWH, [Future restoration:]
 “You shall surely [↑ the church]
 clothe yourselves with them all
 as an ornament, and
 bind them on you
 as a bride does. 19
 For
 your waste and desolate places, and
 the land of your destruction,
 will even now be too small
 for the inhabitants; and
 those who swallowed you up
 will be far away. 20
 The children you will have,
 after you have lost the others,
 will say again in your ears,
 ‘The place is too small for me;
 Give me a place
 where I may dwell.’ 21
 Then you will say in your heart,
 ‘Who has begotten these for me,
 Since I
 have lost my children and am
 desolate,
 a captive, and
 wandering to and fro? And
 Who has brought these up?
 There I was, left alone; But these,
 Where were they?’” 22
 Thus says the Lord YHWH
 [Adonai YHWH]:
 “Behold, I will
 lift My hand in an oath
 to the nations [Gentiles], and
 set up My standard
 for the peoples;
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They shall bring
 your sons
 in *their* arms, and
 your daughters
 shall be carried
 on *their* shoulders; 23
 Kings shall be your foster fathers, and
 their queens your nursing mothers;
 They shall
 bow down to you
 with *their* faces
 to the ground [earth], and
 lick up the dust of your feet.
 Then you will know that
 I am YHWH,
 For they shall not be ashamed
 who wait for Me.”

24 ¶
 Shall the prey be taken
 from the mighty, or
 the captives of the righteous
 be delivered? 25
 But thus says YHWH:
 “Even the captives of the mighty
 shall be taken away, and
 the prey of the terrible
 be delivered;
 For I will contend with him
 who contends with you, and
 I will save your children. 26
 I will feed those who oppress
 you with their own flesh, And they
 shall be drunk with their own blood
 as with sweet wine.
 All flesh shall know that
 I, YHWH, am
 your Savior, and
 your Redeemer,
 the Mighty One of Jacob.”

50:1 ¶
Isaiah 50
Thus says YHWH:
 “Where is the certificate
 of your mother’s divorce,
 whom I have put away? Or
 Which of My creditors is it to
 whom I have sold you?
 For your iniquities
 you have sold yourselves, and
 for your transgressions
 your mother has been put away. 2
 Why, when I came,
 was there no man?
 Why, when I called,
 was there none to answer?
 Is My hand shortened at all
 that it cannot redeem? Or
 Have I no power to deliver?
 Indeed with My rebuke
 I dry up the sea,
 I make the rivers a wilderness;
 their fish
 stink because
 there is no water, and
 die of thirst. 3
 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and
 I make sackcloth their covering.”

4 ¶
YHWH’s Obedient Servant
 “The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]
 has given Me [Messiah]
 The tongue of the learned,
 That I should know how to speak
 A word in season to *him who is* weary.
 He awakens Me morning by morning,
 He awakens My ear
 To hear as the learned. 5

The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]
 has opened My ear;
 And I was not rebellious,
 Nor did I turn away. 6
 I gave My back to those
 who struck Me,
 And My cheeks to those
 who plucked out the beard;
 I did not hide My face from
 shame and spitting. 7
 For the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]
 will help Me;
 Therefore I will not be disgraced;
 Therefore I have set My face
 like a flint, And I know
 that I will not be ashamed. 8
 He is near who justifies Me;
 Who will contend with Me?
 Let us stand together.
 Who is My adversary?
 Let him come near Me. 9
 Surely the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]
 will help Me;
 Who is he who will condemn Me?
 Indeed they will all grow old
 like a garment;
 The moth will eat them up.

10 ¶
 Who among you fears YHWH?
 Who obeys the voice of His Servant?
 Who walks in darkness
 And has no light?
 Let him trust in the name of YHWH
 And rely upon his God. 11
 Look, all you who kindle a fire,
 Who encircle yourselves with sparks:
 Walk in the light of your fire and
 in the sparks you have kindled —
 This you shall have from My hand:
 You shall lie down in torment.

51:1 ¶
Isaiah 51
A Call to Trust YHWH
 “Listen to Me [Messiah],
 You who follow after righteousness,
 You who seek YHWH:
 Look to the rock
 from which you were hewn,
 And to the hole of the pit
 from which you were dug. 2
 Look to Abraham your father,
 And to Sarah who bore you;
 For I called him alone,
 And blessed him and increased him.”³
 For YHWH will comfort Zion,
 He will comfort all her waste places;
 He will make her wilderness
 like Eden,
 And her desert
 like the garden of YHWH:
 Joy and gladness
 will be found in it,
 Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

4 ¶ [or, still **Messiah**, so **Me**, **My**]
 “Listen to **Me**, **My people**, And
 Give ear to **Me**, O **My nation**:
 For law will proceed from **Me**,
 And I will make **My justice rest**
 As a light of the peoples. 5
My righteousness is near,
My salvation has gone forth, And
My arms will judge the peoples;
The coastlands will wait upon Me,
 And on **My arm** they will trust. 6
 Lift up your eyes to
 the heavens, And
 Look on
 the lands [earth] beneath. For
 [From old to new order:]
 The heavens will vanish away
 like smoke,
 The land [earth] will grow old
 like a garment, And
 Those who dwell in it
 will die in like manner; But
My salvation will be
forever, And
My righteousness will not be
 abolished. 7
 Listen to **Me**,
 You who know **righteousness**,
 You people in whose heart is **My law**:
 Do not fear the reproach of men,
 Nor be afraid of their insults. 8
 The moth will eat them up
 like a garment, And
 The worm will eat them
 like wool; But
My righteousness will be
forever, And
My salvation ...
from generation to generation.”

9 ¶

Awake, awake! Put on strength,
 O arm of YHWH!
 Awake as
 in the ancient days,
 in the generations of old.
 Are You not the arm that
 cut Rahab¹⁴ [“breadth”] apart, And
 wounded the dragon [serpent]? 10
 Are You not the One [^ dinosaur]
 who dried up
 The [Red] Sea,
 The waters of the great deep;
 Who [That] made
 The depths of the sea a road
 For the redeemed to cross over?
 11
 So the ransomed of YHWH shall
 return, And
 come to Zion with singing,
 With everlasting joy on their heads.
 They shall obtain [cf. 35:2]
 joy and gladness;
 Sorrow and sighing
 shall flee away. 12
 “I, even I, am He who comforts you.
 Who are you that you should be afraid
 Of a man
 who will die, And
 Of the son of a man
 who will be made like grass? 13
 And you forget [Genesis 1 Parallels]
YHWH your Maker, who
stretched out the heavens [Ge 1:7] and
laid the foundations of the land
 [earth] [Ge 1:9];
 You have feared continually every day
 Because of the fury of the oppressor,
 When he has prepared to destroy.
 And

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¹⁴ A great sea monster; emblematic name
 of Egypt. Cf. Isa 30:7b, Ps 87:4.

Where is the fury of the oppressor? 14
 The captive exile hastens,
 That he may be loosed,
 That he should not die in the pit,
 And
 That his bread should not fail. 15
 But I am YHWH your God,
 Who divided the sea
 whose waves roared —
 YHWH of hosts is His name. 16
 And I have put My words
 in your mouth;
 I have covered you
 with the shadow of My hand,
 That I may [make a new order:]
 plant the heavens [Ge 1:7],
 lay the foundations of the land
 [earth] [Ge 1:9], and
 say to Zion,
 “You are My people.”
 17 ¶ [Judgment on the old order:]
 Awake, awake! Stand up,
 O Jerusalem,
 You who have drunk
 at the hand of YHWH
 The cup of His fury;
 You have drunk
 the dregs of the cup of trembling,
 And drained it out. 18
 There is no one to guide her
 Among all the sons
 she has brought forth;
 Nor is there any who takes her
 by the hand
 Among all the sons
 she has brought up. 19

These two things have come to you:
 Who will be sorry for you? —
 Desolation and destruction,
 Famine and sword—
 By whom will I comfort you? 20
 Your sons have fainted,
 They lie at the head of all the streets,
 Like an antelope in a net;
 They are full of
 The fury of YHWH,
 The rebuke of your God. 21
 Therefore
 Please hear this, you afflicted,
 And drunk but not with wine. 22
 Thus says
 Your Lord,
 YHWH and your God,
 Who pleads the cause of His people:
 “See, I have taken out of your hand
 The cup of trembling,
 The dregs of the cup of My fury;
 You shall no longer drink it. 23
 But I will put it into the hand of those
 who afflict you,
 who have said to you,
 ‘Lie down, that we may walk over you.’
 And you have laid your body
 like the ground, and
 as the street,
 for those who walk over.”

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52:1 ¶

Isaiah 52

Deliverance for Jerusalem

Awake, awake! Put on your strength,

O Zion;

Put on your beautiful garments,

O Jerusalem, the holy city!

For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. 2

Shake yourself from the dust, arise;

Sit down,

O Jerusalem!

Loose yourself

from the bonds of your neck,

O captive daughter of Zion! 3

For thus says YHWH:

“You have sold yourselves for nothing,

And [1Pe 1:18:]

You shall be redeemed without money.” 4

For thus says the Lord YHWH

[Adonai YHWH]:

“My people went down at first

Into Egypt to dwell there;

Then the Assyrian oppressed them

without cause. 5

Now therefore, what have I here”,

says YHWH,

“That My people are taken away

for nothing?

Those who rule over them

Make them wail”,

says YHWH,

[Paraphrased by Paul in Ro 2:24]

“And My name is blasphemed

continually every day. 6 Therefore

My people shall know My name;

Therefore they shall know in that day

That I am He who speaks:

‘Behold, it is I.’”

7 ¶ [The Gospel:]

[~Quoted by Paul in Ro 10:15b]

How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of him

who brings good news,

who proclaims peace,

who brings glad tidings of good things,

who proclaims salvation,

who says to Zion,

“Your God reigns!” 8

Your watchmen shall

lift up their voices,

With their voices

they shall sing together;

For they shall see eye to eye

When YHWH brings back Zion. 9

Break forth into joy,

Sing together,

You waste places of Jerusalem!

For YHWH has comforted His people,

He has redeemed Jerusalem. 10

YHWH has made bare

His Holy Arm [the Messiah]

In the eyes of all the nations;

And all the ends of the lands

[earth] shall see

The salvation of our God. 11

Depart! Depart! [from Babylon, sin]

Go out from there,

Touch no unclean thing;

[Alluded to by Paul in 2Co 6:17]

Go out from the midst of her,

Be clean,

You who bear the vessels of YHWH. 12

For you shall not go out with haste,

Nor go by flight;

For YHWH will go before you,

And the God of Israel will be

your rear guard.

13 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 52:13-57:31]

YHWH's Suffering Servant

Behold, [the Messiah:]

My Servant shall deal prudently;

He shall

be exalted and extolled and

be very high. 14

Just as many were astonished at you,

So His visage was marred

more than any man,

And His form

more than the sons of men; 15

So shall He sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;

[~Quoted by Paul in Ro 15:21]

For what had not been told them

they shall see,

And what they had not heard

they shall consider.

53:1 ¶

Isaiah 53

[v1 Quoted by Jesus in Jn 12:38;

v1a Quoted by Paul in Ro 10:16b]

Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of YHWH

been revealed? 2 [↑ the Messiah]

For He shall grow up before Him

[↑ the arm] [YHWH ↑]

as a tender plant, And

as a root out of dry ground.

He has no form or comeliness;

And when we see Him,

There is no beauty

that we should desire Him. 3

[Not the Messiah anticipated.]

[cf. This Generation →]

He is despised and rejected by men,

A Man

of sorrows [LXX: sickness] and

acquainted with grief [LXX: pain].

And we hid, as it were,

our faces from Him;

He was despised,

and we did not esteem Him.

4 ¶

Surely He has [↓ LXX]

borne our griefs [sins] And

carried our sorrows [pains];

Yet we esteemed Him stricken,

Smitten by God, and

afflicted. 5 But

He was wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities;

The chastisement for our peace

was upon Him, [cf. 1Pe 2:24]

And by His stripes we are healed. 6

All we like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned, every one,

to his own way;

And YHWH has laid on Him

the iniquity of us all. 7

He was oppressed and

He was afflicted, Yet

He opened not His mouth;

[~Quoted in Ac 8:32-33]

He was led

as a lamb to the slaughter, And

as a sheep before its shearers

is silent, So

He opened not His mouth. 8

He was taken

from prison and

from judgment,

And who will declare His generation?

For He was cut off

from the land of the living;

[i.e., killed]

For the transgressions of **my people** **He** was stricken. ⁹ [[^] *Israel*]
 And they made **His grave**
 with the wicked — But
 with the rich at **His death**,
 [*paraphrased in 1Pe 2:22:*]
 Because **He** had done no violence,
 Nor was any deceit in **His mouth**.
¹⁰ ¶
 Yet it pleased **YHWH** to bruise **Him**;
He has put **Him** to grief.
When You make **His soul**
 an offering for sin,
He shall see **His seed**,
He shall prolong **His days**, And
 The pleasure of **YHWH**
 shall prosper in **His hand**. ¹¹
He shall see the labor of **His soul**,
 and be satisfied.
 By **His knowledge**
My righteous Servant
 shall justify many,
 For **He** shall bear their iniquities. ¹²
 Therefore
 I will divide **Him** a portion
 with the great, And
He shall divide the spoil
 with the strong [*the saints*],
 Because
He poured out **His soul** unto death,
 And
 [*Quoted by Jesus in Lu 22:37b:*]
He was numbered
 with the transgressors,
 And
He bore the sin of many,
 And made **intercession**
 for the transgressors.

54:1 ¶
Isaiah 54
Future Glory for Jerusalem
 [*Heavenly Jerusalem: Ga 4:27*]
 “Sing, O barren,
 You who have not borne!
 Break forth into singing, and cry aloud,
 You who have not labored with child!
 For more are the children of the desolate
 Than the children of the married woman”,
 says **YHWH**. ²
 “Enlarge the place of your tent, And
 Let them stretch out
 the curtains of your dwellings;
 Do not spare;
 Lengthen your cords, And
 Strengthen your stakes. ³
 For you shall expand
 to the right and
 to the left, And
 your descendants will
 inherit the nations, And
 make the desolate cities
 inhabited. ⁴
 Do not fear,
 for you will not be ashamed;
 Neither be disgraced,
 for you will not be put to shame;
 For you
 will forget
 the shame of your youth, And
 will not remember
 the reproach of
 your widowhood anymore. ⁵
 For your **Maker is**
 your husband,
YHWH of hosts is **His name**;
 And your Redeemer is
 the Holy One of Israel; **He** is called
 the God of the whole land [earth].
⁶ ¶

For **YHWH** has called you
 Like a woman
 forsaken and
 grieved in spirit,
 Like a youthful wife
 when you were refused”,
 Says your **God**. ⁷
 “For a mere moment
 I have forsaken you, But
 With great mercies
 I will gather you. ⁸
 With a little wrath
 I hid My face from you
 for a moment; But
 With Eternal [everlasting] kindness
 I will have mercy on you”,
 Says **YHWH**, your Redeemer. ⁹
 “For this is
 like the waters of Noah to Me;
 For as I have sworn [*Ge 9:15*]
 That the waters of Noah would
 no longer cover the land [earth],
 So have I sworn [[^] *all of it*]
 That I would not be angry with you,
 nor rebuke you. ¹⁰
 For the mountains shall depart And
 the hills be removed, But
My kindness shall not
 depart from you,
 Nor shall **My covenant of peace**
 be removed”,
 says **YHWH**, who has mercy on you.
¹¹ ¶
 “O you afflicted one,
 Tossed with tempest, and
 Not comforted,
 Behold,
 I will
 lay your stones
 with colorful gems, And
 lay your foundations
 with sapphires. ¹²

I will make [*cf. 1Cor 3:12, Re 21:19*]
 Your pinnacles of rubies,
 Your gates of crystal, And
 All your walls of precious stones. ¹³
 [*Alluded to by Jesus in Jn 6:45*]
 All your children shall be
 taught by **YHWH**,
 And great shall be
 the peace of your children. ¹⁴
 In righteousness
 You shall be established;
 You shall be far
 from oppression,
 for you shall not fear; And
 from terror,
 for it shall not
 come near you. ¹⁵
 Indeed they shall surely assemble, but
 not because of Me.
 Whoever assembles against you
 shall fall for your sake. ¹⁶
 Behold,
 I have created the blacksmith
 Who blows the coals in the fire,
 Who brings forth
 an instrument for his work; And
 I have created the spoiler to destroy. ¹⁷
 No weapon formed against you
 shall prosper, And
 Every tongue that
 rises against you in judgment
 you shall condemn.
 This is the heritage of [_^ *the Church*]
 the servants of **YHWH**, And
 their righteousness is from Me”,
 says **YHWH**.
^{55:1} ¶
Isaiah 55
Invitation to YHWH's Salvation
 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
 Come to the waters;
 And you who have no money,
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Come, buy and eat. Yes,
 Come, buy wine and milk
 Without money and
 Without price. 2
 Why do you spend
 money for *what is not bread*, And
 your wages for *what does not satisfy*?
 Listen carefully to Me, and
 Eat *what is good*, And
 Let your soul delight itself
 in *abundance*. 3
 Incline your ear, and come to Me.
 Hear, and your soul shall *live*;
 [Alluded to by Paul in [Acts 13:34](#)]
 And I will make
 an everlasting covenant with you
 — The sure mercies of David. 4
 Indeed I have given him *as*
 A witness
 to the people,
 A leader and commander
 for the people. 5
 Surely you shall call
 a nation you do not know, And
 nations *who* do not know you
 shall run to you,
 Because of
 YHWH your God, And [Even]
 the Holy One of Israel;
 For He has glorified you.”
 6 ¶
 Seek YHWH
 while He may be found,
 Call upon Him
 while He is near. 7
 Let the wicked forsake his way, And
 the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 Let him return
 to YHWH,
 And He will have mercy on him; And
 to our God, [Even ^]
 For He will abundantly pardon. 8

“For My thoughts are
 not your thoughts,
 nor your ways
 My ways”,
 says YHWH. 9
 “For as the heavens are
 higher than the land [earth],
 So are [↓ better, righteous]
 My ways higher than your ways,
 And
 My thoughts than your thoughts. 10
 For as the rain comes down, and
 the snow from heaven,
 And do not return there,
 But water the land [earth], And
 make it bring forth and bud,
 That it may give
 Seed to the sower And
 Bread to the eater, 11
 So shall My word be that goes forth
 from My mouth;
 It shall not return to Me void, But
 It shall accomplish what I please, And
 It shall prosper
 in the thing for which I sent it. 12
 For you shall
 go out with joy, And
 be led out with peace;
 The mountains and the hills
 Shall break forth into singing
 before you, And
 All the trees of the field
 Shall clap their hands. 13
 Instead of the thorn
 Shall come up the cypress tree, and
 Instead of the brier
 Shall come up the myrtle tree;
 And it shall be to YHWH
 For a name,
 For an Eternal [everlasting] sign
 that shall not be cut off.”

56:1 ¶

Isaiah 56

Blessings for All Nations

Thus says YHWH:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
 For My salvation is about to come,
 And My righteousness to be revealed. 2
 Blessed is
 the man
 Who does this, And
 the son of man
 Who lays hold on it;
 Who keeps
 from defiling the Sabbath,
 And keeps his hand
 from doing any evil.”

3 ¶

Do not let the son of the foreigner
 Who has joined himself to YHWH
 Speak, saying,
 “YHWH has utterly separated me from
 His people”;
 Nor let the eunuch say,
 “Here I am, a dry [fruitless] tree.” 4
 For thus says YHWH:

“To the eunuchs
 who keep My Sabbaths,
 And choose what pleases Me,
 And hold fast My covenant, 5
 Even to them
 I will give in My house
 And within My walls
 A place and a name
 Better than that of sons and daughters;
 I will give them
 an Eternal [everlasting] name
 That shall not be cut off. 6
 Also the sons of the foreigner
 Who join themselves to YHWH,
 to serve Him, And
 to love the name of YHWH,
 to be His servants —

Everyone who
 keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And
 holds fast My covenant — 7
 Even them
 I will [↓ the Church]
 bring to My holy mountain, And
 make them joyful
 in My house of prayer.
 Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 Will be accepted on My altar;
 For My house shall be called
 A house of prayer for all nations.”
 [Quoted by Jesus in [Mk 11:17](#) //
[Mt 21:13](#) // [Lu 19:46](#); cf. [Je 7:11](#)]

8

The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH],
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
 says,
 “Yet I will gather to him
 Others besides those
 who are gathered to him.”

9 ¶

Sinful Leaders Condemned
 All you beasts of the field,
 come to devour,
 All you beasts in the forest. 10
 His watchmen are blind,
 They are all ignorant;
 They are all dumb dogs,
 They cannot bark;
 Sleeping,
 Lying down,
 Loving to slumber. 11 Yes,
 They are greedy dogs
 That never have enough. And
 They are shepherds
 Who cannot understand;
 They all look to their own way,
 Every one for his own gain,
 From his own territory. 12

“Come”,
one says,
“I will bring wine, And we will fill
ourselves with intoxicating drink;
Tomorrow will be as today,
And much more abundant.”
[Cf. Pr 27:1, Ja 4:13]

57:1 ¶

Isaiah 57

The righteous perishes,
And no man takes it to heart;
Merciful men are taken away,
While no one considers That
The righteous is taken away from evil. 2
He shall enter into peace;
They shall rest in their beds,
Each walking in his uprightness.

3 ¶

Idolatrous Worship Condemned

“But come here,
You sons
of the sorceress,
You offspring
of the adulterer and the harlot! 4
Whom do you ridicule?
Against whom do you
make a wide mouth And
stick out the tongue?
Are you not
Children of transgression,
Offspring of falsehood, 5
Inflaming yourselves with gods
under every green tree,
Slaying the children in the valleys,
Under the clefts of the rocks? 6
Among the smooth stones of the
stream Is your portion;
They, they, are your lot!
Even to them
You have poured a drink offering,
You have offered a grain offering.

Should I receive comfort in these? 7
On a lofty and high mountain
You have set your bed;
Even there you went up
To offer sacrifice. 8
Also behind the doors and their posts
You have set up your remembrance;
For you

have uncovered yourself
to those other than Me, And
have gone up to them;
You have
enlarged your bed And
made a covenant with them;
You have loved their bed,
Where you saw their nudity. 9
You
went to the king with ointment,
And increased your perfumes;
You sent your messengers far off,
And even descended to Sheol
[the grave]. 10

You are wearied
in the length of your way; Yet
You did not say,
‘There is no hope.’
You have found the life of your hand;
Therefore you were not grieved. 11
And of whom have you
been afraid, or feared,
That you have lied
And not remembered Me,
Nor taken it to your heart?
Is it not because
I have held My peace from of old
That you do not fear Me? 12
I will declare
your righteousness And
your works,
For they will not profit you.

13 ¶

When you cry out,
Let your collection of idols deliver you.
But the wind will carry them all away,
A breath will take them.
But he who puts his trust in Me
shall possess the land, And
shall inherit My holy mountain.” 14
And one shall say,
“Hear it up!
Hear it up!
Prepare the way,
Take the stumbling block
out of the way of my people.”

15

God Forgives the Repentant

For thus says

the High and Lofty One

who inhabits eternity,
whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has
a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive
the spirit of the humble, And
To revive
the heart of the contrite ones. 16
For I will not contend forever,
Nor will I always be angry;
For the spirit would fail before Me,
And the souls that I have made.

17 ¶

For the iniquity of his covetousness
I was angry and struck him;
I hid and was angry,
And he went on backsliding
in the way of his heart. 18
I have seen his ways, and
will heal him;
I will also
lead him, and
restore comforts

to him and
to his mourners. 19
I create the fruit of the lips:
Peace, peace [cf. Eph 2:17]
to him who is far off and
to him who is near”,
says YHWH,
“And I will heal him.” 20
But the wicked are like
The troubled sea,
When it cannot rest,
Whose waters cast up
mire and dirt. 21
“There is no peace”,
says my God, [Jerusalem]
“for the wicked.”

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58:1 ¶ [Audio: [S. Gregg Is 58-60](#)]

Isaiah 58

True and False Worship

“Cry aloud, spare not;

Lift up your voice like a trumpet;
Tell My people their transgression
And the house of Jacob their sins. 2
Yet they seek Me daily,

And delight to know My ways,
As a nation that did righteousness,
And [as if they] did not forsake
the ordinance of their God.

They ask of Me
the ordinances of justice;
They take delight
in approaching God.

3 ¶
‘Why have we fasted’,
they say,
‘and You have not seen?’
Why have we afflicted our souls,
and You take no notice?’

In fact, in the day of your fast you
find pleasure, And
exploit all your laborers. 4

Indeed you fast for strife and debate,
And to strike
with the fist of wickedness.

You will not fast as you do this day,
To make your voice heard on high. 5

Is it
A fast that I have chosen,
A day for a man to afflict his soul?

Is it
to bow down his head
like a bulrush, And
to spread out sackcloth and ashes?

Would you call this
a fast, And
an acceptable day to YHWH? 6

Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the heavy burdens,
To let the oppressed go free, And
That you break every yoke? 7

Is it not
To share your bread
with the hungry, And
That you bring to your house
the poor who are cast out;

When you see the naked,
That you cover him, And
Not hide yourself
from your own flesh?

8 ¶
Then
Your light shall break forth
like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth
speedily, And

Your righteousness shall
go before you;
The glory of YHWH shall be
your rear guard. 9

Then
You shall call,
and YHWH will answer;
You shall cry, and He will say,
‘Here I am.’

If you take away
The yoke from your midst,
The pointing of the finger, and
Speaking wickedness, 10

If you extend your soul to the hungry
And satisfy the afflicted soul,

Then your light
shall dawn in the darkness,
And your darkness
shall be as the noonday. 11

YHWH will
guide you continually, And

satisfy your soul in drought, And
strengthen your bones;
You shall be
like a watered garden, and
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail. 12

Those from among you
shall build the old waste places;
You shall raise up the foundations of
many generations; And
You shall be called
The Repairer of the Breach,
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

13 ¶
If you
turn away your foot
From the Sabbath,
From doing your pleasure on
My holy day, And
call the Sabbath a delight,
The holy day of YHWH
honorable, And
shall honor Him,
not doing your own ways,
Nor finding your own pleasure,
Nor speaking your own words, 14

Then
You shall delight yourself
in YHWH; And
I will cause you to
ride on the high hills of
the land [earth], And
feed you with
the heritage of Jacob your father.
The mouth of YHWH has spoken.”

59:1 ¶

Isaiah 59

Warnings Against Sin

Behold,
YHWH's hand is not shortened,
That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy,
That it cannot hear. 2

But
your iniquities have separated you
from your God; And
your sins have hidden His face
from you,
So that He will not hear. 3
For
Your hands are defiled with blood, and
Your fingers with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken lies,
Your tongue has muttered perversity. 4
No one calls for justice,
Nor does any plead for truth.

They
trust in empty words and
speak lies;
They
conceive evil and
bring forth iniquity. 5
They
hatch vipers' eggs and
weave the spider's web;
He who eats of their eggs dies, And
from that which is crushed
a viper breaks out. 6

Their webs will not become garments,
Nor will they cover themselves with
their works;
their works are
works of iniquity, and
The act of violence is in their hands. 7

[~Quoted by Paul in [Ro 3:15-16](#)]
 Their feet run
 to evil, And
 They make haste
 to shed innocent blood;
 Their thoughts are
 thoughts of iniquity;
 Wasting and destruction are
 in their paths. 8
 The way of peace
 they have not known, And
 There is no justice in their ways;
 They have made themselves
 crooked paths;
 Whoever takes that way
 shall not know peace.
 9 ¶
 Therefore justice is far from us,
 Nor does righteousness overtake us;
 We look for light,
 but there is darkness!
 For brightness,
 but we walk in blackness! 10
 We grope for the wall
 like the blind, And
 We grope
 as if we had no eyes;
 We stumble at noonday as at twilight;
 We are as dead men
 in desolate places. 11
 We all
 growl like bears, And
 moan sadly like doves;
 We look for justice,
 but there is none;
 For salvation,
 but it is far from us. 12
 For our transgressions are multiplied
 before You,
 And our sins testify against us;

For our transgressions are
 with us,
 And as for our iniquities,
 we know them: 13
 In Transgressing and lying
 against YHWH, And
 Departing from our God,
 Speaking oppression and revolt,
 Conceiving and uttering
 from the heart
 words of falsehood. 14
 Justice is turned back, And
 Righteousness stands afar off;
 For truth is fallen in the street,
 And equity cannot enter. 15
 So truth fails, And
 He who departs from evil
 makes himself a prey.
 Then YHWH saw it,
 and it displeased Him
 That there was no justice.
 16 ¶
 He saw
 that there was no man,
 and wondered
 that there was no intercessor;
 Therefore [the Messiah]
 His own arm brought
 salvation for Him; and
 His own righteousness,
 it sustained Him. 17
 For
 He put on [cf. [Eph 6:14-17](#), [1Th 5:8](#)]
 righteousness as a breastplate, and
 a helmet of salvation on His head;
 He put on
 the garments of vengeance
 for clothing,
 and was clad with
 zeal as a cloak. 18

According to their deeds,
 Accordingly
 He will repay,
 Fury to His adversaries,
 Recompense to His enemies;
 The coastlands
 He will fully repay. 19
 So shall they fear
 The name of YHWH
 from the west, And
 His glory [the Church age]
 from the rising of the sun;
 When [resisting the Gospel:]
 the enemy comes in like a flood,
 The Spirit of YHWH will lift up
 a standard against him. 20
 [~Quoted by Paul in [Ro 11:26-27](#)]
 “The Redeemer will come
 to Zion, and [even]
 to those who turn
 from transgression in Jacob”,
 says YHWH. 21
 “As for Me”,
 says YHWH,
 “this is My covenant with them:
 My Spirit
 who is upon you, and
 My words
 that I have put in your mouth,
 shall not depart
 from your mouth, nor
 from the mouth of
 your descendants, nor
 from the mouth of
 your descendants’
 descendants”,
 says YHWH,
 “ from this time and forevermore.”
 [^ up to Eternal]

60:1 ¶ [cf. [Pr 4:18-19](#); [Mt 24:27](#) // [Lu 17:24](#)]
Isaiah 60
Future Glory for the New Jerusalem
 Arise, shine;
 For your light has come!
 And the glory of YHWH
 is risen upon you. 2
 For behold, [two communities:]
 The darkness shall cover the land [earth],
 And deep darkness ... the people;
 But YHWH will arise over you,
 And His glory will be seen upon you. 3
 The Gentiles shall come
 to your light, [[Mt 24:27](#) // [Lu 17:24](#)]
 And kings
 to the brightness of your rising. 4
 “Lift up your eyes all around, and see:
 They all gather together,
 They come to you;
 Your sons shall come from
 afar, And
 Your daughters shall be nursed
 at your side. 5
 Then
 you shall see and become radiant,
 And
 your heart shall swell with joy;
 Because
 The abundance of the sea
 shall be turned to you,
 The wealth of the Gentiles
 shall come to you. 6
 The multitude of camels
 shall cover your land,
 — The dromedaries
 of Midian and Ephah;

All those from **Sheba** shall come;
 They shall bring **gold** and incense, and
 They shall proclaim
 the praises of **YHWH**. 7
 All the flocks of **Kedar** [in Arabia]
 shall be gathered together to you,
 The rams of **Nebaioth**
 shall minister to you;
 They shall ascend with acceptance on
 My altar,
 And I will glorify [the Church:]
 the house of My glory. 8
 Who are these who fly
 like a cloud, and
 like doves to their roosts?
 9 ¶
 Surely the coastlands
 shall wait for Me;
 And the ships of **Tarshish**
 will come first,
 To bring your sons from afar,
 Their silver and their **gold** with them,
 To the name of **YHWH** your God, And
 to the Holy One of Israel,
 Because He has glorified you. 10
 The sons of foreigners
 shall build up your walls, And
 Their kings shall minister to you;
 For
 in My wrath
 I struck you, but
 in My favor
 I have had mercy on you. 11
 Therefore your gates shall be open
 continually; [Re 21:25]
 They shall not be shut day or night,
 That men may bring to you
 the wealth of the Gentiles, And
 their kings in procession. 12

For the nation and kingdom
 that will not serve you [the Church]
 shall perish, And those nations
 shall be utterly ruined. 13
 The glory of **Lebanon** shall come to you,
 The cypress, the pine, and the box
 tree together,
 To beautify the place of
 My sanctuary; And
 I will make
 the place of My feet
 glorious. 14
 Also the sons of those who afflicted you
 Shall come bowing to you,
 And all those who despised you
 shall fall prostrate
 at the soles of your feet;
 And they shall call you [the Church:]
 The City of **YHWH**, [He 12:22]
 Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
 15 ¶
 Whereas you have been
 forsaken and hated,
 So that no one went through you,
 I will make you
 An Eternal excellence,
 A joy of many generations. 16
 You shall
 drink the milk of the Gentiles, And
 milk the breast of kings;
 You shall know that
 I, **YHWH**, am
 your Savior and
 your Redeemer,
 the Mighty One of Jacob. 17
 Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
 Instead of iron I will bring silver,
 Instead of wood, bronze, and
 Instead of stones, iron
 [people in the Church; cf. Je 6:30].

I will also make
 your officers peace, And
 your magistrates righteousness. 18
 Violence shall no longer be heard
 in your land,
 Neither wasting nor destruction
 within your borders;
 But you shall call
 your walls Salvation, And
 your gates Praise. 19
 The sun shall no longer be
 your light by day,
 Nor for brightness shall
 The moon give light to you;
 But **YHWH** will be to you
 an Eternal [everlasting] light,
 [cf. Re 21:23, 22:5]
 And your God
 your glory. 20
 Your sun shall no longer go down,
 Nor shall
 Your moon withdraw itself;
 For **YHWH** will be
 your Eternal [everlasting] light,
 And the days of your mourning
 shall be ended. 21
 Also your people
 shall all be righteous; They
 shall inherit the land forever,
 [cf. Mt 5:5]
 The branch of My planting,
 The work of My hands,
 That I may be glorified. 22
 A little one shall become a thousand,
 And a small one a strong nation.
 I, **YHWH**, will hasten it in its time.”
 [At the right time.]

58:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 61-66]
Isaiah 61
Good News for the Oppressed
 [Read by Jesus in Lu 4:18-19]
 “The Spirit of the Lord **YHWH**
 [Adonai **YHWH**]
 is upon Me, because
YHWH has anointed Me
 to preach good tidings to the poor;
 He has sent Me
 to heal the brokenhearted,
 to proclaim
 liberty to the captives, and
 the opening of the prison
 to those who are bound; 2
 to proclaim
 the acceptable year of **YHWH**,
 and
 the day of vengeance
 of our God;
 to comfort all
 who mourn, 3
 to console those
 who mourn in Zion,
 to give them
 beauty
 for ashes,
 the oil of joy
 for mourning,
 the garment of praise
 for the spirit of heaviness;
 that they may be called
 trees of righteousness,
 the planting of **YHWH**,
 That He may be glorified.”
 4 ¶ And
 They shall rebuild
 the old ruins,
 They shall raise up
 the former desolations, And
 They shall repair
 the ruined cities,
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The desolations of many generations.⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner *Shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.⁶ But *[in the Church Age:]* You shall be named the priests of Y^{HWH}, *[Re 1:6]* they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory You shall boast.⁷ Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and Instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Eternal *[Everlasting]* joy shall be theirs.⁸ “For I, Y^{HWH}, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them *[everlasting]* an Eternal covenant.⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And Their offspring among the people. All who see them *[Mt 5:9]* shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom Y^{HWH} has blessed.”¹⁰

¹⁰ ¶ I will greatly rejoice in Y^{HWH}, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me *[Re 19:13]* with the garments of salvation,

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And As a bride adorns herself with her jewels.¹¹ For *[Mt 13:8 // Mk 4:8 // Lu 8:8]* As the land [earth] brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord Y^{HWH} *[Adonai Y^{HWH}]* will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

^{62:1} ¶

Isaiah 62

Isaiah's Prayer for Jerusalem

For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And All kings your glory. *[Christ(ians)]* You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of Y^{HWH} will name.³ You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of Y^{HWH}, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God:⁴

you shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but

you shall be called Hephzibah *["my delight is in her"]*, and your land Beulah *["married"]*; For Y^{HWH} delights in you, and your land shall be married.⁵ For *[↑ the people]* as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and *[↓ Christ]* as the bridegroom *[↓ the Church]* rejoices over the bride, so shall your God *[in Christ]* rejoice over you.

⁶ ¶

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of Y^{HWH}, do not keep silent,⁷ And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes *[New]* Jerusalem a praise in the lands [earth].⁸ Y^{HWH} has sworn *[by His Messiah:]* by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: “Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored.”⁹

But Those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise Y^{HWH}; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.”

¹⁰ ¶

Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people: Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones. Lift up a banner for the peoples!¹¹ Indeed Y^{HWH} has proclaimed to the end of the world: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’”¹² And they shall call them The Holy People, *[Ro 1:7]* The Redeemed of Y^{HWH}; And you shall be called Sought Out, *[lost sheep; Church:]* A City Not Forsaken.

^{63:1} ¶

Isaiah 63

Judgment Against Y^{HWH}'s Enemies

Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength? — “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”²

Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?³ “I have trodden the winepress alone, and From the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.”⁴

For the day of vengeance
 is in My heart, And
 the year of My redeemed has come. 5
 I looked,
 But there was no one to help, And
 I wondered
 That there was no one to uphold;
 Therefore [↓ the Messiah]
 My own arm brought salvation
 for Me; And
 My own fury, it sustained Me. 6
 I have
 Trodden down the peoples
 in My anger,
 Made them drunk
 in My fury, and
 Brought down their strength
 to the lands [earth].”

7 ¶
Praise for Deliverance
 [God's goodness vs
 Israel's faithlessness]
 I will mention
 the lovingkindnesses
 of Y^{HWH} and
 the praises
 of Y^{HWH},
 according to all
 that Y^{HWH} has bestowed on us, And
 the great goodness [re the exodus]
 toward the house of Israel,
 that He has bestowed on them
 according to His mercies,
 according to the multitude
 of His lovingkindnesses. 8

For He said,
 “Surely they are
 My people,
 Children who will not lie.”
 So He became their Savior. 9

In all their affliction He was afflicted,
 And the Angel of His Presence
 saved them;
 In His love and in His pity
 He redeemed them; And
 He bore them and carried them
 All the days of old. 10
 But they rebelled and grieved
 His Holy Spirit; So
 He turned Himself against them
 as an enemy, And
 He fought against them. 11
 Then He [he] remembered
 the days of old,
 Moses and his people,
 saying:
 “Where is He
 Who brought them up out of the sea
 With the shepherd of His flock?
 Where is He
 Who put His Holy Spirit
 within them, 12
 Who led them
 by the right hand of Moses,
 With His glorious arm,
 Dividing the water before them
 To make for Himself
 an Eternal [everlasting] name, 13
 Who led them through the deep,
 As a horse in the wilderness,
 That they might not stumble?” 14
 As a beast goes down into the valley,
 And the Spirit of Y^{HWH}
 causes him to rest,
 So You lead Your people [to rest],
 To make Yourself a glorious name.

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Isaiah 63:15 ¶

63:15 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg *Is 61-66*]

Prayer for Mercy and Pardon

Look down from heaven, and

See from

Your habitation,
 holy and glorious.

Where are

Your zeal and
 Your strength, the yearning of
 Your heart and
 Your mercies toward me?

Are they restrained? 16

Doubtless

You are

our Father, though

Abraham was ignorant of us, and
 Israel does not acknowledge us.

You, O Y^{HWH}, are

our Father;

Our-Redeemer-Eternal

[-from-Everlasting] is

Your name. 17

O Y^{HWH}, why have You

made us stray from Your ways, and
 hardened our heart from Your fear?

Return for

Your servants' sake, the tribes of
 Your inheritance. 18

Your holy people have possessed it

but a little while;

Our adversaries have trodden down

Your sanctuary. 19

We have become like

those of old,

over whom You never ruled,

those who

were never called by Your name.

64:1 ¶

Isaiah 64

Oh,

That You would rend the heavens!

That You would come down!

That the mountains might shake at

Your presence — 2

as fire burns brushwood,

as fire causes water to boil —

To make Your name known to

Your adversaries,

That the nations may tremble at

Your presence! 3

When You did awesome things

for which we did not look,

You came down,

The mountains shook at

Your presence. 4

For since the beginning of the world

[Hebrew: one word: ↑ olam, Eternal]

[Paraphrased by Paul in *1Co 2:9*]

Men have not heard

Nor perceived by the ear,

Nor has the eye seen

Any God besides You,

Who acts for the one

who waits for Him. 5

You meet him

who rejoices and does righteousness,

who remembers You in Your ways.

You are indeed angry,

For we have sinned —

In these ways we continue;

And we need to be saved.

6 ¶

But we are
 all like an unclean *thing*, and
 all our righteousnesses are
 like filthy rags;
 We all fade
 as a leaf, and our iniquities,
 like the wind,
 have taken us away. 7
 And
 There is no one
 who calls on **Your name**,
 who stirs himself up
 to take hold of **You**;
 For **You**
 have hidden **Your face** from us, and
 have **consumed** us
 because of our iniquities. 8
 But **now**, O **YHWH**, [Jer 18:1-6]
You are our Father; [Ro 9:21]
 we are the clay, and
You ... our potter; and all
 we are the work of **Your hand**. 9
 Do not be **furious**, O **YHWH**,
 Nor remember iniquity **forever**;
 Indeed, please look —
 we all are **Your people**! 10
Your holy cities are a wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation. 11
 Our **holy and beautiful temple**,
 where our fathers **praised You**,
 is burned up with fire; and
 all our pleasant things [^*prophetic*]
 are laid waste. 12
 Will **You** restrain **Yourself**
 because of these *things*, O **YHWH**?
 Will **You** hold **Your peace**,
 and **afflict us very severely**?
 [No, [Ro 11:23](#) grafted back in.]

65:1 ¶

Isaiah 65

Judgment and Final Salvation

[Quoted by Paul in [Ro 10:20](#)]

“I was sought by
those who did not ask for Me;
 I was found by
those who did not seek Me.”

I said,

‘Here I am, here I am’,

To a nation [the *Gentiles*]

that was not called by **My name**. 2

[Quoted by Paul in [Ro 10:21](#)]

I have stretched out **My hands**

all day long

To a rebellious people [Israel],

Who walk in a way *that is not good*,

According to their own thoughts; 3

A people who provoke **Me to anger**

continually to **My face**;

Who sacrifice in gardens, And

burn incense on altars of brick; 4

Who sit among the graves, And

spend **the night** in the tombs;

Who eat swine’s flesh, And

the broth of abominable things

is in their vessels; 5

Who say,

‘Keep to yourself,

Do not come near me,

For I am holier than you!’

These are

smoke in **My nostrils**,

a fire that burns all the day. 6

Behold, *it is written before Me*:

I will not keep silence, but will **repay**

— even **repay** into their bosom— 7

your iniquities and

the iniquities of your fathers

together”,

[[Lu 11:51](#) blood of Abel-Zech.: [AD 70](#)]

says **YHWH**,

“Who have

burned incense

on the mountains and

blasphemed **Me**

on the hills;

Therefore

I will [pay them back in full (NLT):]

measure their former work

into their bosom.”

8 ¶

Thus says **YHWH**: [re the remnant]

“As the new wine is found

in the cluster,

And *one* says,

‘Do not destroy it,

For a **blessing is in it’**,

So will I do for **My servants’** sake,

That I may not destroy them all. 9

I will bring forth descendants

from Jacob, And

from Judah

An heir of **My mountains**;

My elect [Christ] shall inherit it, And

My servants shall dwell there. 10

[^ in Christ, the Messiah]

Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, And

The Valley of Achor [“trouble”]

A place for herds to lie down,

For **My people** who have sought **Me**.

11 ¶

But you are those [wicked:]

who forsake **YHWH**,

who forget **My holy mountain**,

who prepare a table

for **Gad** [god of fortune,

a *Babylonian deity*], and

who furnish a drink offering

for **Meni** [god of fate/number,

a *Babylonian deity*]. 12

Therefore

I will **number** you

for the sword, and

you shall all bow down

to the slaughter; because,

when I called,

you did not answer;

when I spoke,

you did not hear, but

did **evil** before **My eyes**, and

chose *that in which*

I do **not** delight.” 13

Therefore **thus says the Lord YHWH**

[*Adonai YHWH*]:

“Behold, **My servants** shall eat,

but you shall be hungry;

Behold, **My servants** shall drink,

but you shall be thirsty;

Behold, **My servants** shall rejoice,

but you shall be ashamed; 14

Behold, **My servants** shall sing

for joy of heart,

but you shall cry

for sorrow of heart,

and wail

for grief of spirit. 15

You shall leave your name as a curse

to **My chosen**;

For **the Lord YHWH** [*Adonai YHWH*] will

slay you, and

call **His servants** by another name; 16

[viz., *Christ, the Church, Christians*]

So that he who

blesses himself in the land [earth]

shall bless himself in **the God of truth**;

And he who

swears in the land [earth]

shall swear by **the God of truth**;

Because the former troubles
are forgotten, And
Because they
are hidden from My eyes.

17 ¶ [Kingdom Age or future age?]

For behold, [2Pe 3:13]

I create [cf. 66:22; Re 21:1]

new heavens and
a new land [earth];
and the former shall not
be remembered or
come to mind. 18

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what

I create; for behold,

I create
Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and
her people a joy. 19

I will
rejoice in Jerusalem, and
joy in My people;

The voice of weeping
shall no longer be heard in her,

Nor the voice of crying. 20

No more shall an infant from there
live but a few days,

Nor an old man
who has not fulfilled his days;

For the child shall die [when he is]
one hundred [100] years old,

But the sinner being
one hundred [100] years old
shall be accursed. 21

They shall
build houses and
inhabit them;

They shall
plant vineyards and
eat their fruit. 22

They shall
not build and another inhabit;

They shall
not plant and another eat;

For as the days of a tree,
so shall be the days of

My people, And
My elect

shall long enjoy
the work of their hands. 23

They shall not labor in vain,
Nor bring forth children for trouble;

For they shall be
the descendants of
the blessed of YHWH, And
their offspring with them. 24

It shall come to pass that
before they call,

I will answer; and
while they are still speaking,
I will hear. 25

The wolf and the lamb [11:6]
shall feed together,

The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
And dust shall be the serpent's food.

[Satan still eating dust: Ge 3:14]

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all
My holy mountain",

says YHWH.

66:1 ¶

Isaiah 66

Thus says YHWH:

"Heaven is [Ge 1:8]

My throne, and

Land [earth] is [Ge 1:10]

My footstool.

Where is the house
that you will build Me? And

Where is the place of
My rest? 2

For all those things
My hand has made, and
all those things exist",

says YHWH.

"But on this one will I look:

On him
who is poor and
of a contrite spirit,
And
who trembles at My word. 3

[On the other hand,]

He who kills a bull is
as if he slays a man;
He who sacrifices a lamb,
as if he breaks a dog's neck;
He who offers a grain offering,
as if he offers swine's blood;

He who burns incense,
as if he blesses an idol –

Just as they have chosen
their own ways,

And their soul delights in
their abominations, 4

So will I
choose their delusions, And
bring their fears on them;

Because,
when I called, no one answered,
when I spoke, they did not hear;

But they
did evil before My eyes, And
chose that in which
I do not delight."

5 ¶

Hear the word of YHWH,
you who tremble at His word:

"Your brethren
who hated you,
who cast you out [Jn 9:34]
for My name's sake,

said,

"Let YHWH be glorified,
that we may see your joy.",

but they shall be ashamed." 6

The sound of noise from the city!
A voice from the temple!

The voice of YHWH,
who fully repays His enemies! 7

"Before she was in labor,
She gave birth [to the Church];
Before her pain came, [Head first]
She delivered a male child. 8

Who has heard such a thing?
Who has seen such things?

Shall the land [earth] be made
to give birth in one day? Or
Shall a nation [the Church (v12)]
be born at once?

For as soon as Zion was in labor,
She gave birth to her children. 9

Shall I bring to the time of birth,
and not cause delivery?"

says YHWH.

"Shall I who cause delivery
shut up the womb?"

says your God. 10

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and
 Be glad with her,
 all you who love her;
 Rejoice for joy with her,
 all you who mourn for her; 11
 That you may
 feed and
 be satisfied
 with the consolation of her bosom,
 That you may
 drink deeply and
 be delighted
 with the abundance of her glory.”¹²
 For thus says YHWH:
 “Behold, I will extend
 peace to her
 like a river, and
 the glory of the Gentiles
 like a flowing stream.
 Then you shall feed;
 On her sides shall you be carried,
 And be dandled
 On her knees. 13
 As one whom his mother comforts,
 So I will comfort you;
 And you shall be comforted
 In [the New] Jerusalem.”¹⁴
 When you see this [in AD 30-70],
 your heart shall rejoice, And
 your bones shall flourish like grass;
 The hand of YHWH shall be known to
 His servants, And
 His indignation
 to His enemies [in AD 70].

15 ¶

For behold, YHWH will come
 with fire And
 with His chariots,
 like a whirlwind,
 To render [judgment:]
 His anger with fury, and
 His rebuke with flames of fire. 16
 For by fire and by His sword
 YHWH will judge all flesh; and
 The slain of YHWH shall be many. 17

“Those who
 sanctify themselves and
 purify themselves,
 To go to the gardens
 After an idol in the midst,
 Eating
 swine’s flesh and
 the abomination and
 the mouse [unclean],
 Shall be consumed together”,
 says YHWH. 18

“For I know
 their works and
 their thoughts.
 It shall be that [Mt 28:19-20:]
 I will gather all nations and tongues;
 and they shall
 come and
 see My glory. 19

I will set a sign among them; and
 those among them who escape
 I will send to the nations: to
 Tarshish and
 Pul and
 Lud,
 who draw the bow, and
 Tubal and
 Javan, to
 the coastlands afar off
 who have not heard
 My fame nor seen
 My glory.
 And they shall declare
 My glory
 among the Gentiles. 20
 Then they shall bring all your brethren
 for an offering to YHWH
 out of all nations, [Ro 15:16]
 on horses and
 in chariots and
 in litters,
 on mules and
 on camels, to [the Church]
 My holy mountain
 Jerusalem”,
 says YHWH,
 “as the children of Israel
 bring an offering in a clean vessel
 into the house [Church] of YHWH. 21
 And I will also take some of them
 for priests and Levites”,
 says YHWH. 22

“For as [cf. 65:17; Re 21:1]
 the new heavens and
 the new land [earth]
 that I will make
 shall remain before Me”,
 says YHWH,
 “so shall
 your descendants and
 your name
 remain. 23 And
 It shall come to pass that
 from one New Moon to another,
 and [all the time between]
 from one Sabbath to another,
 all flesh shall come to worship
 before Me”, [All: universal ↓]
 says YHWH. 24 [reconciliation?]
 “And they shall go forth and look
 Upon the corpses of the men
 Who have transgressed against Me.
 [Quoted by Jesus in Mk 9:44,46]
 For their worm does not die,
 And their fire is not quenched.
 They shall be
 an abhorrence to all flesh.”
 [The redeemed see this, so it is not
 in heaven or on new land [earth].]

[This column is parallel to the next:]

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2 Kings 20:20-21, 21:1-9 ||

End of Hezekiah's Reign

20 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah — all his might, and how he made a pool and a tunnel and brought water into the city — are they not written

in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah _____? 21

So Hezekiah rested with his fathers.

Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

Manasseh Reigns in Judah

21:1 ¶ Manasseh [“causing to forget”] was twelve [12] years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five [55] years in Jerusalem. [JudahYear:279-333, so 3308-3362 AB: 2Ki 18:1 = 697-642 BC, per Jones]

His mother's name was Hephzibah [“my delight is in her”; cf. Is 62:4].

2 And he did evil in the sight of YHWH, according to the abominations of the nations whom YHWH had cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done;

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 19-20]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 21-22]

2 Chronicles 32:32-33, 33:1-9

End of Hezekiah's Reign

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, indeed

they are written in the Vision of Isaiah the Prophet, the Son of Amoz, and

in the Book of _____ the Kings of Judah and Israel. 33

So Hezekiah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the upper tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death.

Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

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[This column is parallel to the next:]

2 Kings 21

and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. 4 He also built altars in the house of YHWH, of which YHWH had said,

“In Jerusalem I will put My name.” 5

And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of YHWH. 6 Also he made his son pass through the fire,

practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke Him to anger. 7 He even set a carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which YHWH had said to David and to Solomon his son,

[no prior record of this, exactly:]

“In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; 8 and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land that I gave their fathers — only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.” 9

But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom YHWH had destroyed before the children of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33

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“In Jerusalem shall My name be forever.” 5

And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of YHWH. 6 Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom [NT: Ge Henna]; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke Him to anger. 7 He even set a carved image, the idol that he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son,

[no prior record of this, exactly:]

“In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; 8 and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land that I have appointed for your fathers — only if they are careful to do _____ all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.” 9

So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom YHWH had destroyed before the children of Israel.

[NOT parallel:]

2 Kings 21:10-16

YHWH Warns Manasseh

10 ¶ And YHWH spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, 11

“Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations (he has acted more wickedly than all the Amorites who were before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols), 12 therefore thus says YHWH God of Israel:

‘Behold,

I am bringing such calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle.

13 And

I will stretch over Jerusalem: the measuring line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab;

I will wipe Jerusalem

as one wipes a dish,

wiping it and

turning it upside down. 14 So

I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become victims of plunder to all their enemies, 15

because they have done evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.” 16

Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of YHWH.

[According to Jewish tradition, Isaiah was “sawn in two” by Manasseh, as referenced in He 11:36.]

2 Chronicles 33:10-17

Manasseh Refuses to Listen

10 And YHWH spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.

11 ¶ Therefore YHWH brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who

took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon. 12

Now when he was in affliction, he implored YHWH his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, 13 and prayed to Him; and He

received his entreaty,

heard his supplication, and

brought him back to Jerusalem

into his kingdom.

Then Manasseh knew that YHWH was God. [A microcosm of what would happen to Judah.] 14 After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the

west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and it enclosed Ophel [“hill”], and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. 15 He took away the

foreign gods and the idol from the house of YHWH, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of YHWH and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city. 16 He also repaired the altar of YHWH, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve YHWH God of Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, but only to YHWH their God.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

2 Kings 21:17-26 ||

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh — all that he did, and the sin that he committed

— are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

Manasseh’s Reign Ends

18 So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house,

in the garden of Uzza [“strength”].

Then his son Amon [“skilled/master workman”] reigned in his place.

Amon Reigns in Judah

19 ¶ Amon was twenty-two [22] years old when he became king, and he reigned two [2] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:334-335, so 3363-3364 AB: 2Ki 21:1||2Ch 33:1 = 642-640 BC, per Jones]

His mother’s name was Meshullemeth [“friend”] the daughter of Haruz [“zealous”] of Jotbah [“pleasing”]. 20

And he did evil in the sight of YHWH, as his father Manasseh had done. 21 So he walked in all the ways that his father had walked;

and he served the idols that his father _____ had served, and worshiped them.

2 Chronicles 33:18-25

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh — his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of YHWH God of Israel —

indeed they are written in the Book of _____ the Kings of Israel. 19

Also his prayer and how God received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they are written among the sayings of Hozai [“seer”; LXX reads “the seers”].

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But he did evil in the sight of YHWH, as his father Manasseh had done;

for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images that his father Manasseh had made, and served _____ them.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

2 Kings 21

22 He forsook **YHWH, God of his fathers,** and did not walk in **the way of YHWH.**

23 **Then** the servants of Amon conspired against him, and **killed the king** in his own house. 24 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. **Then** the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

Amon's Reign Ends

25 **Now** the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?* 26 And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza [*"strength"*].

Then Josiah his son **reigned** in his place.

[*Prophesied in 1Ki 13:2*]

2 Kings 22:1-2 ||

Josiah Reigns in Judah

22:1 ¶ Josiah [*"whom YHWH heals"*] was **eight [8] years old** when he became king, and he reigned **thirty-one [31] years** in Jerusalem.

[*JudahYear:336-366, so 3365-3395 AB: 2Ki 22:19||2Ch 33:21 = 640-610 BC, per Jones*]

His mother's name was Jedidah [*"beloved"*] the daughter of Adaiah [*"YHWH has adorned Himself"*] of Bozkath [*"rocky height"*]. 2 And he did *what was right in the sight of YHWH*, and walked in **all the ways of his father David**; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

[*2Ki 22:3-20 follow Je 5*]

2 Chronicles 33

23 **And he did not humble himself** before **YHWH**, as his father Manasseh had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

24 **Then** his servants _____ conspired against him, and **killed him** in his own house. 25 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon.

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2 Chronicles 34:1-2

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2 And he did *what was right in the sight of YHWH*, and walked in _____ the ways of his father David; *he did not* turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

[NOT parallel:]

2 Chronicles 34:3-7

3 For **in the eighth [8th] year of his reign,** while he was still young [16],

[*JudahYear:343, so 3372 AB = 633 BC, per Jones*]

he began to seek **the God of his father David**; and **in the twelfth [12th] year**

[*JudahYear:347, so 3376 AB = 629 BC, per Jones*]

he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images. 4

They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and

the incense altars **that were** above them he cut down; and

the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images

he broke in pieces, and made **dust** of them and scattered *it* on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5

He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars [*prophesied in 1Ki 13:2*], and **cleansed** Judah and Jerusalem. 6

And *so he did* in the cities of

Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali and all around,

with axes. 7

When he

had broken down the altars and the wooden images, had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

[*See also 2Ki 23:4-24, in his 18th year*]

[*2Ch 34:8-28 follow Je 5*]

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Kings of Judah After Isaiah

Found in the 2 Kings document:

Hezekiah [29 yrs: [2Ki 18:1](#)]

[*JudahYear:250-278;*

[3278-3306AB: 2Ki 17:1](#)]

[*Israel dispersed in his 6th yr.*]

[*JudahYear:255: 3283AB: 2Ki 17:1*]

These are found in this Isaiah doc.:

Manasseh [55 yrs: [2Ki 21:1||2Ch 33:1](#)]

[*JudahYear:279-333, so*

[3308-3362 AB: 2Ki 18:1 =](#)

[= 697-642 BC, per Jones](#)]

Amon [2 yrs: [2Ki 22:19||2Ch 33:21](#)]

[*JudahYear:334-335, so*

[3363-3364 AB: 2Ki 21:1||2Ch 33:1](#)

[= 642-640 BC, per Jones](#)]

Josiah [31 yrs: [2Ki 22:1 || 2Ch 34:1](#)]

[*JudahYear:336-366, so*

[3365-3395 AB: 2Ki 22:19||2Ch 33:21](#)

[= 640-610 BC, per Jones](#)]

Interesting Facts

about the Book of Isaiah

It has the same number of chapters as books of the Bible: 66. (The division into chapters was not inspired, but they do follow natural turns of subject matter.)

The first 39 chapters are known as **The Book of Judgment**. This is the same number as books of the Old Testament. They mention Isaiah and emphasize God's judgment.

The last 27 chapters are known as **The Book of Comfort**, beginning with "Comfort, yes, comfort My people" (40:1). This is the same as the number of books in the New Testament. They do not mention Isaiah, and emphasize God's comfort for His people: restoration after judgment, deliverance from Babylon, coming of the Messiah, and salvation to His people.

(Some "scholars" claim Isaiah did not write the last 27 chapters, but John the Baptist, Jesus, and Paul quote from both parts and attribute them all to Isaiah (22 references: Mt 3:3, 4:14, 8:17, 12:17, 13:14, 15:7, Mr 1:2, 7:6, Lu 3:4, 4:17, John 1:23, 12:38,39,41, Ac 8:28,30, 28:25, Ro 9:27,29, 10:16,20, 15:12).)

The last 27 chapters exhibit a 9-9-9 chapter structure, with the transition verses in each case being: "There is no peace, says my God/YHWH, for the wicked" (48:22, 57:21).

The middle of the 27 is chapter 53, which prophesies the crucifixion and the good news that it would bring.

The last four of the 39 are historical narrative, not prophecy, parallel to 2 Kings 18:13 to 20:37. They provide a natural transition from judgment to comfort. Chapters 36-37 are about the threat from Assyria and God's deliverance. Chapters 38-39 are about the Babylonian threat to come, so chapters 40ff are in that context. Chapters 44-45 predict Cyrus by name 150 years before he freed Israel as predicted.

The Book of Comfort begins with the prophesy of John the Baptist (40:3-5) and ends with the prophesy of the new heavens and the new land [earth] (65:17; 66:22), just as Revelation ends (Re 21:1). At the exact center (Chapter 53) is the atoning death of the Messiah.

The Book of Judgment ends with the prophesy of Jerusalem being overrun by the Babylonians (39:6-7 || 2Ki 18:17-18), just as Revelation predicts Jerusalem being overrun by the Romans (Re 17:8).

The last verse, 66:24, refers to the destruction of the wicked, just as Revelation ends (Re 20:11-15).

For a fuller discussion listen to Steve Gregg's Introduction to Isaiah at TheNarrowPath.com, and see his [Understanding OT Prophets](#) and [Introduction to Isaiah](#) below.

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Isaiah 40:12,22,26,28

Who has measured the waters [Ge 1:2,6-8] in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven [Jer 31:37; Ge 1:8] with a span and calculated the dust of the land [earth] in a measure, weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13 ... 22

It is He who sits above the circle [curve, arch] of the land [earth], and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,

Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain [Ps 104:2b], and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. 23... 26

Lift up your eyes on high, and see Who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might and the strength of His power;

Not one is missing. 27 ... 28
Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The Eternal [everlasting] God, YHWH, [Hebrew: Olam Elohim YHWH; cf. Ge 21:33; Ro 16:26]

The Creator of the ends of the land [earth], neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29

Isaiah 42:5

Thus says God YHWH, Who [on Day One, then Day Two] [cf. Genesis 1 Parallels] created the heavens [Ge 1:1] and stretched them out [Ge 1:7a],

Who spread forth the land [earth] [Ge 1:7b] and that which comes from it, [plants, animals, people: ^Ge 1:11, ^1:24, ^2:7a],

Who gives [Ge 2:7b] breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: 6

Isaiah 43:7

[Context (v1): refer. to Israel, Jacob] Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created [bara] for My glory; [^Hebrew] I have formed [yatsar] him, yes, I have made [asah] him.” [He created (bara) the raw material, then formed (yatsar) us from it; thus He made (asah) us.]

Isaiah 44:24

[Context (v23): “you”: Jacob, Israel] Thus says YHWH, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: “I am YHWH, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, [Ge 1:7a] who spreads abroad the land [earth] by Myself; [Ge 1:7b] 25

Isaiah 45:6c-7a

I am YHWH, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, [^Ge 1:3 (yatsar)] [^Ge 1:1-2 (bara)]

Isaiah 45:12

I have made the land [earth] [Ge 1:9], and created man on it [Ge 1:27]. I — My hands — [Ge 1:7] stretched out the heavens, and all their host [Ge 1:14] I have commanded. 13

Isaiah 45:18

For thus says YHWH, who created the heavens [Ge 1:1], who is God, who formed the land [earth] and made it, [Ge 1:9] who has established it [Ge 1:1:], who did not create it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited [not initially (Ge 1:2) but eventually (Ge 1:26-27): “I am YHWH, and there is no other. 19

Isaiah 48:13

Indeed, My hand has laid the foundation of the land [earth] [Ge 1:9], and My right hand has stretched out the heavens [Ge 1:7]; When I call to them, they stand up together. 14

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And you forget YHWH your Maker, who stretched out the heavens [Ge 1:7] and laid the foundations of the land [earth] [Ge 1:9]; 16 And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens [Ge 1:7], lay the foundations of the land [earth] [Ge 1:9], and say to Zion, “You are My people.””

Isaiah 54:2-3

“Enlarge the place of your tent, And Let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And Strengthen your stakes. 3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited. 4

Isaiah 66

Thus says YHWH: “Heaven is [Ge 1:8] My throne, and Land [earth] is [Ge 1:10] My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And Where is the place of Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes

My rest? 2
For all those *things*
My hand has made, and
all those *things* exist”,
says Y_{HWH}.

Understanding the Old Testament Prophets

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chart prepared by Steve Gregg

O.T. Passage	Davidic Kingdom	Gentiles Subdued	Exiles Return 2nd Exodus Highway to Zion	Peace and Prosperity	Temple Worship	Salvation Restoration	Everlasting Duration	N.T. References and Allusions
Psalm 72	verse 1	verses 8-11	verse 4	vs. 3, 7, 16	-	vs. 12-14	vs.5,7,17,19	-
Isaiah 2:2-4	-	verses 2-4	-	verse 4	verse 2	-	-	-
Isaiah 9:1-7	verses 6-7	—	-	verses 3, 7	—	verse 4	verse 7	Matthew 4:12-17
Isaiah 11:1-16	verse 1	vs.13-14	vs.11f, 15f	verses 6-9	-	-	-	Romans 15:10
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Introduction to Isaiah

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Steve's Lectures on Isaiah

I. The Man Isaiah

According to Jewish tradition Amoz, father of Isaiah, was brother of King Amaziah. Isaiah was married, with two sons, whose names were prophetic (7:3/8:1, 18). He was commissioned in 740 BC (6:1). According to tradition (including Josephus), he was sawn in two by Manasseh (cf. Hebrews 11:37).

- The most important writing **Prophet**: The prophet of the Messiah (quoted in NT more than all other prophets combined, exceeded only by Psalms).
- **Historian**: (chapters 36-39/ cf. 2 Chronicles 26:22; 32:32—“the rest of the acts of Uzziah”; “Vision of Isaiah”, and “Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel”
- **Poet**: Most cultured and profound poetry of the prophets; considered superior to that of Homer, Milton, Shakespeare
- **Statesman**: of noble birth (grandson of King Joash, nephew of Amaziah), counselor to four kings; Jerusalem's chief citizen; prolonged Jerusalem's life by >100 years through his counsel to Hezekiah

II. Historical Setting

The time of Isaiah's ministry: 745-695 BC (50 years) corresponding to 2 Kings 15-20 and 2 Chronicles 26-32

~200 years earlier, the kingdom had divided.

Beginning ~745 BC, Assyria was expanding to regions of Israel and Judah.

Pekah (of Israel) joined Syria and sought Judah's cooperation against Assyria.

Ahaz (with Isaiah's encouragement) would not cooperate, so they sought to oust him and replace him.

732 BC Syria was crushed by Assyria, Pekah assassinated the same year; Ahaz bought-off Assyria with money.

Israel defeated by Assyria in 722 BC (Tiglath-Pilezar).

701 BC Sennacherib threatened Judah under Hezekiah.

A pro-Assyria party in Jerusalem counseled Hezekiah to placate Assyria.

A pro-Egyptian party encouraged Hezekiah to seek assistance from Egypt against Sennacherib.

Isaiah counseled Hezekiah to trust only in the Lord, and the Lord delivered Jerusalem supernaturally.

III. Outline of the Book

Part One: The Book of Judgment (chapters 1—39)

1. Prophecies against Judah and Jerusalem (chapters 1-6)
2. Prophecies against Israel (chapters 7-12)
3. The “Burdens” against the nations (chapters 13-23)
4. The Great Transition: Out with the Old Order; In with the New (chapters 24-27)
5. The “Woes” (chapters 28-33)
6. The Great Transition: Out with the Old Order; In with the New (chapters 34-35)
7. Historical interlude, connecting the two sections (chapters 36-39)

Part Two: The Book of Comfort (chapters 40-66)

1. Two Salvations: Cyrus and Messiah (chapters 40-48)
2. Two Servants: Israel and Messiah (chapters 49-57)
3. Two Cities: the Old Jerusalem and the New (chapters 58-66)

IV. Authorship

A. Liberal/Critical Opinion

Moses ben Samuel Ibn-Gekatilla (AD 110): ch. 1-39 (time of Hezekiah); ch. 40-66 (time of second temple).

J. B. Koppe (1780) questioned Isaianic authorship of chapter 50.

Doederlein (1789) denied Isaianic authorship of chapters 40 through 66. His denial was followed by others.

Scholars in the 1800s, divided between those who held this view and those who supported traditional view.

Bernhard Duhm (1892) believed “Second-Isaiah” wrote ch.40-55; postulated “Trito-Isaiah” as author of 56-66.

Since then, **liberal critics** have sought to find other passages (e.g., chapter 13) to additional “Isaiahs”.

Arguments against Isaiah having written chapters 40 through 66:

1. The setting is Babylonian, not Palestinian.
2. Prophecies of restoration and mention of Cyrus could not have been written before the events.
3. Isaiah’s name absent from this section, though mentioned in chapters 1-39 (hence the author of the last section is anonymous).

B. Traditional/Biblical Opinion

Ecclesiasticus 49:17-25 (between 200 BC and 180 BC; earliest known statement about Isaiah’s authorship outside the book itself) attributes second section to same author as first section.

Dead Sea Scrolls (probably written at the beginning of the first century) treat both sections as a unity.

The New Testament quotes Isaiah by name **20x** (and even more times without mentioning his name).

Matthew quotes him by name **6x** (**3x** from each section).

John 12:38-41 quotes Isaiah by name twice in one passage (one time from each section).

V. Internal Evidence for the Unity of Isaiah

25 words or forms unique to Isaiah found in both sections.

“The Holy One of Israel” used **12x** in chapters 1-39; **14x** in chapters 40-66; only **5x** elsewhere in OT

Themes found in both sections:

Unquenchable fire (1:31/ 66:24)

Sickness of the nation (1:5-6/ 53:4-5)

All Gentile nations flowing into the Holy Mountain (2:2/ 56:7/ 66:20)

God’s “highway” (11:16/ 40:3-5)

Wolf and lamb, lion eat straw, etc. (11:6-9/ 65:25)

A Banner for the nations (11:12/ 49:22/ 62:10)

Not written by an exile in Babylon: Author wrote while Jerusalem’s walls were apparently still standing (62:6) and the cities of Judah still existed (40:9) and wrote from a Palestinian vantage point:

- “send to Babylon” (not “from Babylon”—43:14)
- Cyrus comes “from the east” (i.e., from Palestinian viewpoint—46:11)
- From Babylon is called “from there” (not “from here”—52:11)

Could the “Greatest Writing Prophet” (author of chapters 40-66) have remained anonymous? Why were the identities of lesser prophets (like Obadiah) remembered but not this man’s?

VI. Is Isaiah a Microcosm of the Whole Bible?

Isaiah = 66 chapters (The Bible has 66 books)

“The Book of Judgment” = 39 chapters (Old Testament has 39 books)

“The Book of Comfort” = 27 chapters (New Testament has 27 books)

—Opens (as does the New Testament) with John the Baptist (40:3-5)

—Closes (as does the New Testament) with a “New Heavens & New Earth”

—At the exact center (chapter 53) is the atoning death of the Messiah

Notes from Steve Gregg Lectures:

Steve's Lectures on Isaiah

1:2-4 Jer 8:7 “birds know, but not My people” God programmed the birds to obey, but we get the opportunity to obey by choice.
1:5-6 Isaiah’s image of the nation as a man sick from head to foot, as a result of the attack of Assyria (vv6-7)
1:9 Re 7:8 Jerusalem compared to Sodom, and called by that name derisively.
1:15 raising hands in prayer (parallel); Pr 15:8 (1Pe x:y) lifting holy hands – prayer of the upright; Pr 21:27 sacrifice of wicked, especially with evil intent
1:16-17 The remedy.
2:all The Church/Messianic Age
2:6 — 8:19 They were consulting mediums
2:10b,19b,21b terror, glory (majesty); Lu 23: dau of Jer don’t weep for me; Re 6:16 (5:16 Y_{HWH} exalted in that day, in judgment); “in that day” is not always the same day, but a standard phrase of Isaiah (43x) to refer to a particular time; here, an impending judgment unless they repent (which Hezekiah later did), but they did not later so Babylon sacked the city.
2:22 Those trusting Assyria to protect them from Israel, or Egypt to defend them from the Assyria-Israel alliance, ... arrogance that they could take care of everything without God.

3:16ff (2:11,12, 17 :lofty look) haughty, arrogant
4:5 John 14
5:19 — 1Pe 3:3 “where is the promise of His coming?” But the delay is not evidence that He does not care. Not slack but patient.
6:9-10 — Ac 7:51 allusion
Mt 13:yy-13 speaking in parables: dull ears, eyes – don’t want light; Jesus brought light, they didn’t want it, so God sealed their eyes.
9:1-2 See ESV for better wording.
9:3 joy => new Israel: 12:3 joy; 29:19 joy; 35:2 joy, 10 joy; 51:3 comfort, joy, gladness, 11 singing, joy, gladness; 52:9 joy, comfort; 55:12 joy, peace, singing, clapping; 61:3 joy, 7 joy; 65:14 joy; 66:5; Jer 30-33 (31:13 joy) — all characteristics of the Messianic Kingdom: spiritual phenomena, not geopolitical.
9:4 Zech x:68 those who hate us – serve Him without fear
9:7 Lu 1:32-33 1. upon the throne of David; 2. forever; 3. ???
11:1Mt alludes to this via “Nazarite”: “house of the branch”
11:2e The fear of Y_{HWH} is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge, also found in the NT many times: no problem when in right relationship, but awesome if not.
11: 6-9 Gentiles and Jews reconciled in Christ: predatory vs domesticated (by God’s law) animals; Gentiles transformed in nature; Child:

Lu 10:19 “nothing by any means shall hurt you” serpents = all the power of Satan; v9 Hab 2:14 the knowledge of the glory shall cover the earth; 2Co 4:6 light of... every region of the Earth; the present age: Ro 15:9-12 gospel coming to the Gentiles
11:15 River = Euphrate
12:3 Woman by the well
14:3-5 Only place in OT that refers to conscious beings in Sheol, but it may be metaphorical.
14:13 Original Babel dwellers built a tower to heaven; Oba x:y; Mt 11:23 “exalted into heaven”
Context: Assyria attacking all these neighbors of Israel.
19:1 Y_{HWH} riding on a swift cloud = Assyrians coming on Egypt [Steve skipped Ch 23 — “the meaning of this chapter is incredibly difficult” to discern now — too much data lost. “Beyond me.”]
Ch 25-27 Kingdom/Messianic/Church Age
24 Isaiah’s Apocalypse (revelation/-unveiling of something future), not the end of the world, but is on the same subject as Mt 24, the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.
24:3-6 Jer x:18ff the land vomits out its inhabitants; Le 18; De 28.
34 – End times or not? Against all nations, but then only Edom (as an example of Gentiles?) Compare 24-25 to 34-35.
35 – Surely the New Covenant.

36-39 – The historical end of the Book of Judgment, || 2Ki 18-19. Possibly Is 38 reports the sickness and Babylonians observing the riches out of chronological order to introduce the rise of Babylonia, when it actually occurred before the delivery of Jerusalem (cf. 38:6) and before the gold was stripped from the doors of the Temple (2Ki 18:14-16). Isaiah may have reordered the events to make the transition to the Book of Comfort, which is all about Babylonia, with no sign of Assyria.

The Book of Comfort

It is written as if the Babylonian exile has already happened, but that cannot be the case, as Isaiah died before that. Nor is there a transition statement. But the NT writers and Jesus state that it was written by Isaiah. Thus, this was written ~200 years before the events prophesied, even to naming Cyrus.

Three segments of 9 chapters each, the first two ending with “There is no peace for the wicked.” (In contrast, it says over and again that there is peace for the righteous.)

40-48 Focus on release of God’s people from captivity.

40:1-2 Starts with “Comfort!”
40:3-8 Then it jumps to the Messianic Age, as indicated by verses quoted in the NT.

I hope you have learned your lesson:

40:12 What man is equal to God?

40:18 What idol is like God?
 41:4b 48:xx X:yy Rev 1st last
 41:7 You do the work to bring your
 “god” into existence.
 41:25 Cyrus (not by name)
 44-45: Cyrus again mentioned
 41-46: Repeated mocking of idols.
 One God (first, last, only), creator of
 everything, can predict the future
 because He controls everything.
 So why do you make idols?
 “I am He” is a title not a statement:
 the tense of the verb does not
 change with context:
 43:12-13 Before the day was, I am
 He.
 46:3-4 Even to your old age, I am He.
 Jn 8:58 “I am” (*ego eime*: I am (he))
 is not the same Greek as the LXX
 in Ex when God said to Moses “I
 am”. Before Abraham was, I am
 He: same as Is 43:12. So the title
 comes from Isaiah, not Exodus.
Servant Motif (esp. ch 43)
**49-57 Focus on the Servant: Israel,
 and then Messiah/Christ.** Israel
 was not an obedient servant, so a
 new Israel was needed to replace
 him.
42:1-7 the first servant song; Mt
 12:20 ~quotes vv2-4
49:1-12 the second servant song;
 v12: Lu 13:28-29 NSEW Gentiles
50:4-11 the third servant song; v6:
 back & cheeks: before crucifixion
 (but not quoted); v7: set like flint
 Lu x:y.

52:13 really should be the beginning
 of ch 53. Song in five stanzas of
 three verses each.
52:13-15 introduction: servant to be
 exalted, but before, He was beat
 up, thus to benefit many nations
 1Pe 1:2 sprinkled with blood of C;
 He 9:13 sprinkled blood of C to
 cleanse; Ro 15:21 Paul’s mission
 defined by v15b.
53:1-3 see inserted notes.
53:4-6 He suffered for us: healed =
 reconciliation; 1Pe 2:24 you were
 healed by returning to God.
53:7-9 Silence.
53:10-12 Too many pronouns (refer-
 ring to the Father and/or Christ).
 Bore sin for all or many? Mk
 10:25 1, Tim 2:6 Paul indicates the
 many are all.
54:13... alluded to by Jesus
Last section 58-66:
 58: “Fast” by doing good, not by ab-
 staining from food.
 59: You have set up a barrier between
 yourselves and God, so He WILL
 not hear you. Paul’s quote: we
 Jews have been advantaged, but it
 has done us no good: we are not
 better than the Gentiles. Many
 quotes: some Jews have been just
 as bad as Gentiles: your own
 Scriptures document such (not all,
 but many; there was always a rem-
 nant).
 Rom 11: Paul quotes vv20-21 to
 argue that Jesus is Y_{HWH} among us
 doing what He said.
 Ro 13:12 – putting on Christ, puts

on God’s armor because He has
 that armor on. Cf. v17, quoted in
[Eph 6:14-17](#), [1Th 5:8](#).
 60: New Zion/Jerusalem based on the
 remnant: the Church in the King-
 dom Age (now, mostly, but per-
 haps also after the Resurrection).
 61: Jesus quoted v-2a and ended with
 “this is fulfilled in your hearing”.
 He did not read the next phrase,
 but did announce that vengeance
 later. Day of judgment contrasted
 in Isaiah with “acceptable year” =
 Jubilee, according almost all
 commentators: every 50th year.
 61:4b “many gens”: not just the 2 or 3
 since the Exile.
 63:4 Again day of vengeance con-
 trasted with year of redeemed.
 64:6 “like filthy rags” Lu JtB’s par-
 ents acted righteously; Ac 10:2
 righteous acts; v6: “all your right-
 eousnesses” – as if you were right-
 eous people (hypocritical). Not a
 blanket statement true of all people
 of all times: not Cornelius, not
 JtB’s parents, etc.
 66 God’s moves out of the temple in-
 to His people: they are His house
 now. They chose their own ways,
 but He chose their delusions. Jn 9:
 blind man testified, then cast out.
 Ro 16:15 Paul’s offering of the
 Gentiles: v66:20. v24 Mk 9: Jesus
 calls this Gehenna (the Valley of
 Hinnom), so this is AD 70.

ⁱ Isaiah 44:28 is ambiguous. The NKJ
 renders the last part as Cyrus’ words:

who says of Cyrus,
 ‘He is My shepherd’, and
 ‘He shall perform
 all My pleasure’,
 saying to Jerusalem,
 ‘You shall be built’,
 and to the temple,
 ‘Your foundation
 shall be laid.’ ”

But that is less likely, given the sequence
 of ‘who’s and their grammatical structure.
 Furthermore, according to Ezra, Cyrus
 never gave a command to rebuild Jerusa-
 lem. See [Ezra 1:1-4](#) || [2Ch 36:22-23](#) for
 Cyrus’ decree, in which there is no men-
 tion of building Jerusalem, just the house
 of God, as confirmed by Darius’ search:
[Ezra 6:3-5](#). The BBE, LXX, and MSG
 present it as on page 38.