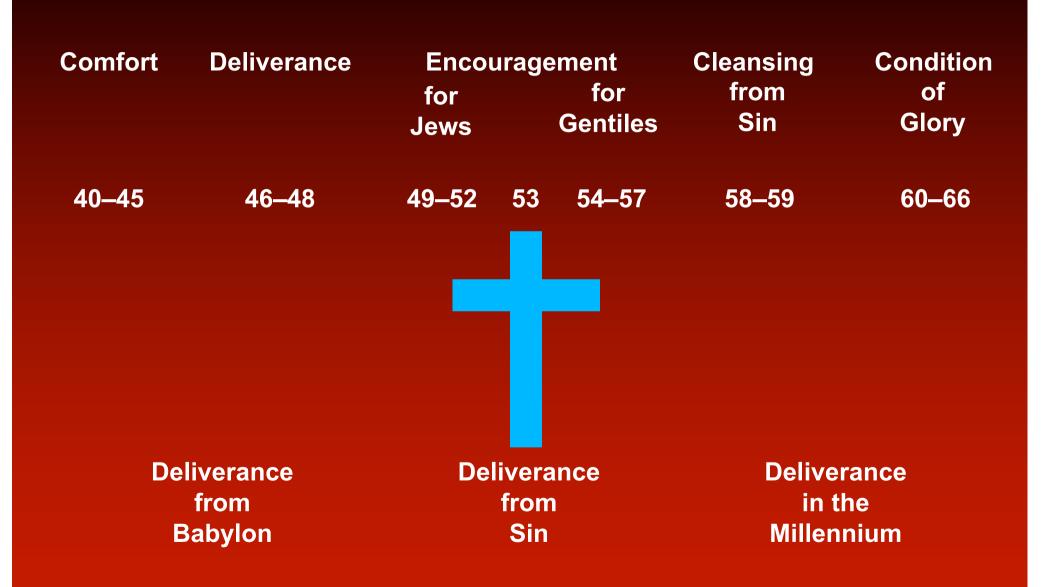


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How will God complete his plan for all creation?





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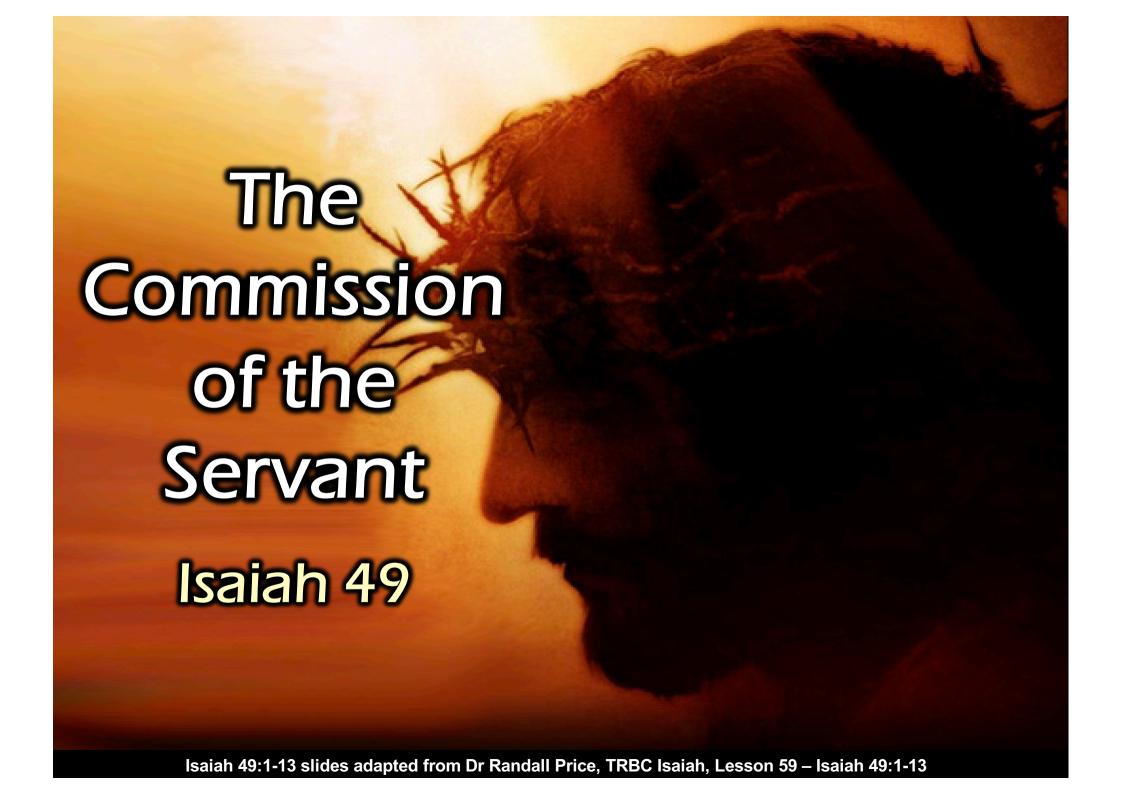
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53:10-12 Risen





In this next major section of the Servant Oracles we find significant changes in content:

- (1) No further emphasis on the LORD's uniqueness.
- (2) No further contrast with idols.
- (3) No more mention of Cyrus the Great as an instrument with Israel and the nations.
- (4) No further appeal to predictive prophecy to validate God.
- (1) Focus on Israel's condition physically (Land devastation) and spiritually.
- (2) Focus on Israel's restoration (beyond its former condition).
- (3) The instrument (means) of Israel's redemption and restoration is the Servant of the LORD.
- (4) This Servant is identified with Israel (but not Israel) and suffers for Israel

THE WORK OF THE MESSIAH IN ISAIAH 49—57

49 - MESSIAH BRINGS LIGHT AND RESTORATION (light to the Gentiles when Israel rejects; restoration to Israel at the appointed time)

50 - ISRAEL IS PUT AWAY OVER HER SINS, BUT THE SERVANT OF THE LORD IS OBEDIENT (by His suffering He comforts the weary)

51:1-52:12 - ISRAEL SHOULD AWAKE BECAUSE DOMINION WILL REPLACE SLAVERY (when God comes to rule in Zion).

52:13-53:12 - MESSIAH BRINGS REDEMPTION TO ISRAEL THROUGH HIS SUFFERING AS THE SERVANT.

54 - ISRAEL WILL BE BLESSED WITH REDEMPTION AND DOMINION.

55:1-56:8 - GRACE WILL BE EXTENDED TO GENTILES WHO WILL TRUST IN THE LORD.

56:9-57:21 - MESSIAH'S FUTURE KINGDOM WILL BE FOR THE REDEEMED (no wicked and corrupt idolaters as in former times).

The first Servant song (Isaiah 42:1-9) contained a distant prophecy of the Servant of the LORD who would bring salvation and establish God's divine rule on earth. There was hardly a glimpse of the Servant's future suffering. In Isaiah 42 it was concluded that the Servant was the Davidic Messiah who will come (in His Second Advent) to establish the Millennial Kingdom and extend God's blessings to the Gentiles in fulfillment of the Abrahamic Coovenant.

The second Servant song (Isaiah 49:1-26) brings out these same concepts, except that of a worldwide righteous order for the Gentiles is replaced with a focus on the physical and spiritual restoration of national Israel. We learn that Israel initially rejected the Servant and this leads to an expanded mission to bring salvation to the Gentiles and a later mission to fulfill Israel's restoration.

The Servant, rejected at first by His own people, receives a commission to bring salvation to
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"Listen to Me, O islands, and pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From My mother's body He has caused My Name to be remembered. And He has made My mouth like a sharpened sword; In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me, and He has also made Me a polished arrow; He has hidden Me in His quiver. And He said to Me, You are My Servant, Israel, in Whom I will show My glory." Isaiah 49:1-3

The Gentile Nations of the World

"The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; Let the many islands be glad." Psalm 97:1

"Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea." Isaiah 11:11

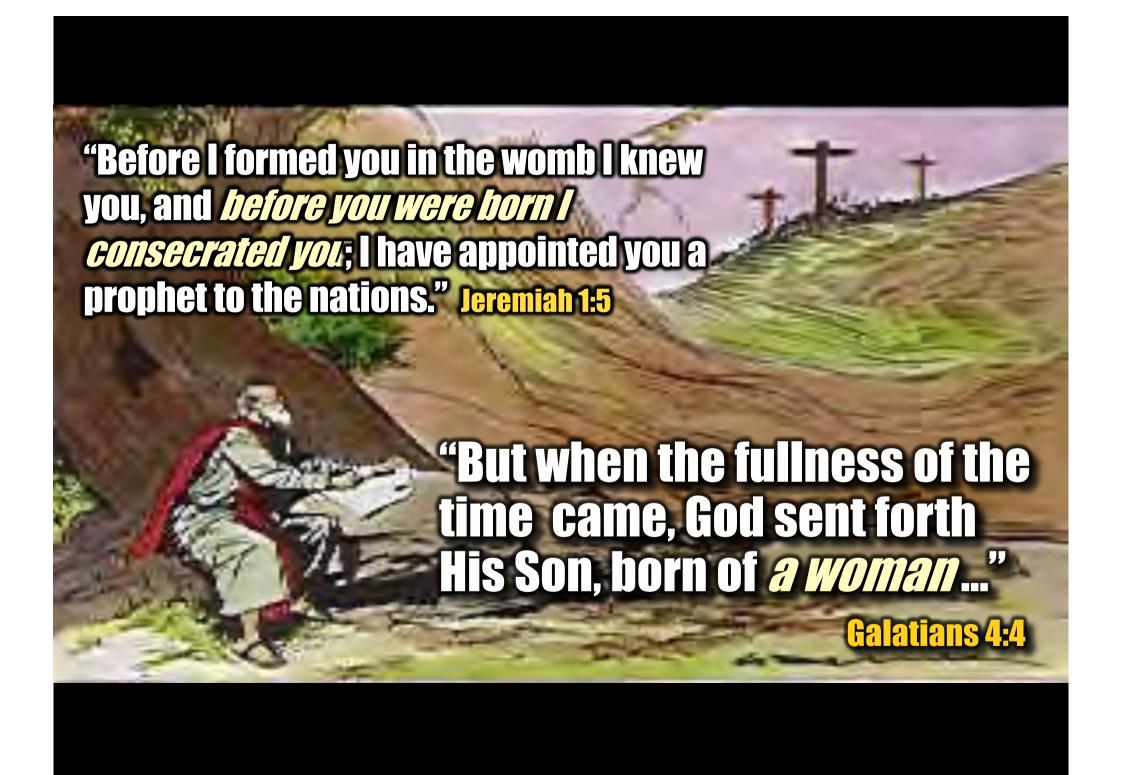
"Sing to the LORD a new song, sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands and those who dwell on them." Isaiah 42:10

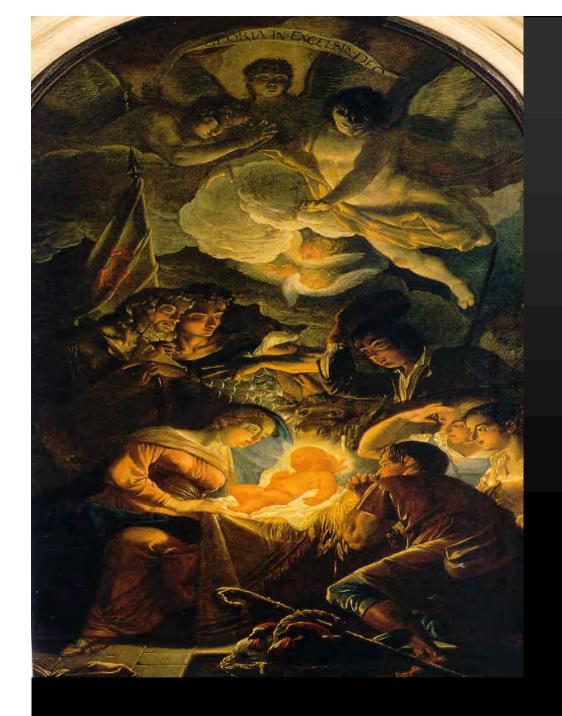
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"And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME **IMMANUEL**," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." Matthew 1:21-23

The Prenatal Call of the Servant: Designation of Messianic Office

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end. And Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:31-35





Ίακὼβ δὲ ἐγεννησεν τὸν Ἰωσὴφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαριας, ἐξ ἡς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος χριστός. Matthew 1:16

"and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ." Matthew 1:16

The relative pronoun ἡς
is feminine singular,
indicating that Mary, not
Joseph, was the human
progenitor of Jesus

The Preparation of the Servant

1) Prepared speech (God's Prophetic Word)

2) Prepared Life (Effectiveness of His Word)

3) Prepared Mission (Protected for Proper Time)

"And He has made My mouth like a sharpened sword; In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me, and He has also made Me into a polished arrow; He has hidden Me in His quiver."





Sword = Word of God

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

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

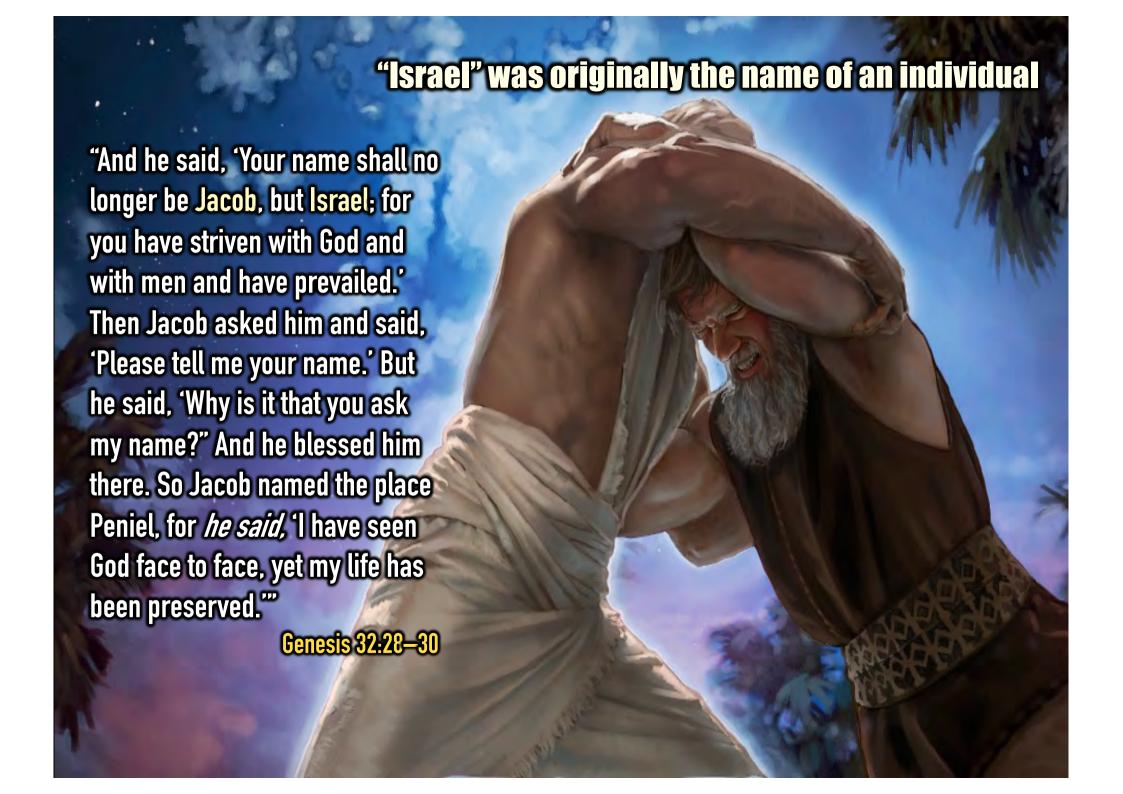
"And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength." Revelation 1:16

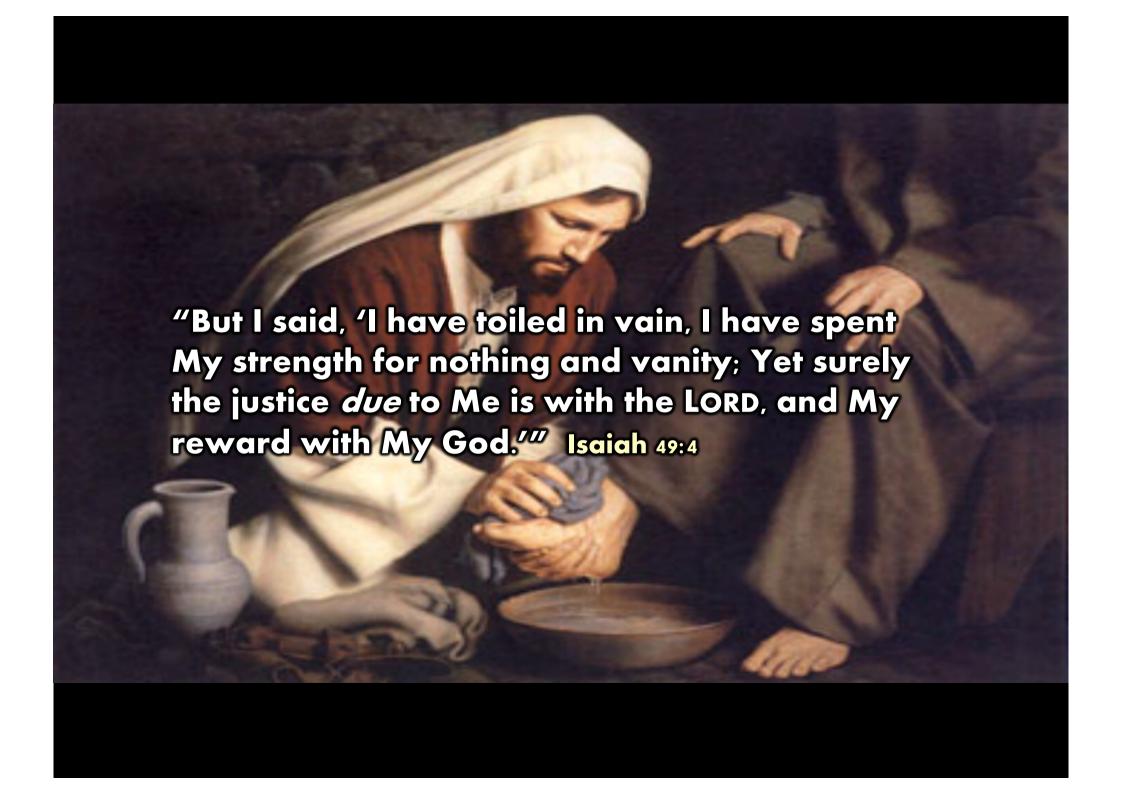
"And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty." Revelation 19:15

"You are My Servant, Israel"

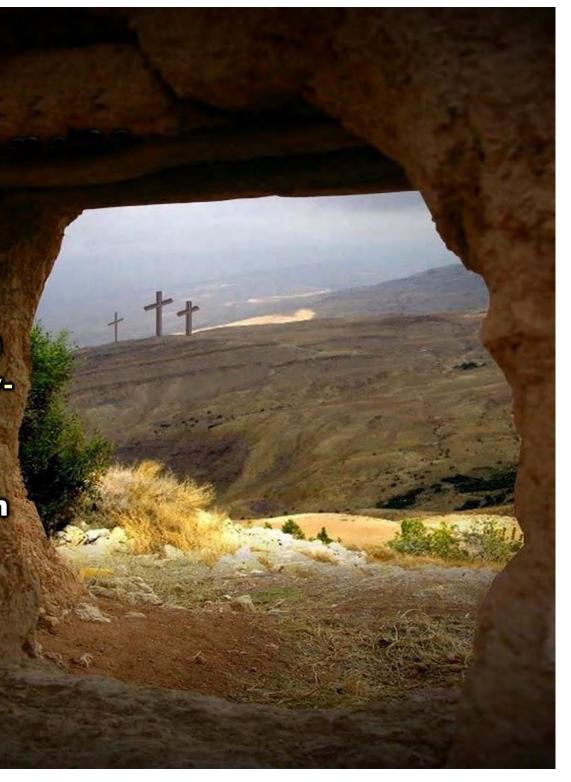
- 1) The expression "from my mother" clearly indicates an individual, not a corporate nation.
- 2) Israel was not named by prophecy before its birth, but Messiah was (Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:21)
- 3) The Servant intercedes for the nation, so it cannot be the nation (verses 5-6).
- 4) Israel cannot regather and restore itself, but Messiah will (verses 5-6; Isa. 11:11-12; Mt. 24:30-31).
- 5) Israel is to glorify God, not have God glorify Himself through it. God glorifies His Son (Jn. 12:28).
- 6) God rewards Messiah who rewards Israel, His offspring (verse 4; cf. Isa. 40:10; 53:10)

The Messiah is called "Israel" here because He is Israel's head and alone fulfills their failed mission to glorify God, redeeming the Nation, bringing the Gentiles to worship, and establishing the Kingdom of God on earth.





Like all of the prophets sent to Israel, the Prophet, the Messiah, was also rejected (Matt. 23:29-37; Lk. 11:49). This text reflects the progressive rejection of Christ by Israel, which culminated in His death on the cross (Matt. 12:9-37; 23:37-39; 26:1-27:66). Yet, He has complete confidence that the LORD will vindicate Him and His work and grant Him ultimate success (resurrection, glorification, and triumphal reign), cf. Isaiah 50:8; 53:11-12.



"And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and My God is My strength), 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 make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:5-6

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"that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time."

Acts 3:20-21

"and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, 'THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB. AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

Romans 11:26-27

The Expanded Commission: The Gospel to the Gentles

"And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.' For thus the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU SHOULD BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'" Acts 13:46–47

"IN ORDER THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME ...'" Acts 15:17

"the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of *His* resurrection from the dead He should be the first to proclaim light both to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles." Acts 26:23

"through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake" Romans 1:5



"that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Philippians 2:10=11

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'" Revelation 7:9-10

"Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, to restore the Land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages; Saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' Along the roads they will feed, and their pasture will be on all bare heights. They will not hunger or thirst, Neither will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; For He who has compassion on them will lead them, and will guide them to springs of water. And I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways will be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar; And lo, these will come from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim."

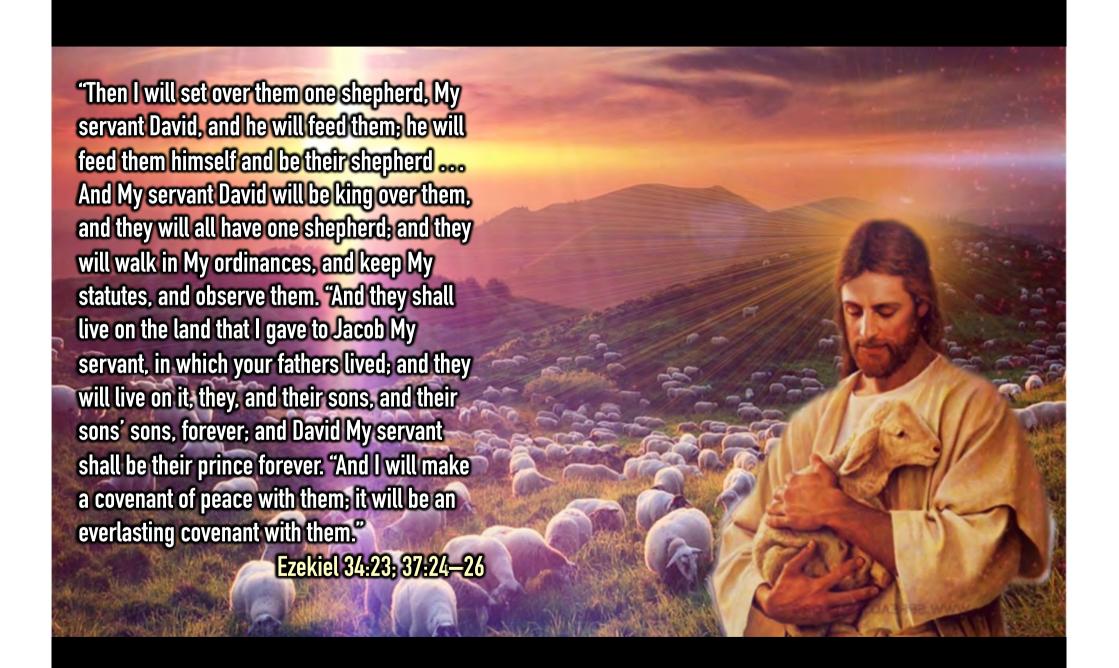
"And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain — for He says, AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU"; behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME, behold, now is THE DAY OF SALVATION — 2 Corinthians 6:1—2

Just as the Servant prayed for God's favor for His People Israel, and God heard Him and granted them grace to return to their Land, the place of God's deliverance, so the Savior has prayed to the Father (John 17:19–23) that those who would be added to His People would be brought to a place of spiritual deliverance, the day of salvation through faith in Christ. All who will call on Him for salvation will find it.

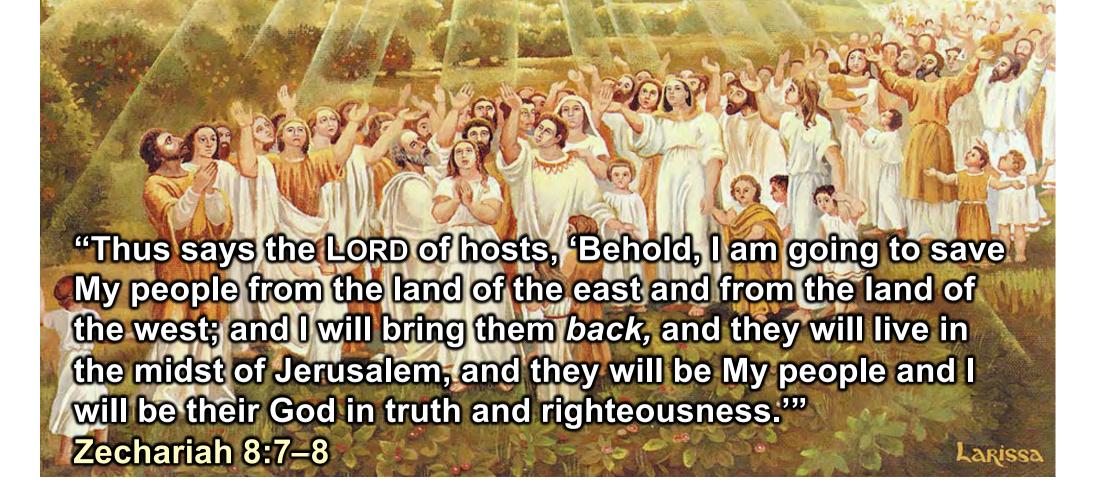
Despite Israel's national rejection of the Servant as its Messiah, God is not finished with the Nation because He unconditionally promised to redeem and restore them under the New Covenant. This was a promise made to Israel during their Exile after judgment had befallen and they had lost their Land:

"And it will come about that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy, and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the LORD... Behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah ... I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people ... for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day, and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name: If this fixed order departs from before Me, declares the LORD, then the offspring of Israel also shall cease from being a Nation before Me forever. Thus says the LORD, if the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out below, then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the LORD."

Jeremiah 31:28, 31, 33, 35-37







Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, and will have compassion on His afflicted." Isaiah 49:13



God's called Servant is rejected at first by His own people, Israel, but in a future day of grace he will ultimately succeed not only in fulfilling His expanded commission to bring salvation to the Gentiles but also in redeeming and restoring Israel, physically and spiritually. This promised and prophesied act fulfilled will result in universal praise to the Holy One of Israel.

Prophecies of Messiah in Isaiah

- Called before birth to be God's servant (49:1)
- Born of a virgin (7:14)
- Descendant of Jesse (11:1, 10)
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit (11:2; 42:1)
- Gentle to the weak (42:3)
- Obedient to the LORD in his mission (50:4-9)
- Voluntarily submission to suffering (50:6; 53:7-8)
- Rejected by Israel (49:7; 53:1, 3)

Prophecies of Messiah in Isaiah

- He will take on Himself the sins of the world (53:4-6, 10-12)
- His triumph over death (53:10)
- He will be exalted (52:13; 53:12)
- He will comfort Israel and punish the wicked (61:1-3)
- He will restore Israel to the land (49:8) and to God (49:5)
- He will reign on David's throne (9:7)

Prophecies of Messiah in Isaiah

- He will bring joy to Israel (9:2)
- He will make a new covenant with Israel (42:6; 49:8-9)
- He will restore the nations (11:10)
- He will be worshiped by Gentiles (49:7; 52:15)
- He will govern the world (9:6)
- He will judge justly in faithful righteousness (11:3-5; 42:1-4)

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Messianic **Prophecies**

Key Verse:

"Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail."

(Isaiah 51:6 NIV)





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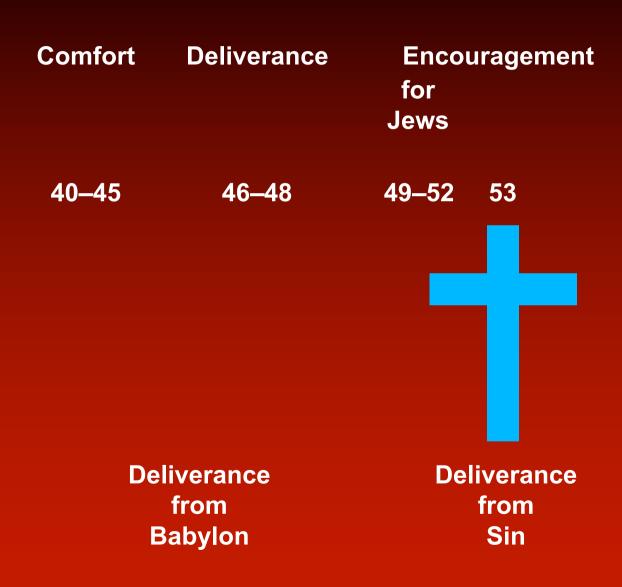
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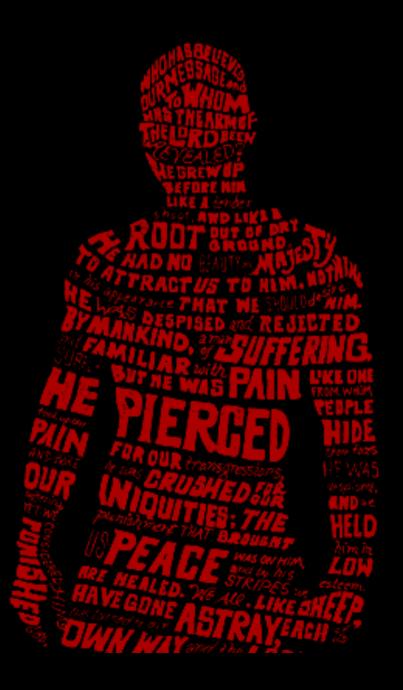
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ISAIAH 53:5



"The Forbidden Chapter" in the Hebrew Bible

Isa 53:4-5 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

Does Isaiah 53 speak of atonement for sin or physical healing?

Atonement for Sin	Physical Healing
Believers will face physical death but not spiritual death	Matthew 8:14-17 applies Isaiah 53:4 to physical healing
Christ came to die for our sins—not for sickness (1 Cor 15:3)	1 Cor 15:3 refers to complete future deliverance from sin and sickness
If atonement and healing were integrated, then if we fall sick, we would doubt our salvation	Sickness closely links with effects of our fallen nature, but God forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases
Philip applied Isaiah 53 to Christ's atonement for sin when speaking with the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8)	Healing and atonement of sin are not the same, yet as sins are atoned for, healing and restoration comes
Jesus quoted Isaiah 53 in Matthew 8:14-17 by using the Greek term for take away and not carried	The root word for <i>heal</i> in Isa 53:5 (<i>rapha</i>), could mean healing physically or spiritually
Peter's quote of Isaiah 53 referred to spiritual healing	The word <i>griefs</i> in Isa 53:4 (<i>choliy</i>) is used mostly of physical healing

	Job	Suffering Servant
STATE OF THE PARTY	Job is "my servant" (Job 1:8; 2:3)	God praises the Suffering Servant as he does Job (Isa 42:1)
	Job is "stricken" of God (Job 19:21)	The people consider the Servant to be "stricken" of God (Isa 53:4)
STATE OF STA	Job is chastised by the Almighty (Job 5:17)	The same "chastisement" is predicted of the Servant (Isa 53:5)
	Job is "despised" by compatriots (Job 19:18)	The Servant is despised and not esteemed (Isa 53:3)
	Job's friends "forget" him and his brethren "stay away" from him (Job 19:13-14)	The Suffering Servant's compatriots "hide their faces" (Isa 53:3)
	Job is "smitten" on the "cheeks" (Job 16:10)	The Servant also is "smitten" on the "cheeks" (Isa 50:6, 53:4).
	Job records his experience as, "They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face" (Job 30:10, cf. Job 17:6)	The Servant does not hide his face from "spitting" (Isa 50:6), which is a rare word (3x) that only occurs in Job (2x) and Isaiah.

The above comparisons between Job & Suffering Servant are taken from Andrew Perry, "The Suffering Servant of Isaiah and the Suffering of Job" at http://www.christadelphian-ejbi.org/presentations/job.pdf

Job	Suffering Servant
Job claims that what has befallen him was "not for any violence" in his hands (Job 16:17)	This phrase occurs once elsewhere in Isaiah 53:9, "because he had done no violence"
Job asserts that his prayer was pure (Job 16:17)	No guile was found in the Suffering Servant's mouth (Isa 53:9, cf. Job 31:5)
Job says that upright men are astonished or appalled at what has happened to him (Job 17:8)	"Many were appalled at thee" (Isa 52:14)
Job says that the mockers will not be "exalted" (Job 17:4)	The Suffering Servant himself is the one who would be exalted (Isa 52:13)
Job wants someone to "contend" with him (Job 13:19)	The same question is posed by the Suffering Servant: "Who will contend with me?" (Isa 50:8)
Job complains that he is being eaten by moths (Job 13:28)	In contrast, the adversaries of the Suffering Servant would be eaten by moths (Isa 50:9)
Job rests his case with God (Job 16:19)	So does the Suffering Servant (Isa 49:4)

Promises of the Davidic Covenant

⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His government and its peace will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! (Isa. 9:6-7)

THEOLOGY IN ISAIAH

Eschatology (cont'd)

- 2. RULE OF MESSIAH A time of unparalleled peace & prosperity
- + The Prevalence of Justice (1:17, 21, 23)
- + The Authority of His Rule (9:6-7)
- The Splendor of His Kingdom (33:17)
- + Peace on Earth (9:6-7; 32:16-17)
- + The Healing of the People (35:5-6)
- + A Time of Feasting (25:6)
- + The Submission of the Nations to Israel and to God (11:14; 14:2)
- + The Flow of the Nations' Wealth to Israel (60:5, 11; 61:6)
- + The Outpouring of the Spirit (11:2; 32:15)

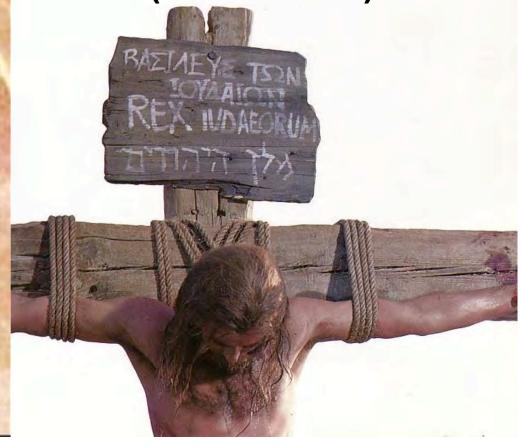


"He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity" (Isaiah 9:7)

"He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief..."

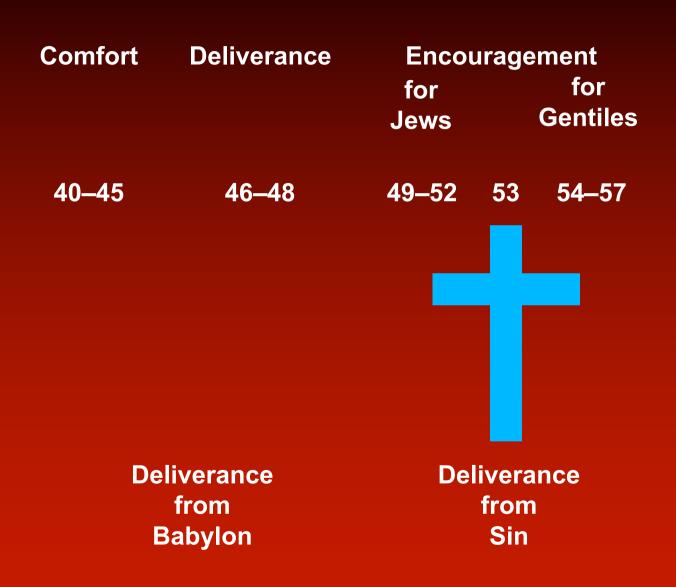
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God's Blessing (Isaiah 54:1-3 NIV)

"Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband," says the LORD. ² "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. ³ For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities."



Salvation for All (Isaiah 54:1–56:8)

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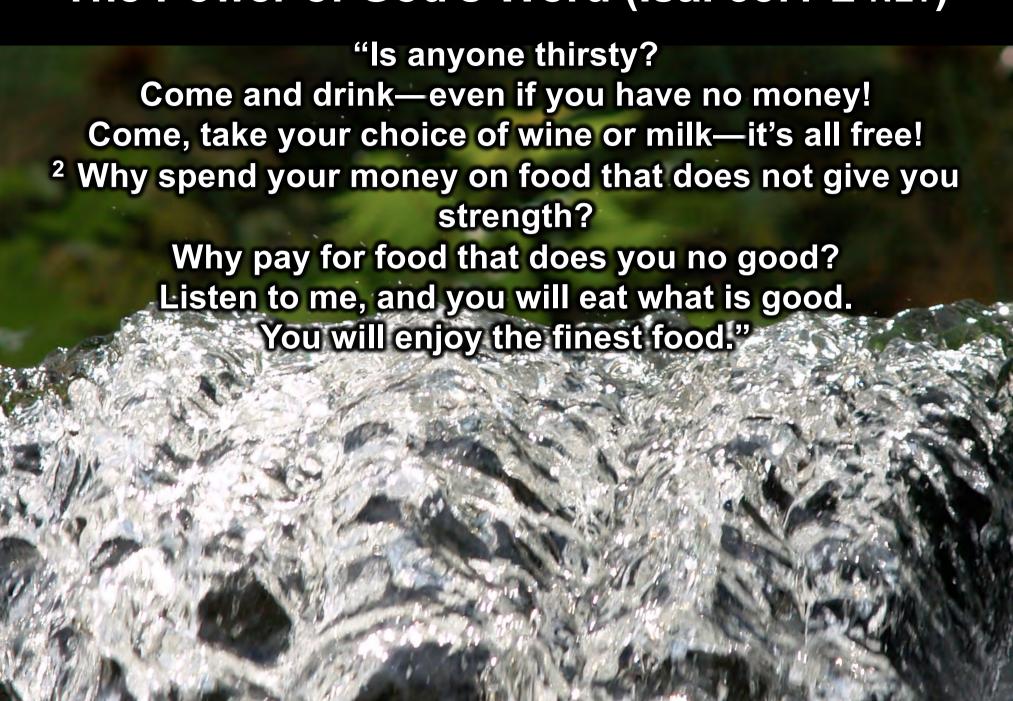


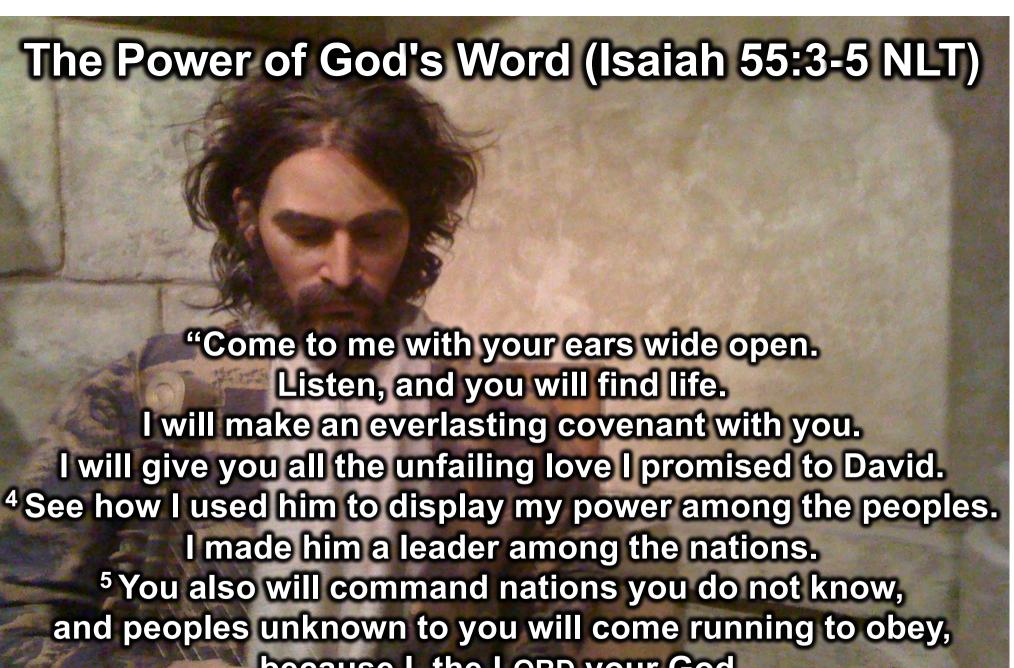
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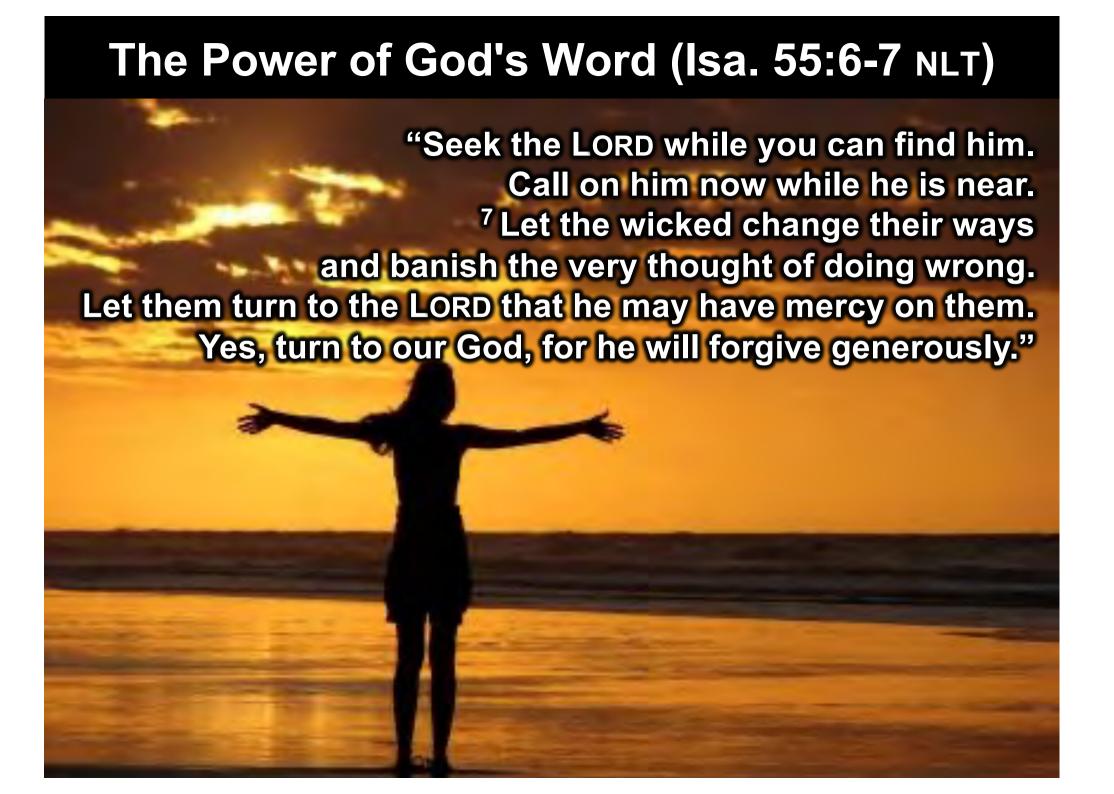
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- God's blessing of the Gentiles along with Israel's blessings should show Israel how far his loving loyalty really extends (55:1–56:8).







because I, the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, have made you glorious."



The Power of God's Word (Isa. 55:8-9 NLT)

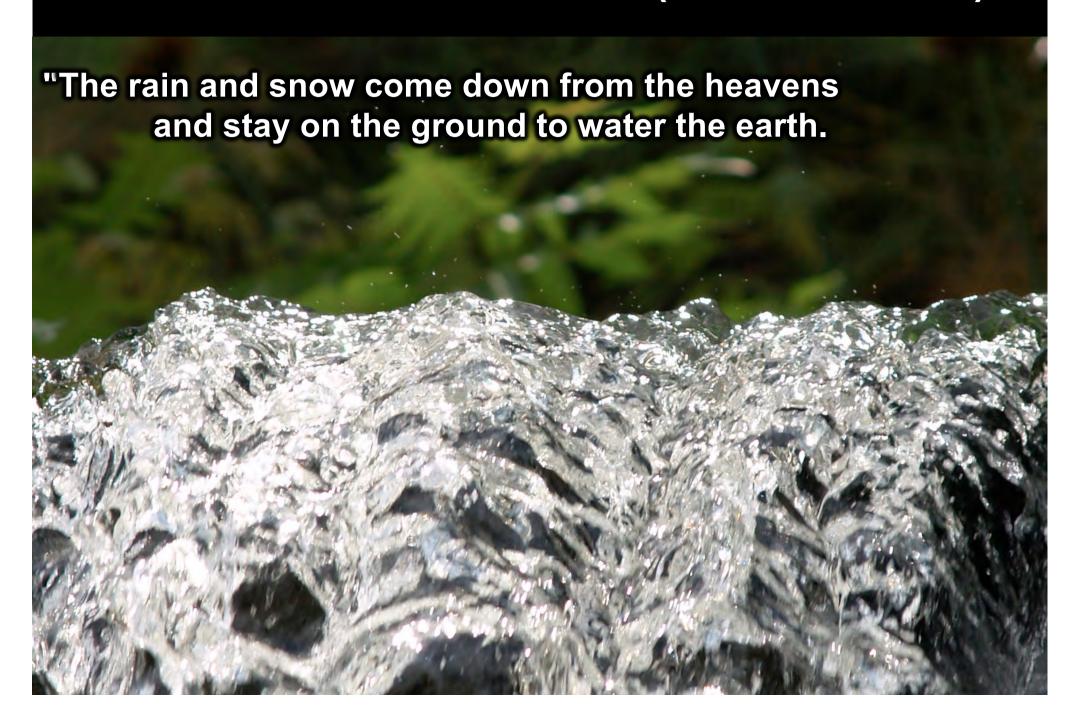
"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD.

"And my ways are far beyond anything
you could imagine.

9For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,

⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

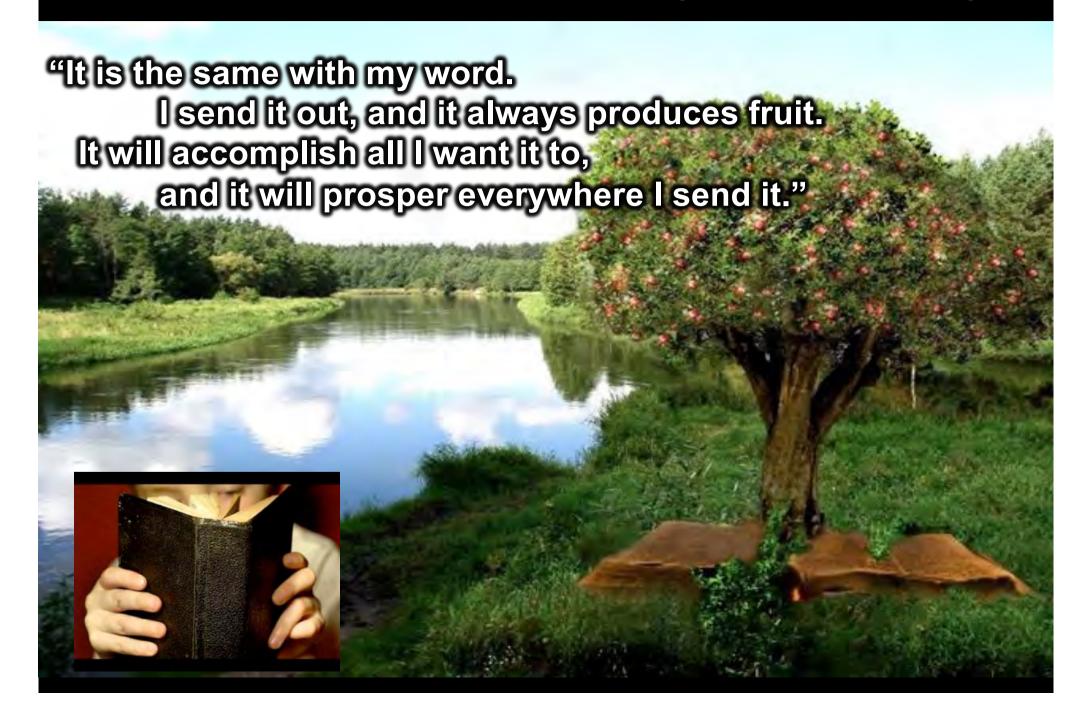
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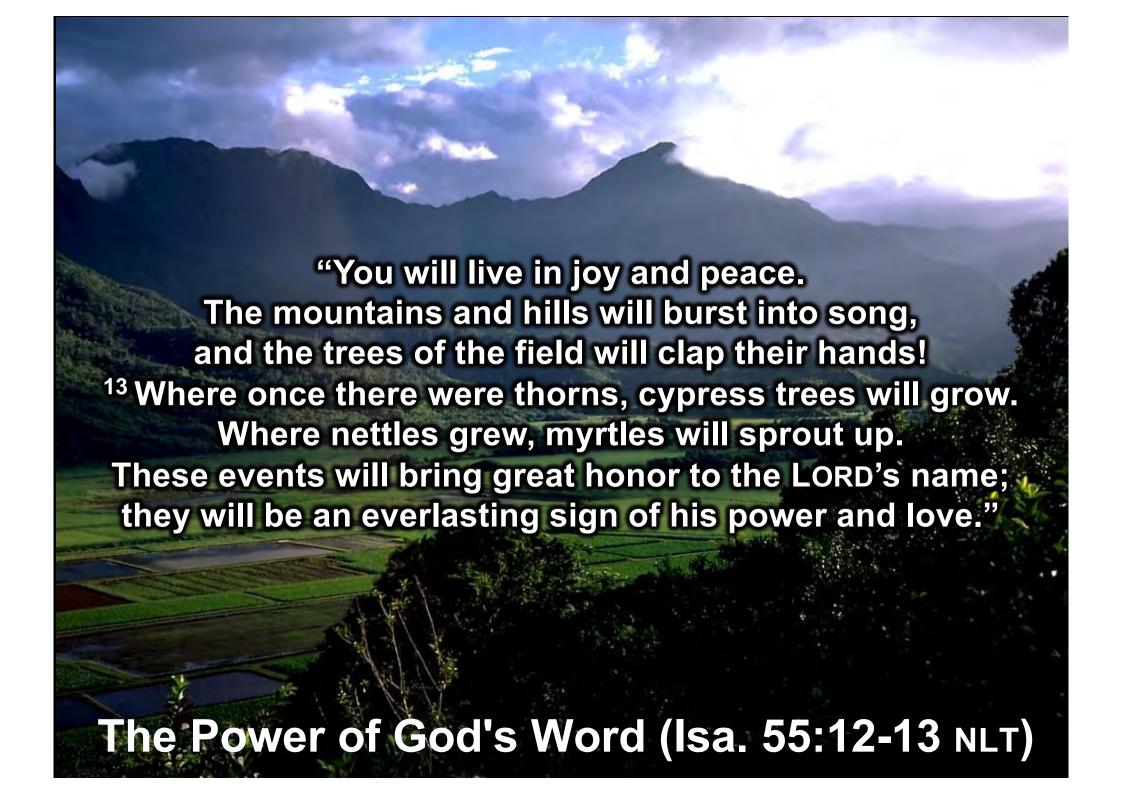


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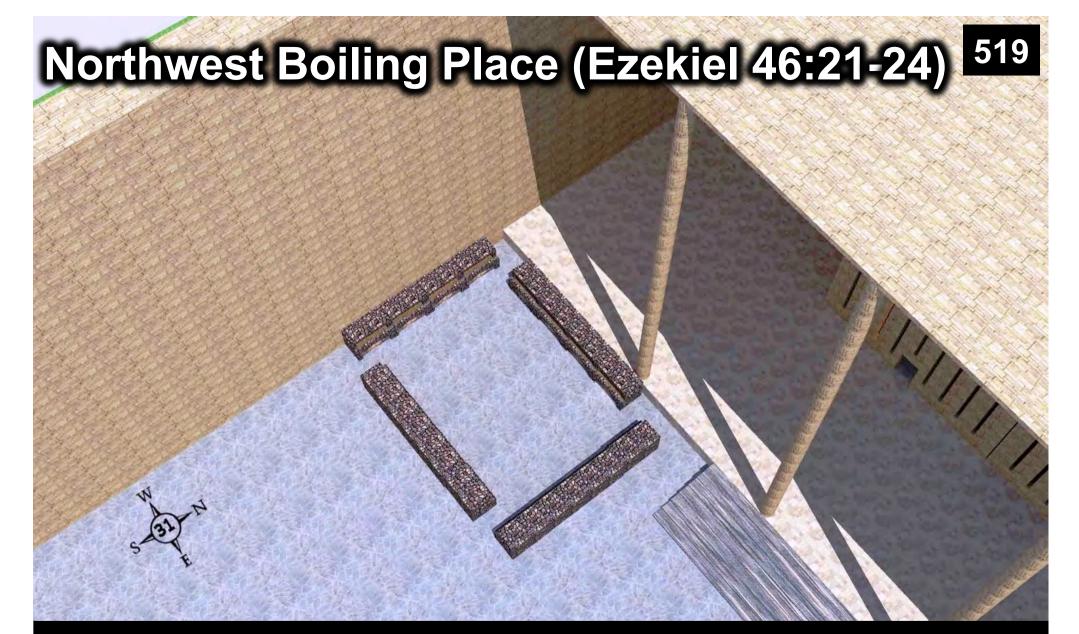


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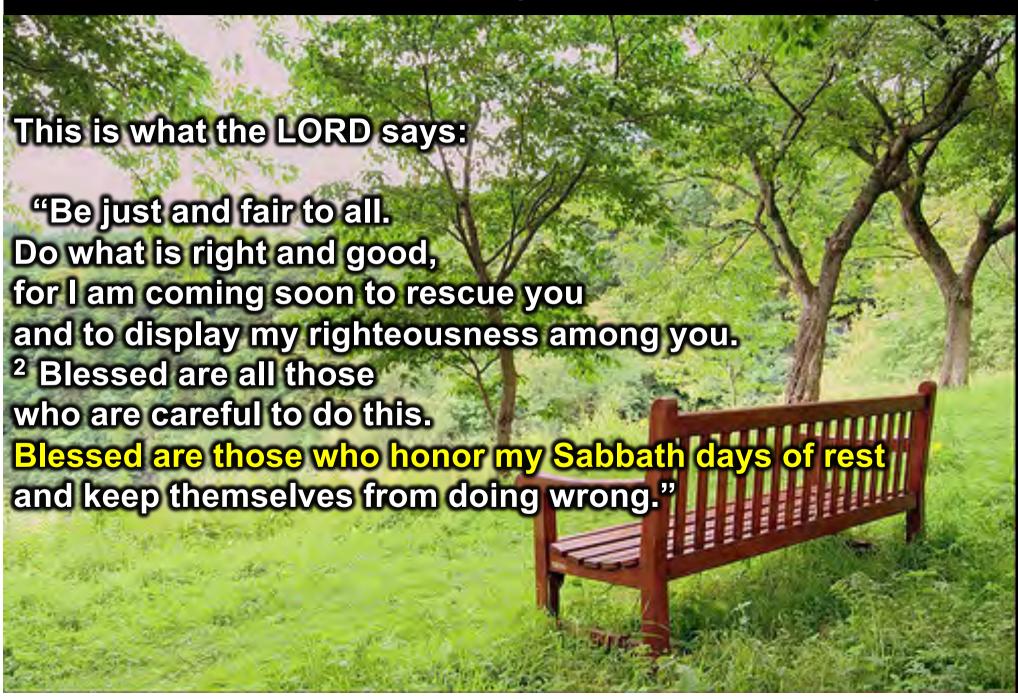
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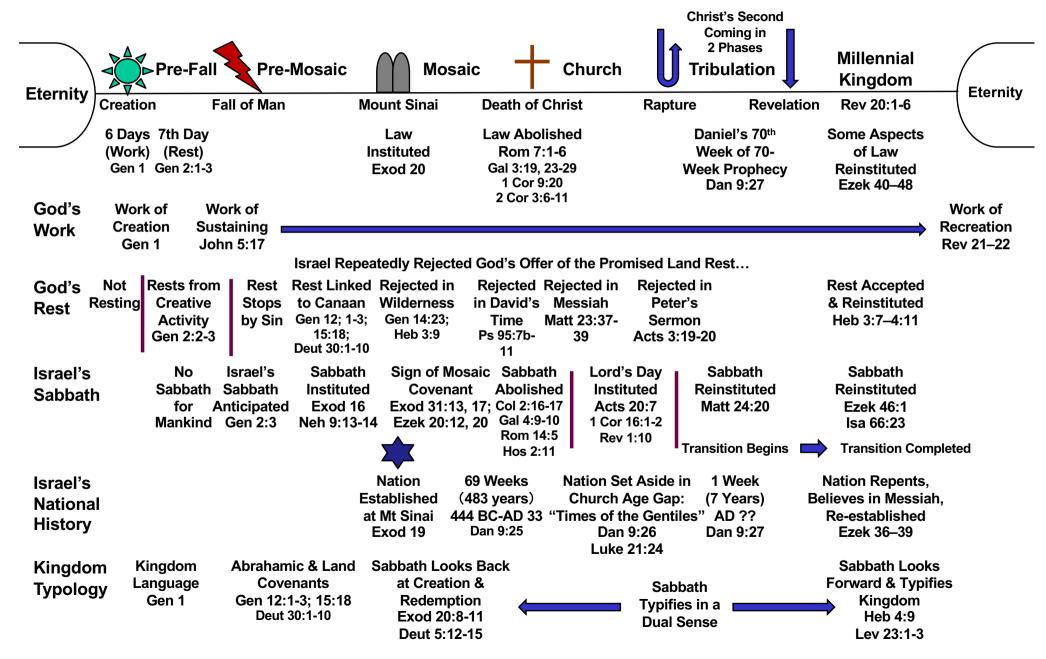
Gentiles Blessed (Isaiah 56:1-2 NLT)



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Gentiles Blessed (Isaiah 56:3-5 NLT)

"Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the LORD say, 'The LORD will never let me be part of his people.' And don't let the eunuchs say, 'I'm a dried-up tree with no children and no future.' ⁴ For this is what the LORD says: I will bless those eunuchs who keep my Sabbath days holy and who choose to do what pleases me and commit their lives to me. ⁵I will give them—within the walls of my house a memorial and a name far greater than sons and daughters could give. For the name I give them is an everlasting one. It will never disappear!

The Millennium will no longer have ethnic cleansing of Jews.

THIS IS ETHNIC CLEANSING

JEWISH POPULATION 1948 vs. 2023

EGYPT	63,550 vs 3
SYRIA	40,000 VS 0
IRAN	100,000 vs 8,500
IRAQ	150,000 VS 4
LEBANON	20,000 vs 29
MOROCC	O 265,000 VS 2,100
YEMEN	55,000 VS 1
ALGERIA	140,000 vs 200
LIBYA	38,000 VS O
TUNISIA	105,000 vs 1,000
GAZA	7,949 VS 0

THIS IS NOT

ARAB POPULATION 1948 vs. 2023

ARABS IN ISRAEL -----156,000 VS 2,100,000
ARABS IN GAZA -----80,000 VS 2,000,000

Gentiles Join Sabbath Worship with Israel in Millennium (Isaiah 56:6-8 NLT)

"I will also bless the foreigners who commit themselves to the LORD, who serve him and love his name, who worship him and do not desecrate the Sabbath day of rest, and who hold fast to my covenant.

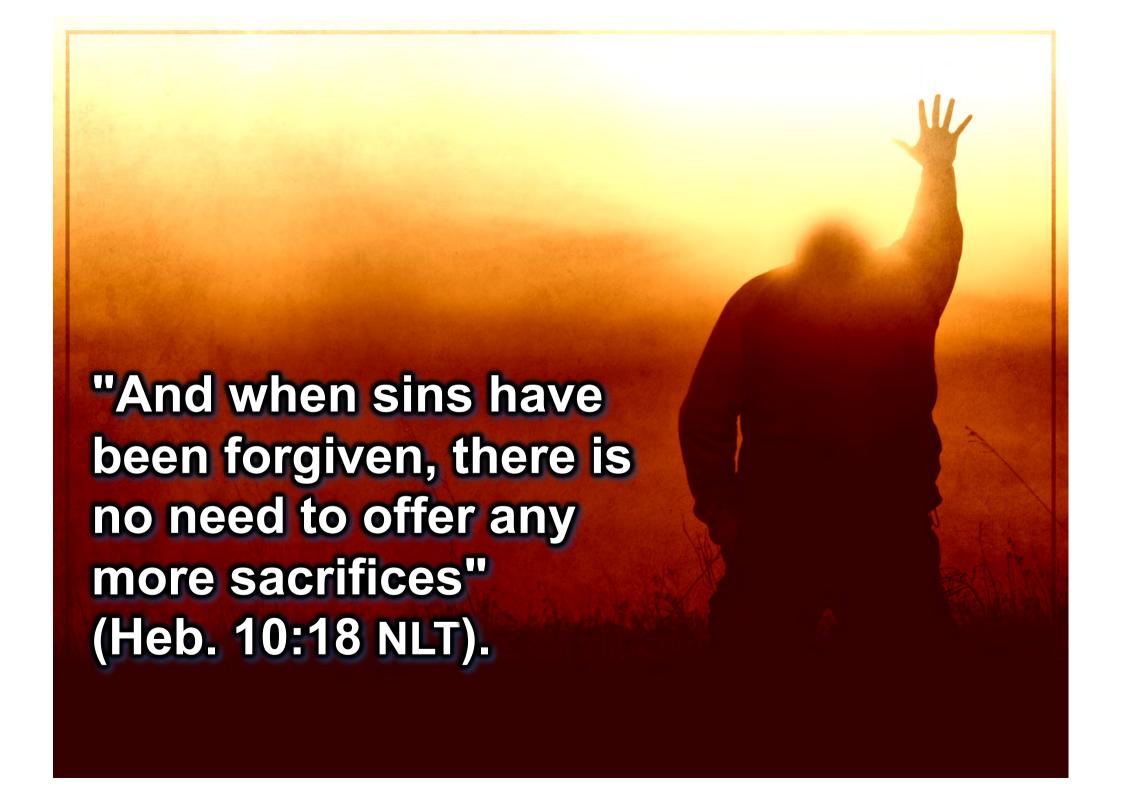
7 I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices,

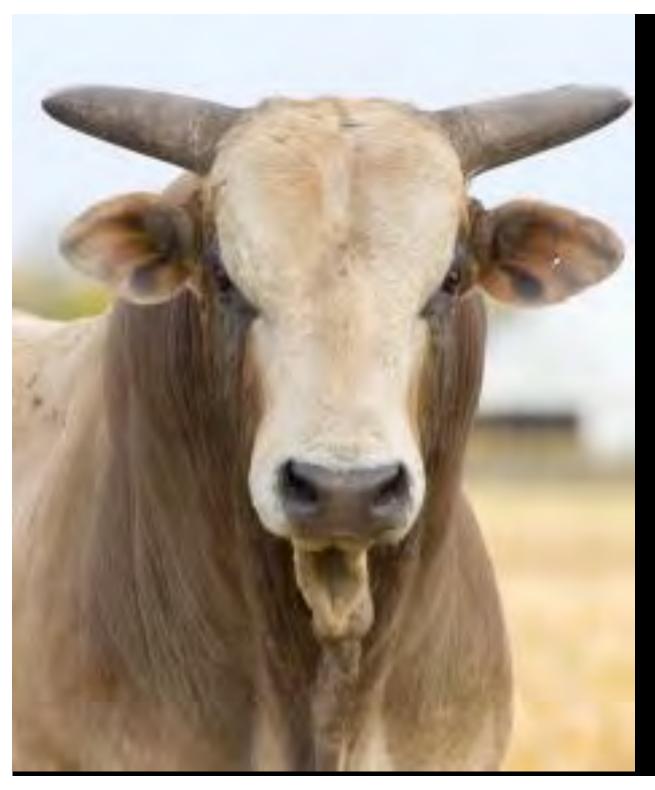
I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

⁸ For the Sovereign LORD, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: I will bring others, too, besides my people Israel."

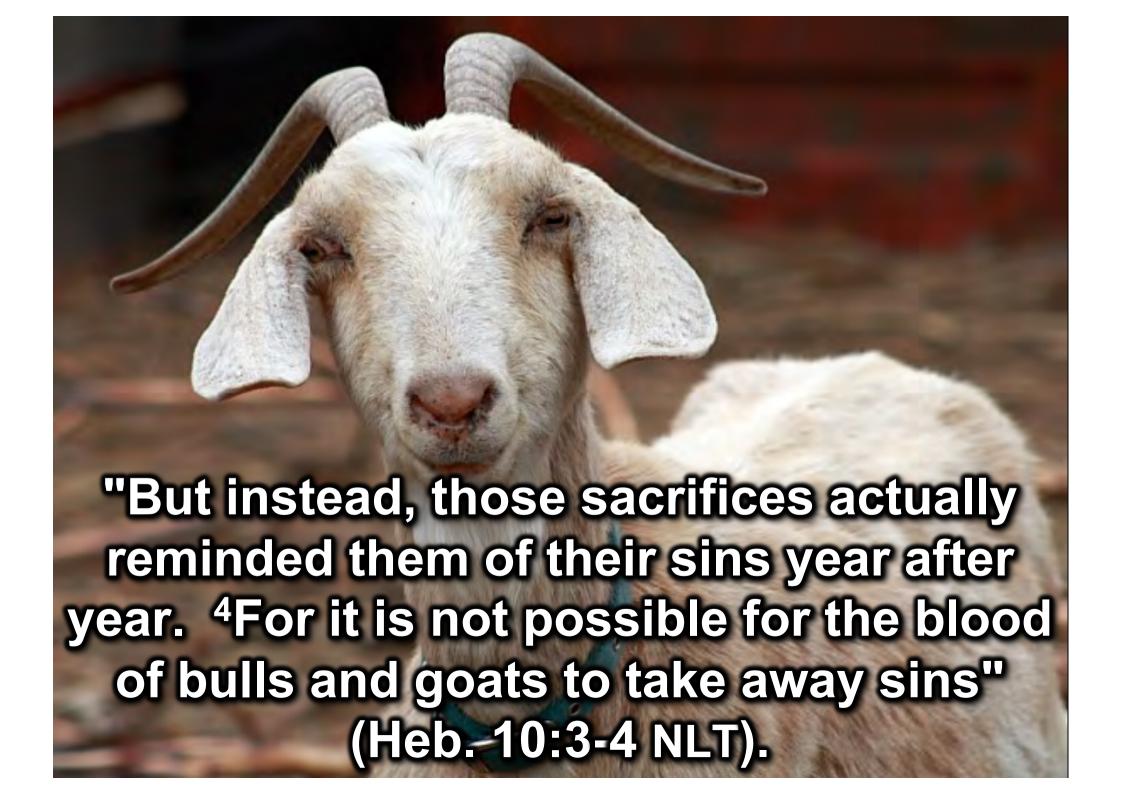
Shared Land with Jews & Gentiles

"You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. ²²You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the aliens who have settled among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. ²³In whatever tribe the alien settles, there you are to give him his inheritance,' declares the Sovereign LORD" (Ezekiel 47:21-23 NLT).





"For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness" (Heb. 9:22b NLT).



Problems Either Way!



OT Forgiveness of Sin



Pipe = Relationship with God (never changing)



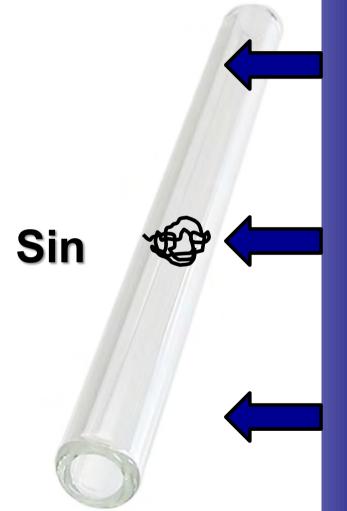


Clog = Fellowship with God (hindered by sin)



Sacrifices = Confession of Sin (sin forgiven to restore fellowship but relationship was never threatened)

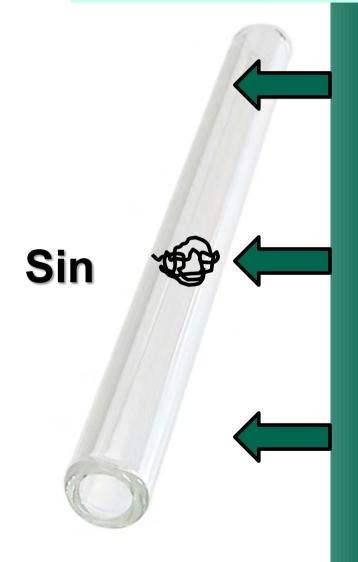
NT Forgiveness of Sin



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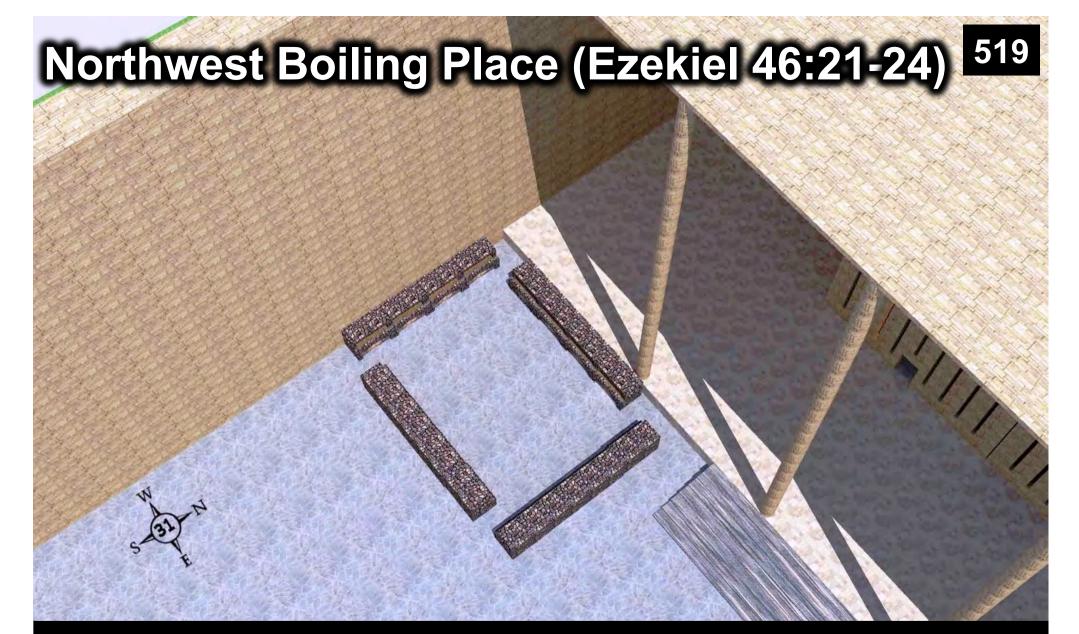
Millennial Forgiveness of Sin



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'These are the kitchens to
be used by the Temple
assistants to boil the
sacrifices offered by the
people"
(Ezekiel 46:24 NLT)

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Why Millennial Sacrifices?







Pre-Cross: Looked toward Christ's Death

Post-Cross:
Look back on
Christ's Death

- Theocratic: like confession of sin (1 John 1:9)
- Memorial: like Lord's Supper that looks back
- Paul offered a temple sacrifice in AD 57 (Acts 21:26) without seeing a "digression problem"

The Suffering Servant Isaiah 49-57

Messianic **Prophecies**

49-50

51:1-52:12

54:1-56:8

56:9-57:21

Rejection = Gentile salvation 49:7 Rejection

Remnant should trust God

52:13-53:12 Vicarious death/exaltation

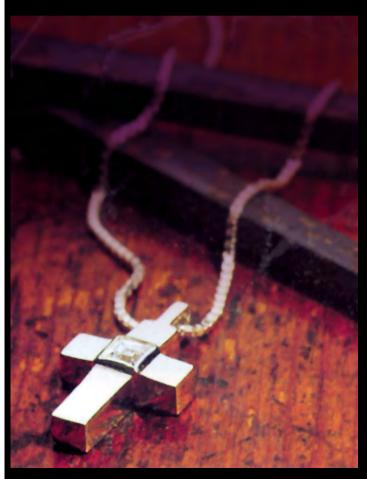
Salvation for Jews/Gentiles

Condemnation on leaders

53:10-12 Risen

Humble Blessed (Isaiah 56:9–57:21)

God's condemnation of Israel's vile leaders teaches that kingdom blessings will come only to the contrite in heart (56:9-57:21).



God called the Gentiles to destroy Israel's leaders for caring only for themselves (56:9-12).

"Come, wild animals of the field! Come, wild animals of the forest! Come and devour my people! ¹⁰ For the leaders of my people the LORD's watchmen, his shepherds are blind and ignorant. They are like silent watchdogs that give no warning when danger comes. They love to lie around, sleeping and dreaming. ¹¹ Like greedy dogs, they are never satisfied. They are ignorant shepherds, all following their own path and intent on personal gain. 'Come,' they say, 'let's get some wine and have a party. Let's all get drunk. Then tomorrow we'll do it again and have an even bigger party!""

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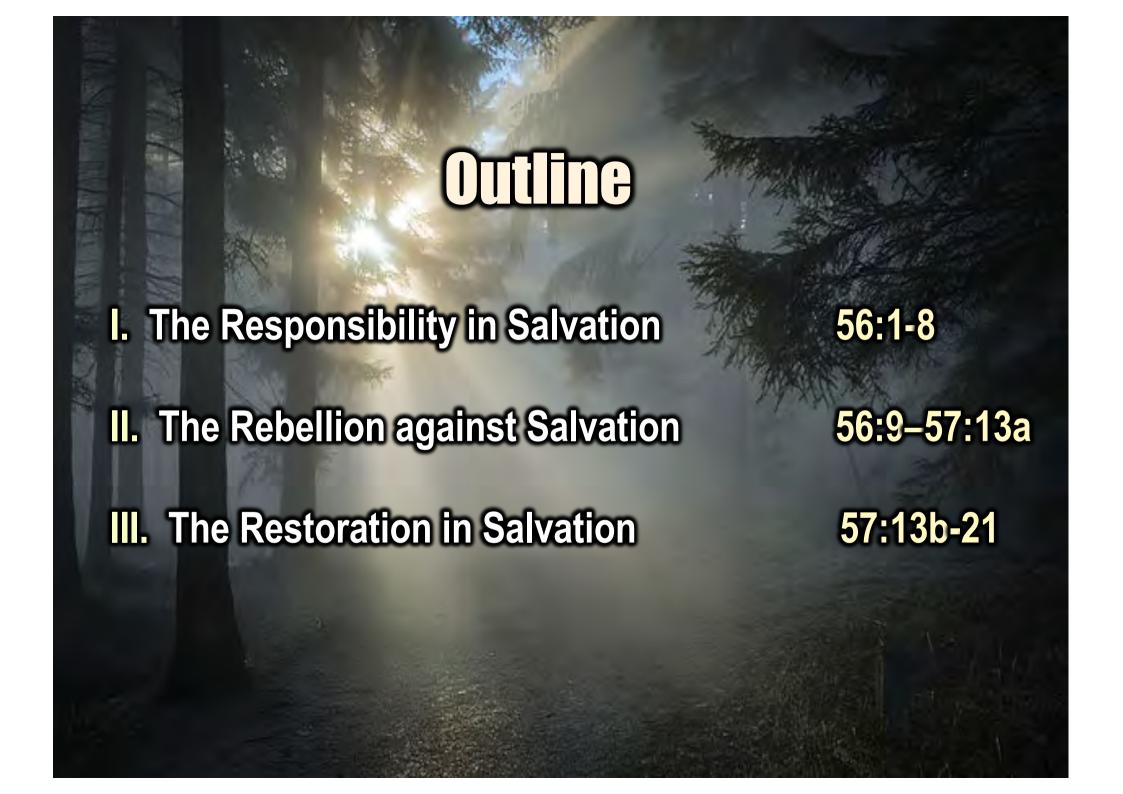


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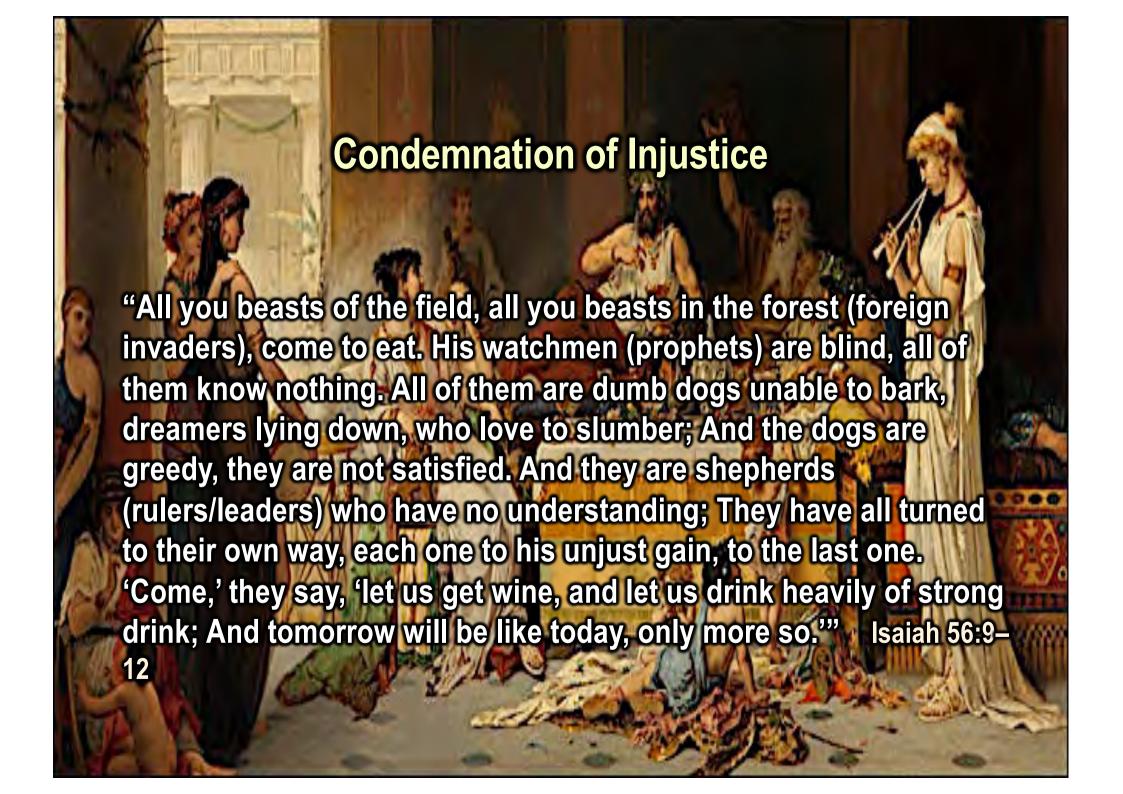
The godly humbly trust the LORD rather than commit sexual sin before idols (57:1-21).

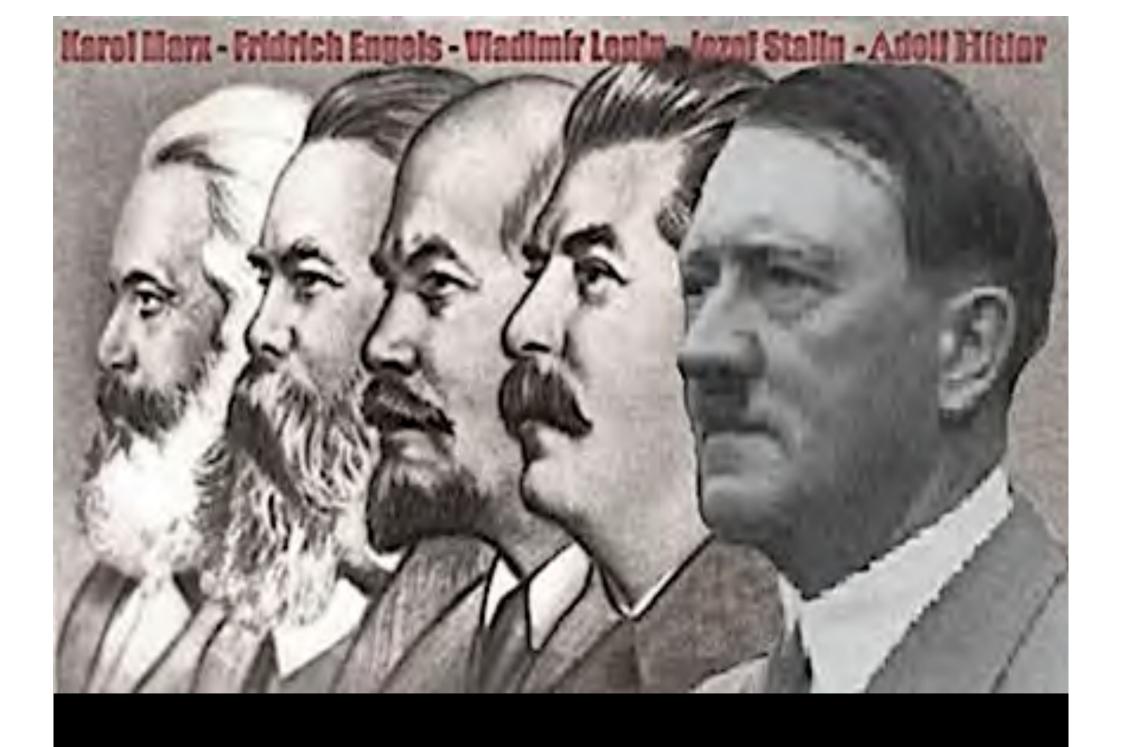
Death Better Than Life

"Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time. But no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come. ² For those who follow godly paths will rest in peace when they die. ³ But you—come here, you witches' children, you offspring of adulterers and prostitutes! ⁴ Whom do you mock, making faces and sticking out your tongues? You children of sinners and liars!" (Isaiah 57:1-4 NLT).







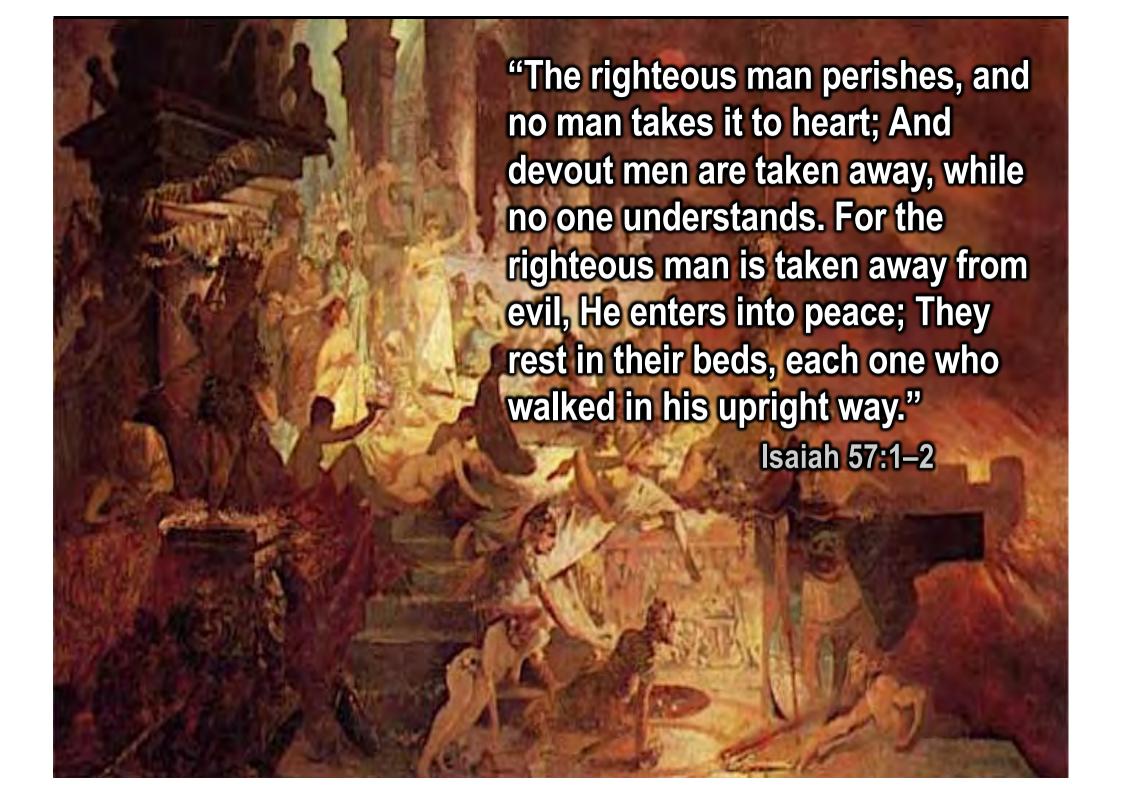




"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to *any* people ... It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established on righteousness." Proverbs 14:34; 16:12

Characteristics of Wicked Rulers (Isa 56:9-12)

- 1. They care more about themselves than their people (56:9)
- 2. They propose stupid ideas that will never work (56:10)
- 3. They get rich on other people's money (56:11)
- 4. They are immoral and think it won't matter (56:12a)
- 5. They think their future will be the same as their present (56:12b)



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This is what movie heroes looked like when I grew up...





...and this is what movie heroes looked like when you grew up.

I would cry for you. But real men don't.

"The righteous man perishes, and no man takes it to heart; And devout men are taken away..." (Isaiah 57:1)



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The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.

Why Would the Righteous Disappear in a Time of Unrighteousness?

As the leadership of the nation grew worse, the number of righteous people shrank, without people perceiving what was happening. God allowed this disappearance of the devout to spare them the judgment He would bring on the evil nation and its ungodly rulers. Few people in the nation, however, understood this reason for the depletion of the righteous.

"Such deaths are not understood by the godless, for they do not realize that God in His goodness often takes righteous men to Himself to deliver them from some impending catastrophe."

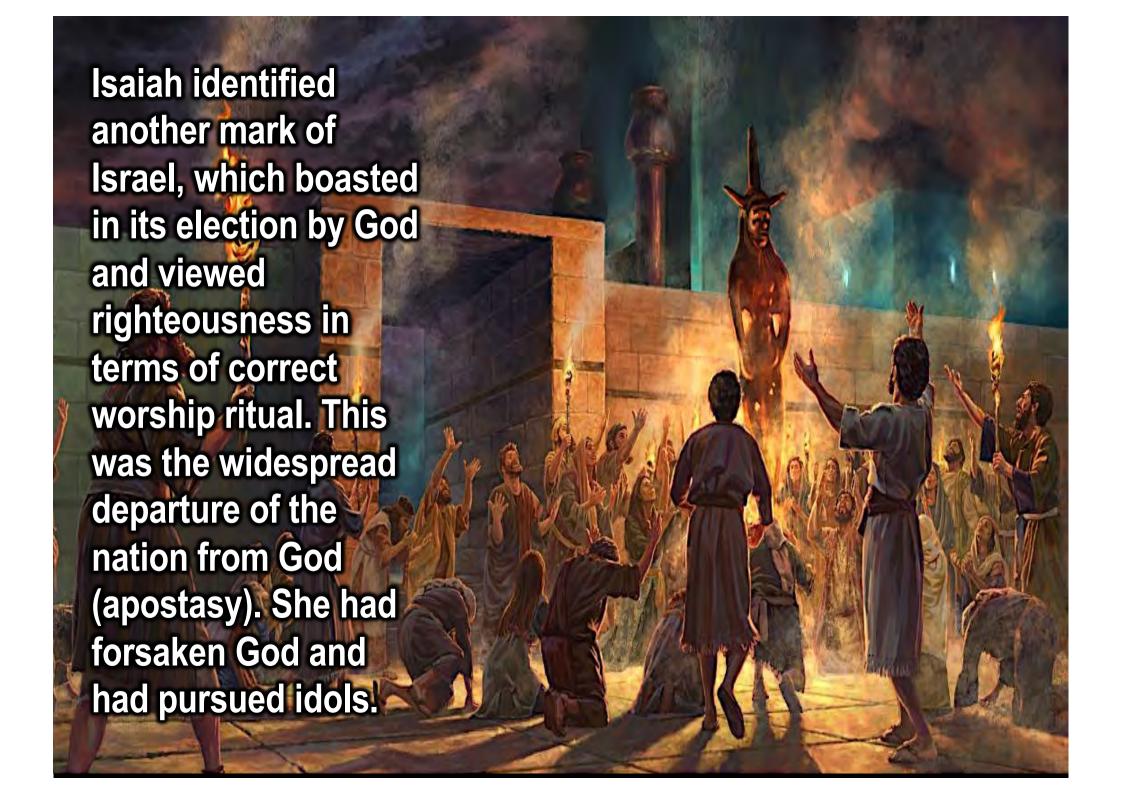
— E. J. Young, *Isaiah*, 3:399-400

God will do this when He removes the church from the earth (Rapture) before the Tribulation. He did it in the past when he removed Lot before He destroyed Sodom.

The righteous person entered a condition of peace by dying and going to his or her eternal reward. The end of the righteous, then, contrasts with that of the wicked leaders (56:9-12).

Condemnation of Idolatry (Isaiah 57:3–8)

"But you—come here, you witches' children, you offspring of adulterers and prostitutes! 4 Whom do you mock, making faces and sticking out your tongues? You children of sinners and liars! 5 You worship your idols with great passion beneath the oaks and under every green tree. You sacrifice your children down in the valleys, among the jagged rocks in the cliffs. 6 Your gods are the smooth stones in the valleys. You worship them with liquid offerings and grain offerings. They, not I, are your inheritance. Do you think all this makes me happy? 7 You have committed adultery on every high mountain. There you have worshiped idols and have been unfaithful to me. 8 You have put pagan symbols on your doorposts and behind your doors. You have left me and climbed into bed with these detestable gods. You have committed yourselves to them. You love to look at their naked bodies.



Child Sacrifice in Israel

Child Sacrifice in America



- States adopt extreme lateterm abortion
- Senate rejects "born alive" bill
- Congress blocks bill to ensure medical care to an abortion survivor

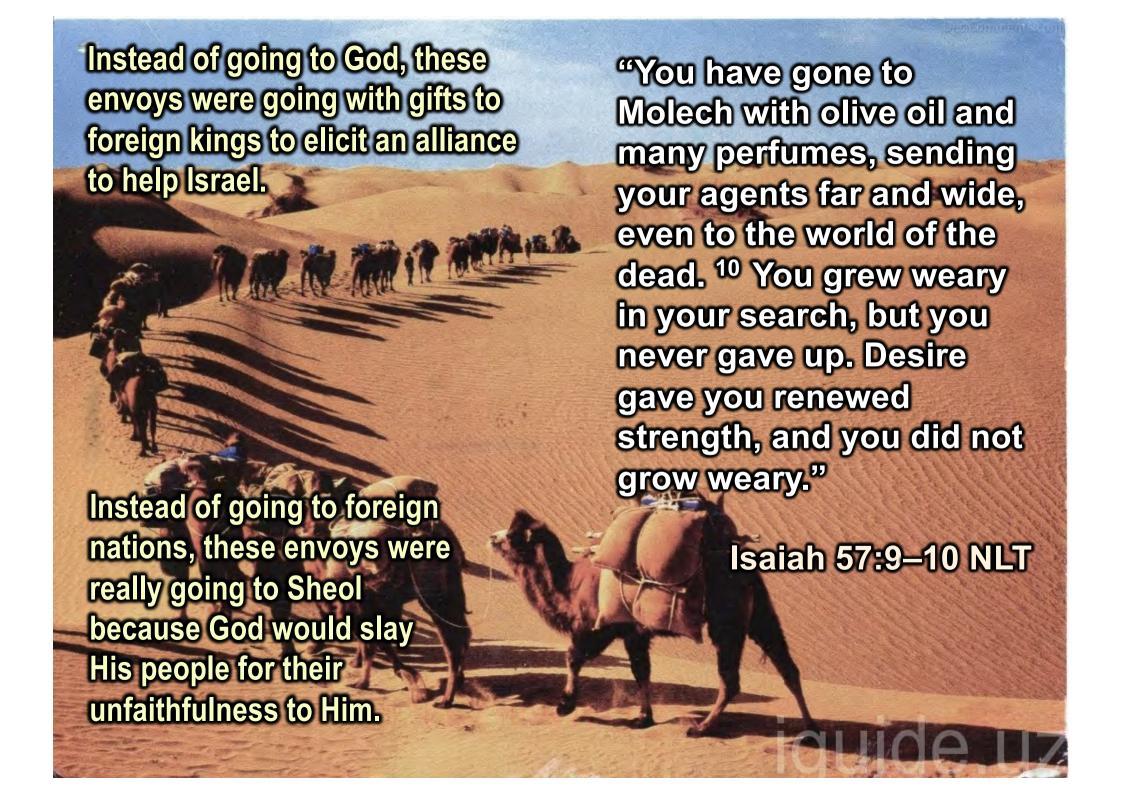
Household Idols of Ancient Israel

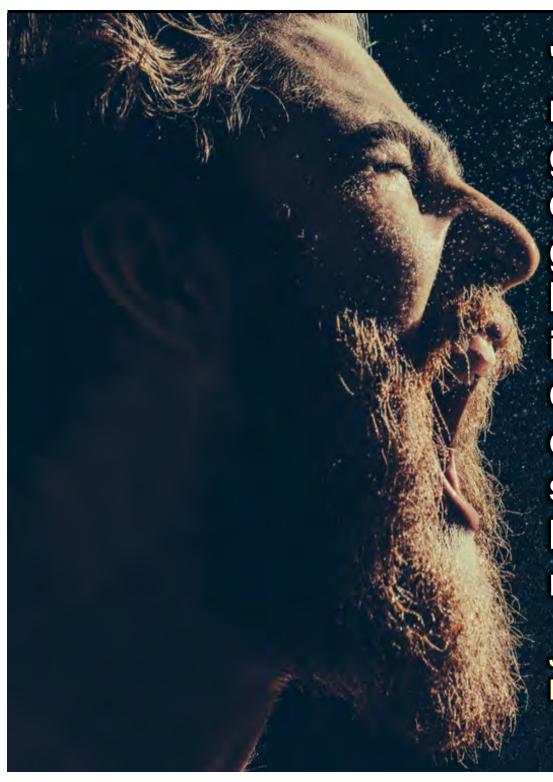




"Somebody asked me,
'Don't you think there was
as much immorality in the
past as there is now?' I
agreed that there may
have been as much, but it
was kept secret. Men were
ashamed of their sin, but
today they are not."

J. Vernon McGee, Isaiah, *Through the Bible*, 3:325





"As with any addiction, the memory of former gratification drives one on, even when the gratification grows steadily less and less. To admit that the quest is hopeless would be to drive one back into the arms of God, whose invitation to surrender all control and live in trust one has already rejected."

John Oswalt, *The Book of Isaiah 40*—66, NICOT, 4:481

In that day of judgment, the idols that the Israelites had trusted in, even in captivity, would be of no help. They would be as useless and lightweight as what the winds blow away.

"Of whom were you worried and fearful, when you lied, and did not remember Me, nor give Me a thought? Was I not silent even for a long time so you do not fear Me? I will declare your righteousness and your deeds, but they will not profit you. When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you. But the wind will carry all of them up, and a breath will take them away.""

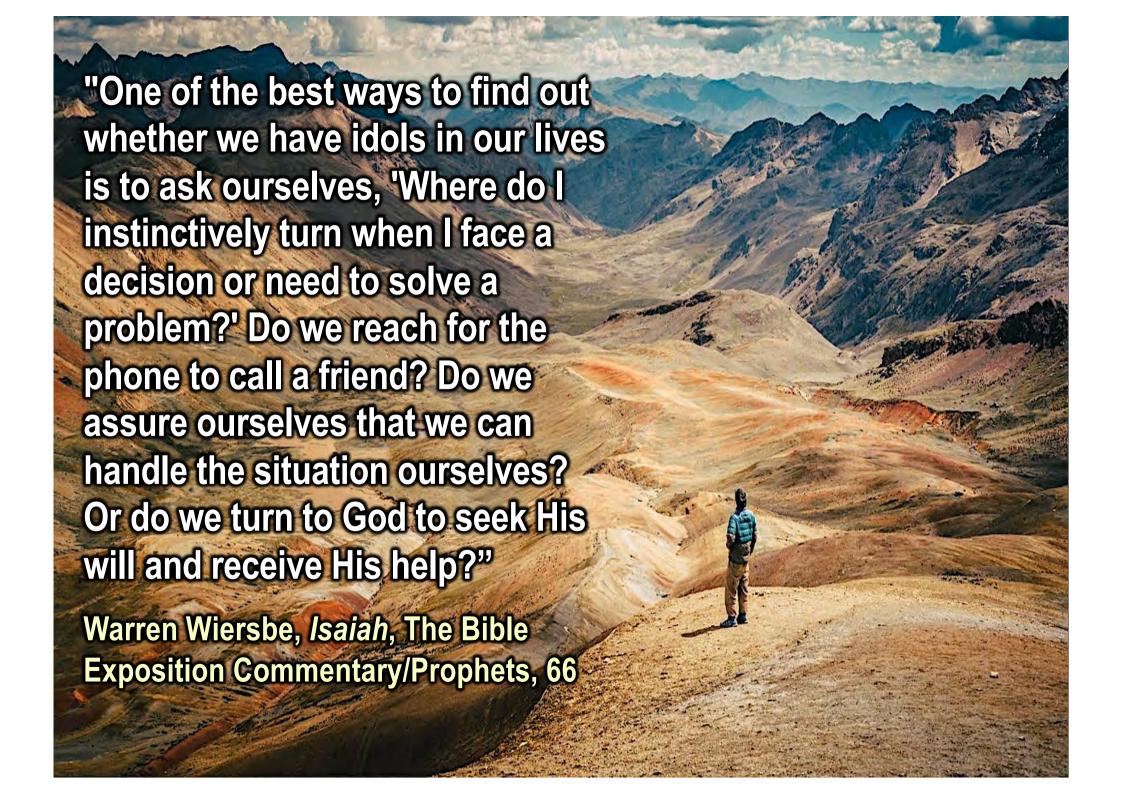
Isaiah 57:11-13a



"But he who takes refuge in Me shall inherit the Land, and shall possess My holy mountain. And it shall be said, 'Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstacle out of the way of My people.""

Isaiah 57:13b-14

Those who take refuge in the LORD from the storms of life would inherit the Land and possess Zion in the future Millennial Kingdom (cf. Isa. 11:9; 24:23; 25:6-8; 65:25; 66:20; cf. Matt. 5:5). In that day they will build the road upon which the people will come to Jerusalem to worship and enjoy this future promise.



"For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, 'I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, neither will I always be angry; For the spirit would grow faint before Me, and the breath of those whom I have made. Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry and struck him; I hid My face and was angry, and he went on turning away, in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners..." Isaiah 57:15-18

"The reason for this proclamation is that God is who He is. He is the utterly transcendent God in relation to space (high and lifted up, cf. 6:1; 52:13), time (lives forever), and character (holy). Yet He is also immanent, dwelling among repentant and humble people. He dwells among them to encourage and enable them. The holy God is with His humble people (cf. 7:14). One writer called this verse "one of the finest one-sentence summations of biblical theology in the Bible."

John Oswalt, *The Book of Isaiah 40*—66, NICOT, p. 487



"O Lord, who may abide in Thy tent? Who may dwell on Thy holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; He swears to his own hurt, and does not change; He does not put out his money at interest, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken." Psalm 15:1-5

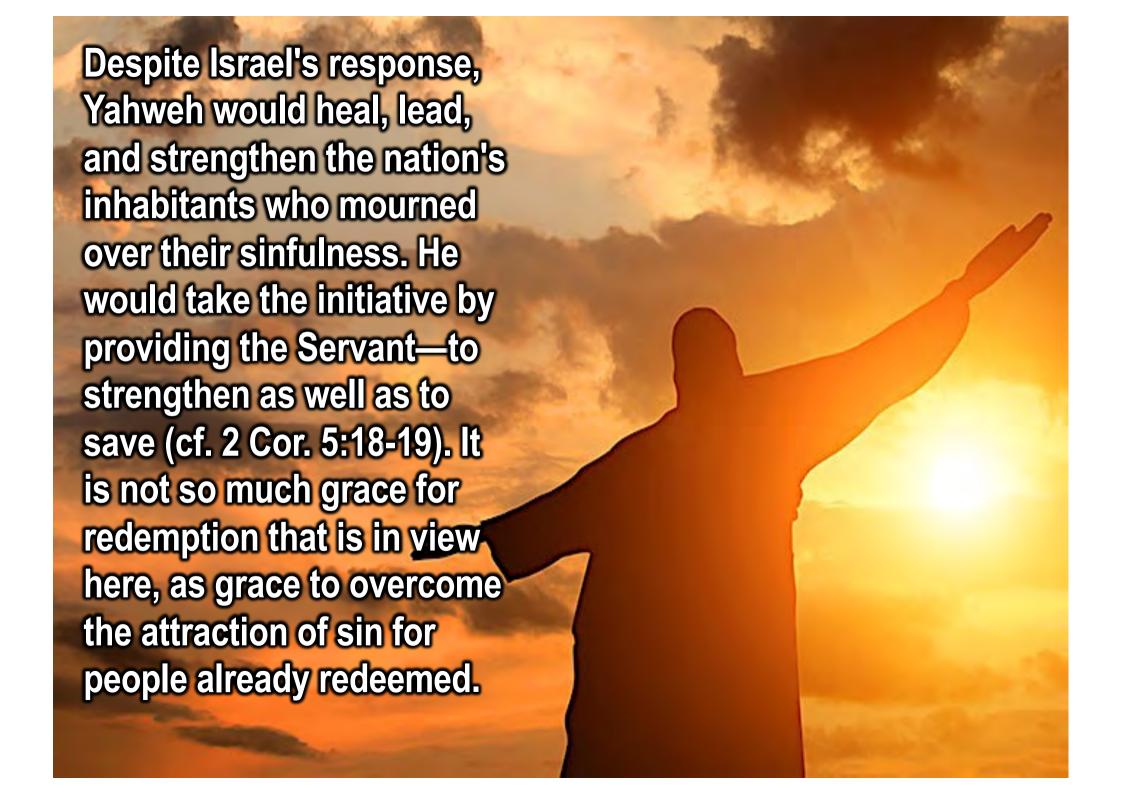


"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, And has not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord And righteousness from the God of his salvation." **Psalm 24:3–5**

"Surely God is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heard When my heart was embittered, And I was pierced within, Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before Thee. Nevertheless, I am continually with Thee; Thou hast taken hold of my right hand. With Thy counsel Thou wilt guide me, And afterward receive me to glory."

Psalm 73:1, 21-24

God will not always be angry with sinners; His anger will come to an end because He has made provision for human sin through the Servant. He becomes angry, but He is love (cf. Ps. 30:5). If God remained angry with sin, humanity could not endure His wrath and everyone would perish (cf. Gen. 6:3). Obviously, God remains angry with sinners who refuse His grace, but He does not need to remain angry with the humble who accept His provision for their sins. The Lord had been angry with the proud Israelite because of his desire for unjust gain, namely, for more and more for himself. Greed is the essential sin that results in idolatry (cf. Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:10). God's anger led Him to discipline the proud Israelites and to become inaccessible to their calls for help. Israel, instead of repenting and returning to the Lord, continued in her sinful ways.



Shalom, shalom = "perfect peace"



S. Cumming

"Creating the praise of the lips. 'Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near,' says the LORD, 'and I will heal him.'" Isaiah 57:19



Only the Creator can remake the creature. The result would be that those delivered (the Remnant) would praise the Lord. Consequently, there can be peace for them because God would heal the wounds He had inflicted on them during their time of national divine discipline. The duplication of shalom ("peace") is a superlative that indicates total extent (cf. Isa. 6:3; 21:9; 26:3; Gen. 14:11; Deut. 16:20; Rev. 14:8; 18:2). Since shalom was also a conventional term of greeting, the idea may include a warm "welcome home" to the wayward Jews who have repented (Zech. 12:10-13:1; Rom. 11:26-27).

Far from being at peace, the wicked are as tumultuous as the tossing sea, which is incapable of being at rest. Their constant agitation creates many other problems, like the raging sea casts up debris and mud. No shalom is the portion of the wicked.

"But the wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up refuse and mud. 'There is no peace,' says my God, 'for the wicked." Isaiah 57:20–21

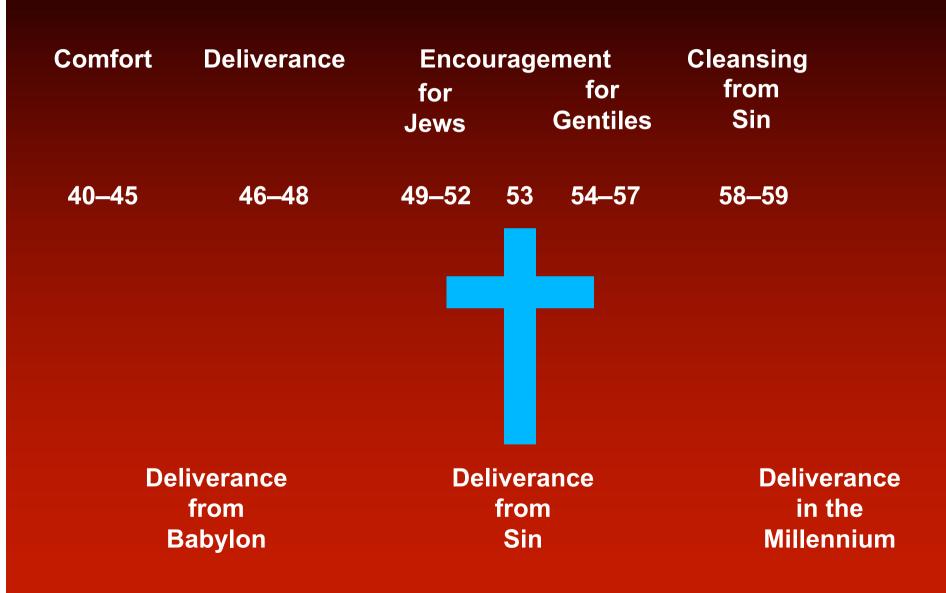
Lessons from Isaiah 57

- 1. False gods always degrade and destroy their worshippers (vss.1-5)
- 2. The true God affirms and rewards His worshippers (vss. 13-14)
- 3. The true God is patient and compassionate toward sinners (vss. 15-18)
- 4. To have the peace of God we must first have peace with God (vss. 19-21)

Isaiah 58

Isaiah 40-66 Structure

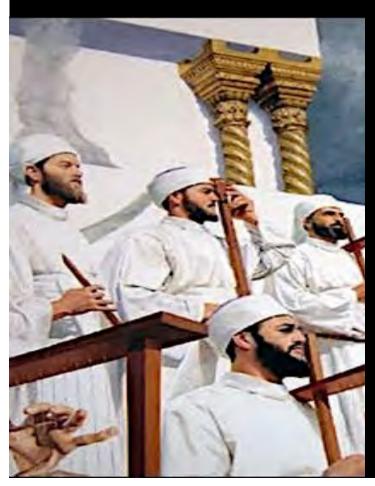
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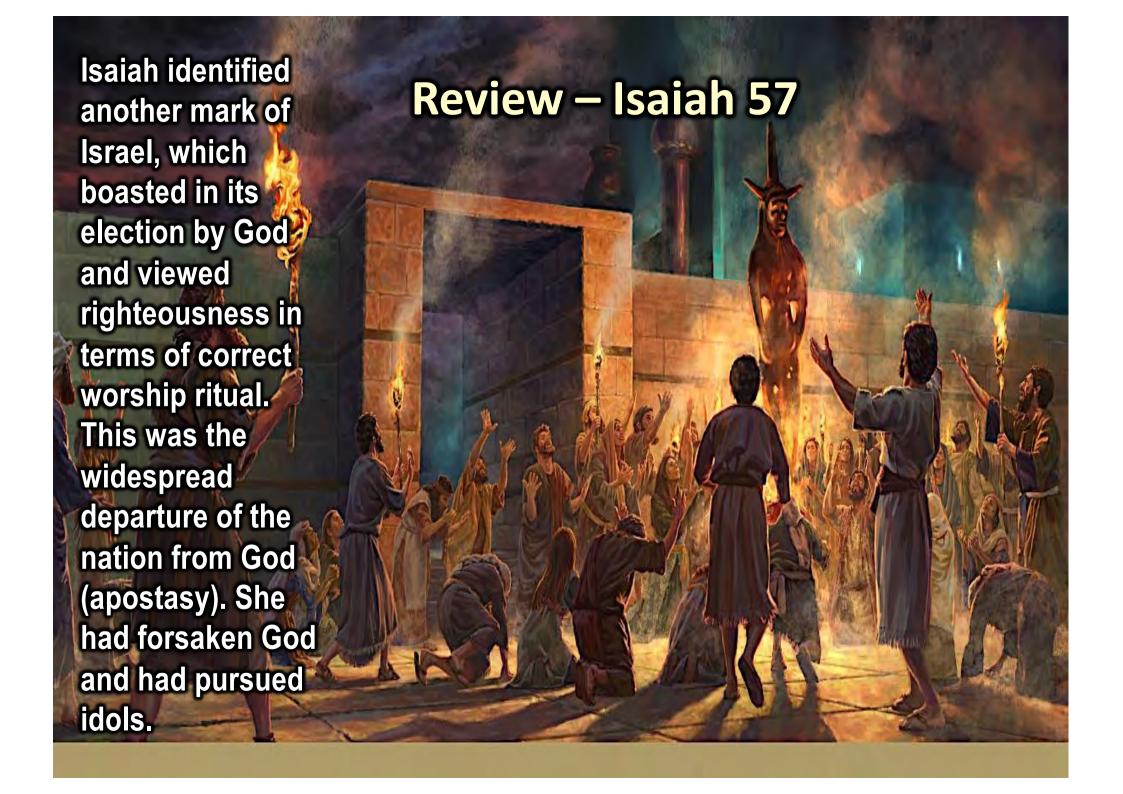
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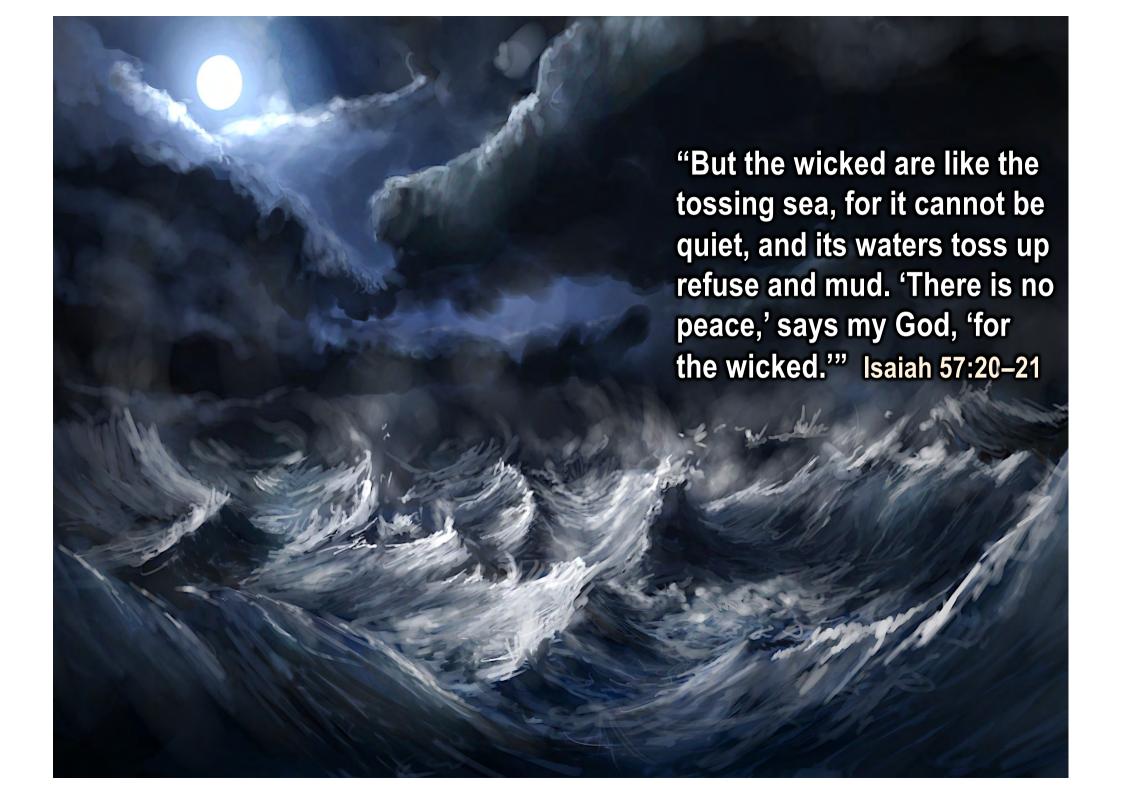
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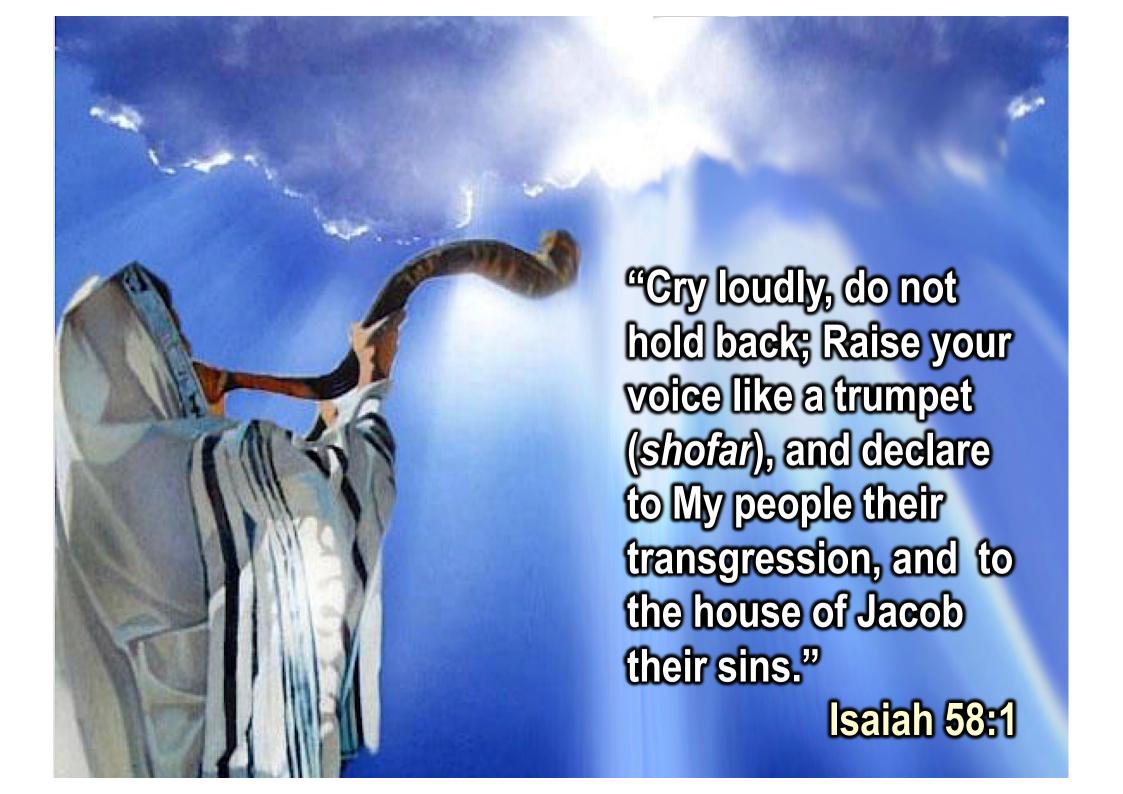
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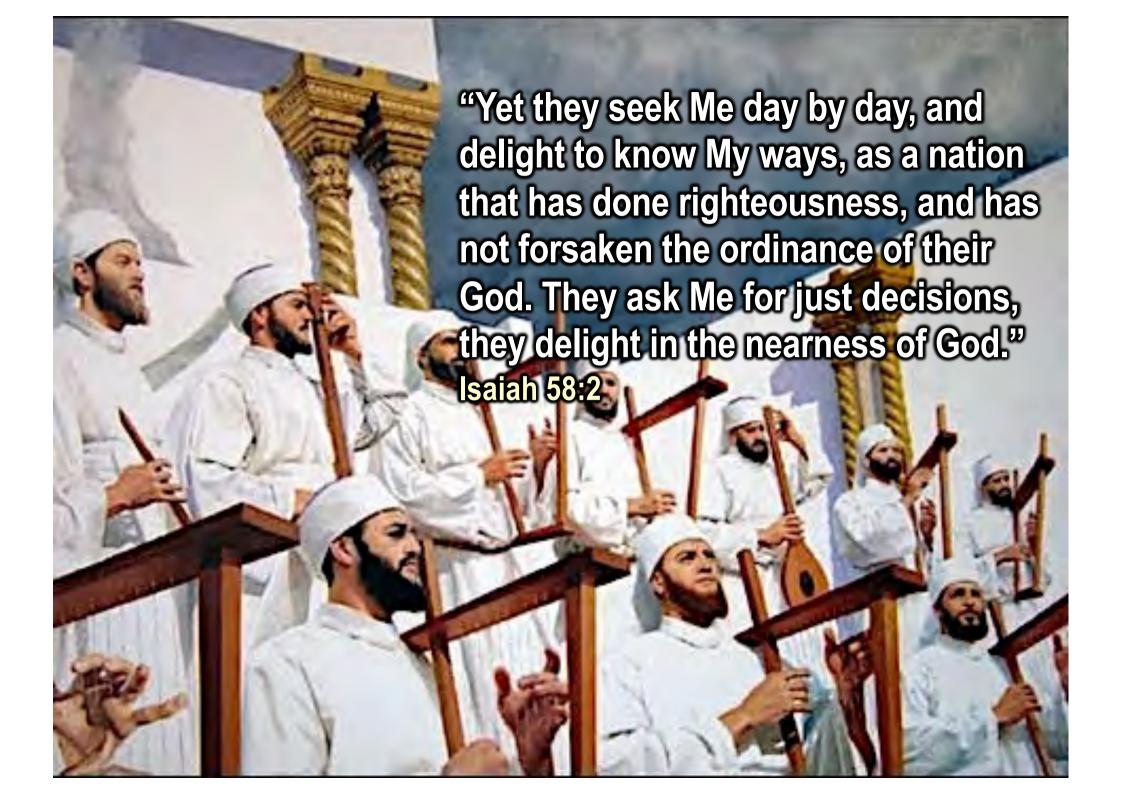




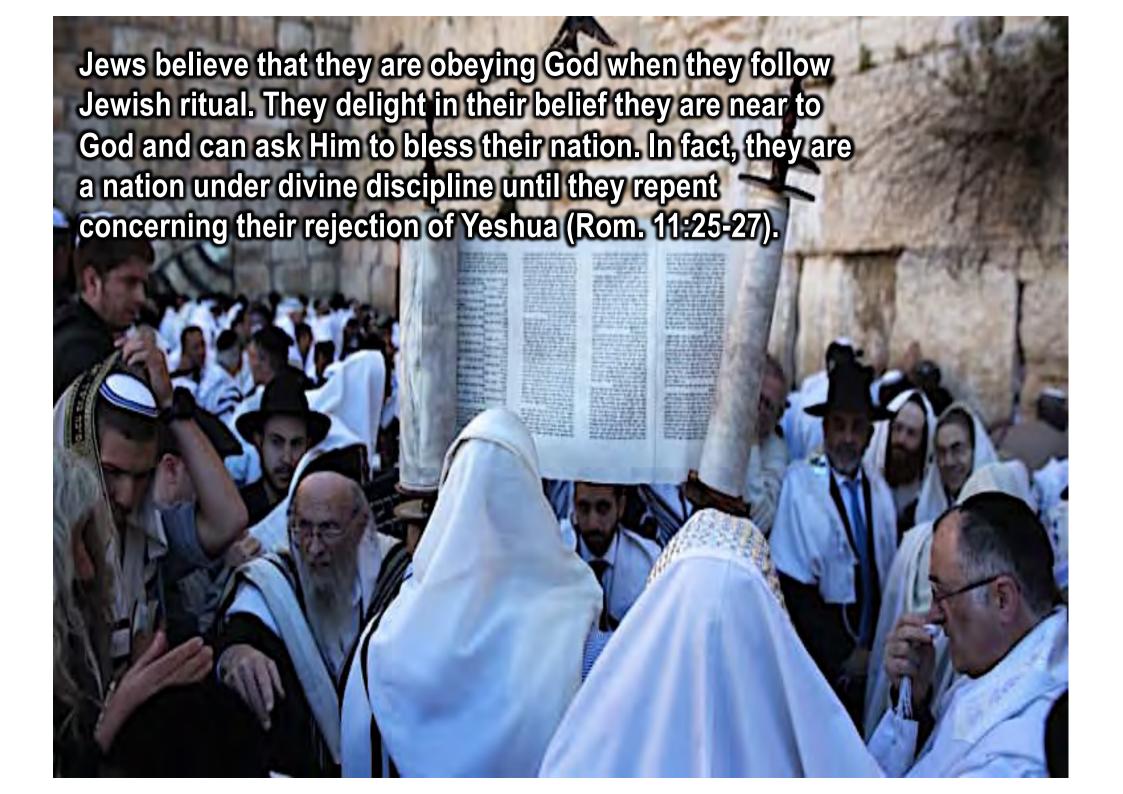












"We have fasted before you!' they say. 'Why aren't you impressed? We have been very hard on ourselves, and you don't even notice it!' "I will tell you why!" I respond. "It's because you are fasting to please yourselves. Even while you fast, you keep oppressing your workers.

⁴ What good is fasting when you keep on fighting and quarreling? This kind of fasting will never get you anywhere with me. ⁵ You humble yourselves by going through the motions of penance, bowing your heads like reeds bending in the wind. You dress in burlap and cover yourselves with ashes. Is this what you call fasting? Do you really think this will please the Lord?"

Isaiah 58:3-5 NLT

Dry Bones

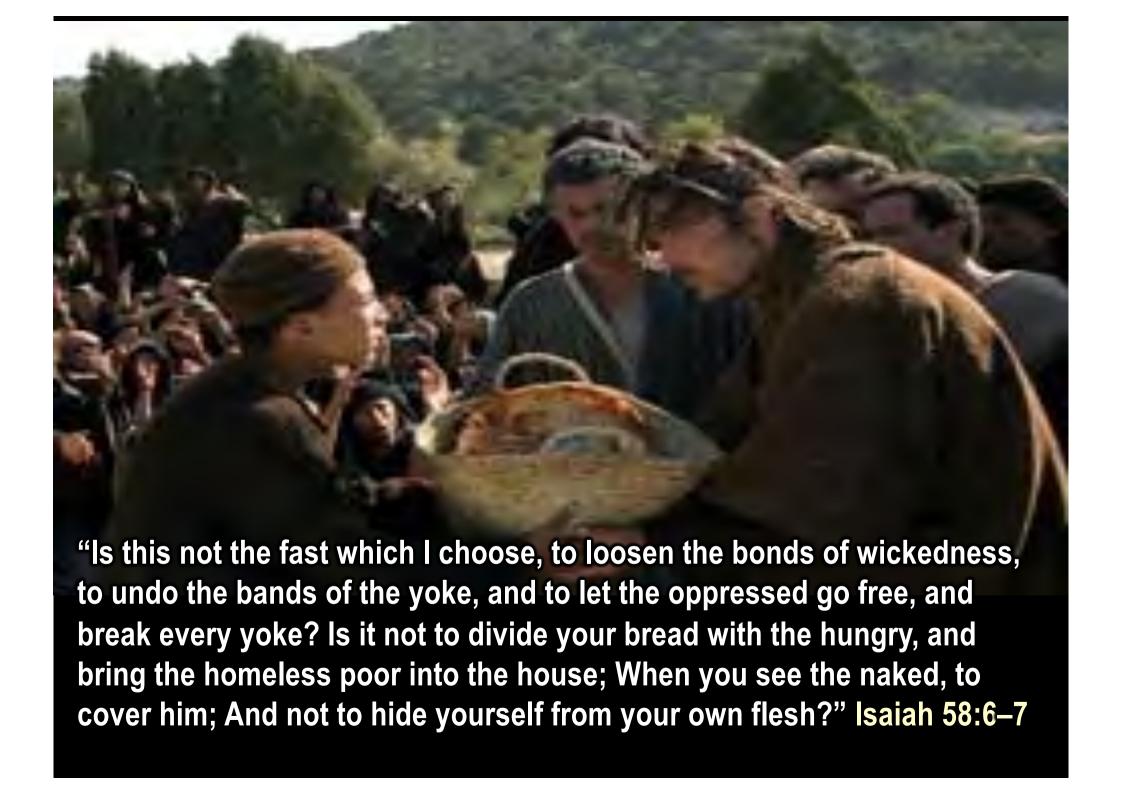












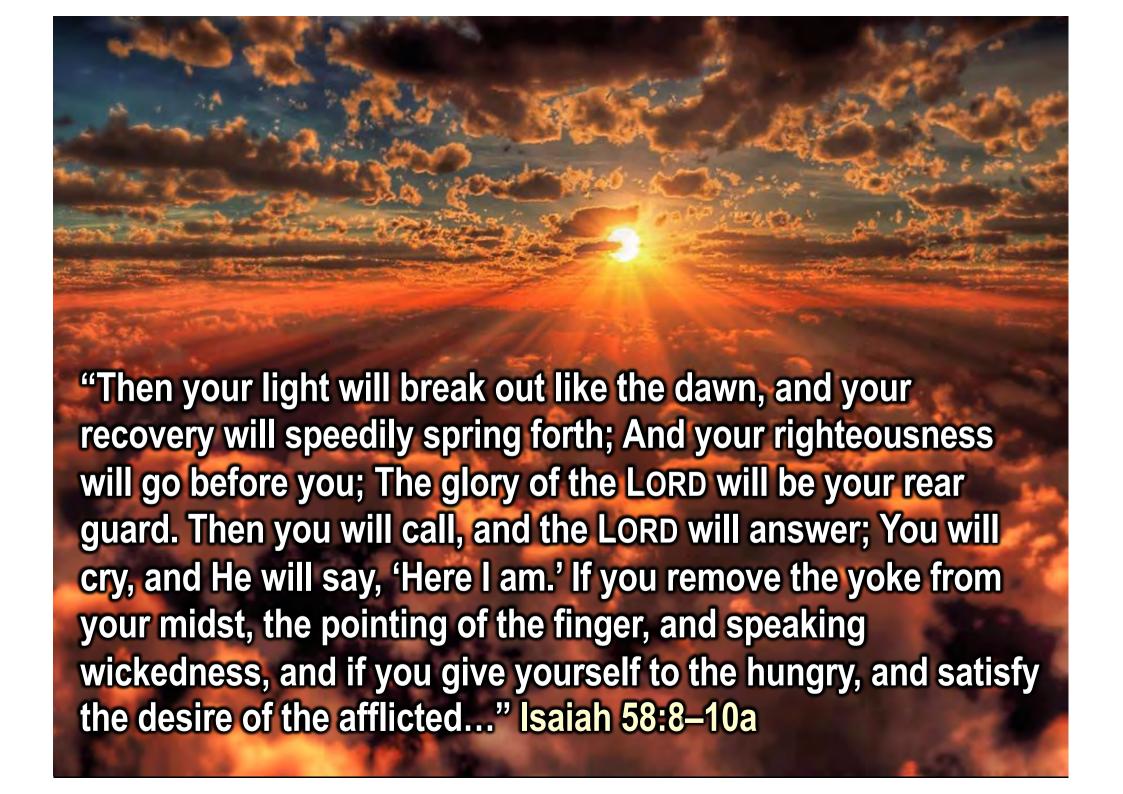
What God Wants His People to Do

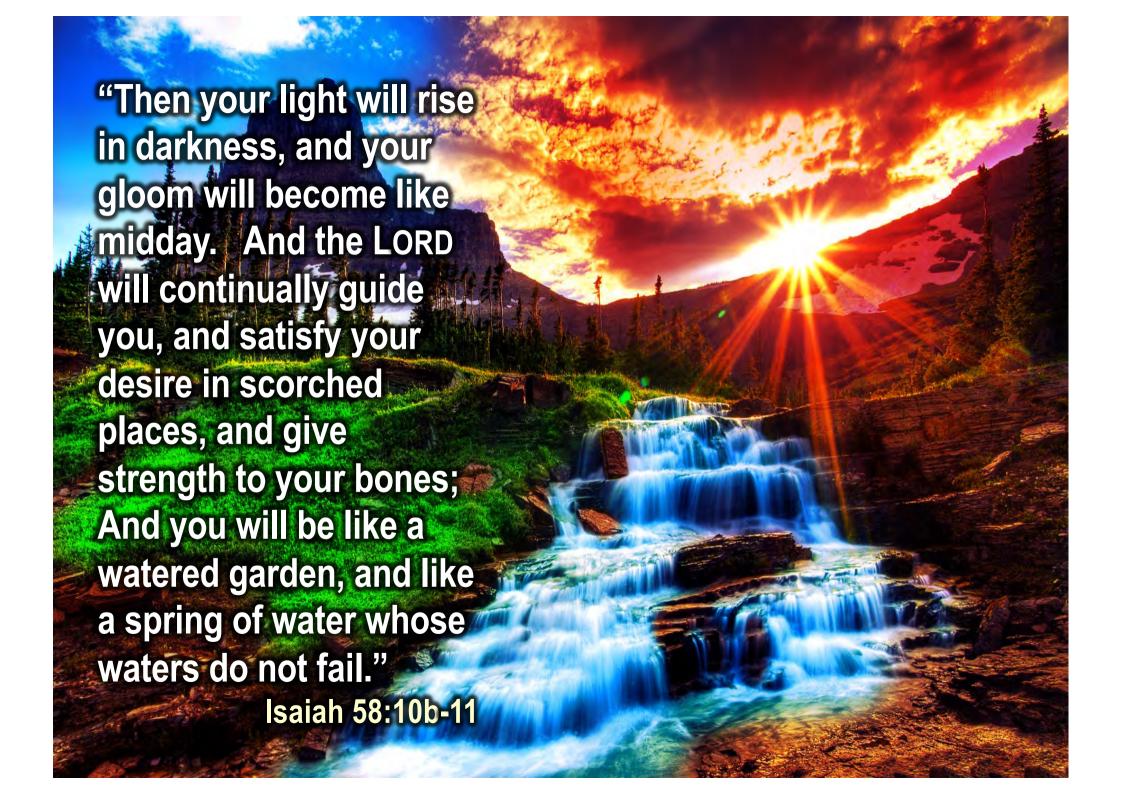
"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you. Do not devise harm against your neighbor, While he lives in security beside you. Do not contend with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm."

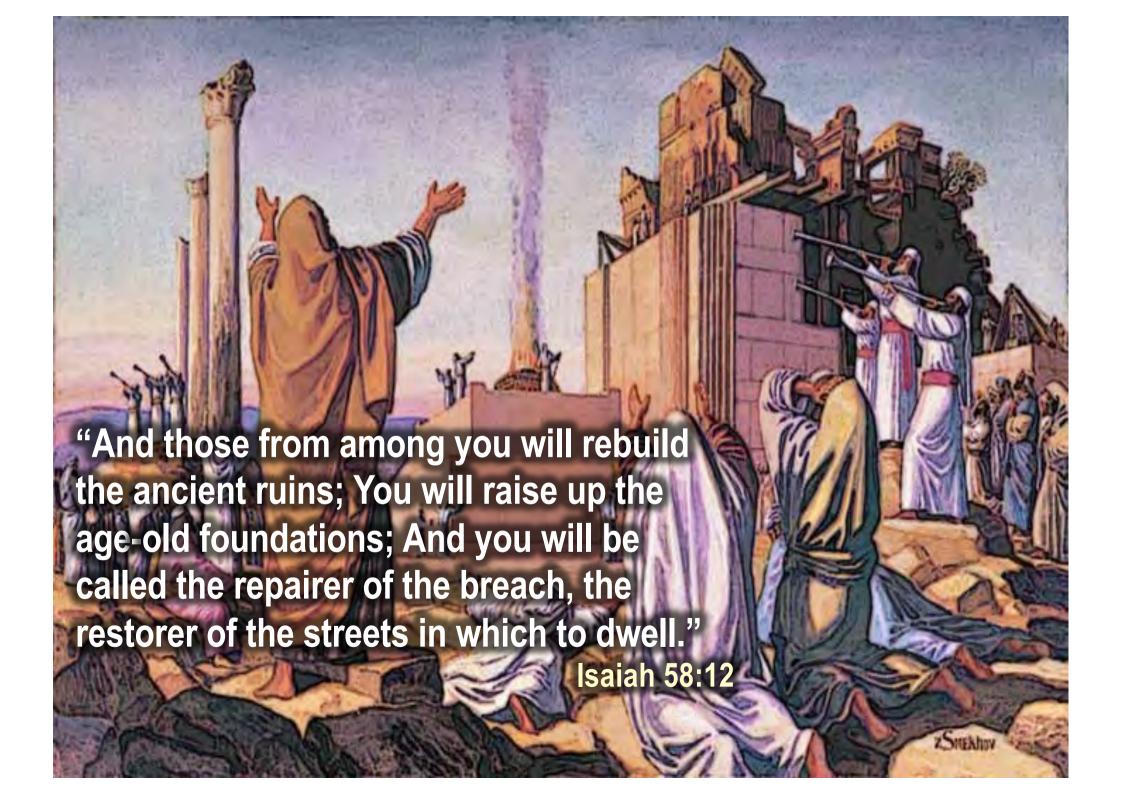
Proverbs 3:27–30

"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:26–27

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:16–18







This is what the LORD says:

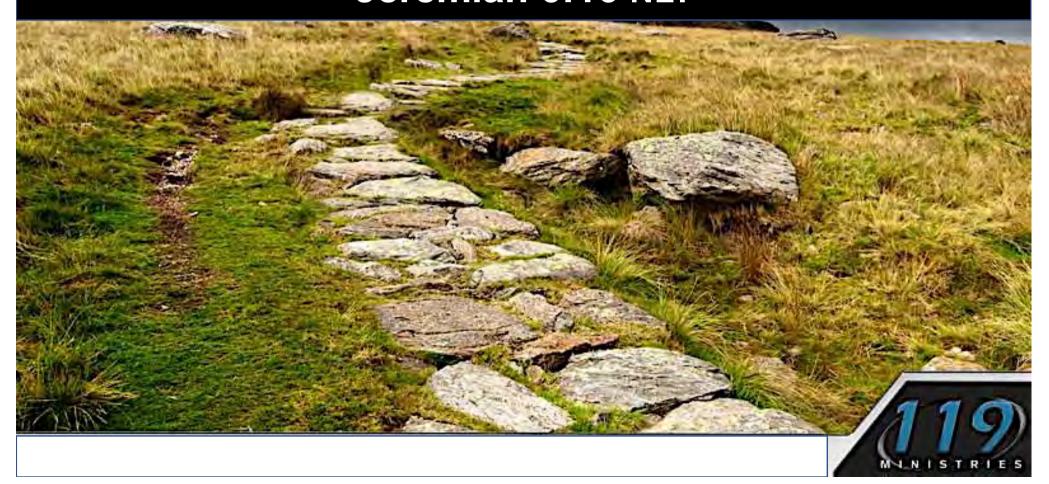
"Stop at the crossroads and look around.

Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it.

Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls.

But you reply, 'No, that's not the road we want!"

—Jeremiah 6:16 NLT—



Ten Promises to Those Who Change

1) The Promise of the Light of God's Love.	(vs. 8a)
2) The Promise of Restored Health	(vs. 8b)
3) The Promise of a Righteous Path	(vs. 8c)
4) The Promise of God's Protection	(vs. 9a)
5) The Promise of Answered Prayer	(vs. 9b)
6) The Promise of God's Presence	(vs. 9c)
7) The Promise of Divine Blessing	(vs. 10a)
8) The Promise of God's Guidance	(vs. 10b)
9) The Promise of Material Prosperity	(vs. 11)
10) The Promise of Rebuilding	(vs. 12)

"If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor it, desisting from your own ways, from seeking your own pleasure, and speaking your own word, then you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 58:13-14



Lessons from Isaiah 58

- 1) Religion makes people feel acceptable to God, but a relationship with God makes people truly acceptable to Him (vss. 1-5)
- 2) Those who love God also love people and help those who are in need (vss. 6-7).
- 3) Those who love God are promised God's blessings (vss. 9-12).
- 4) Those promised God's blessings must do those things that please God (vs. 13).
- 5) Those promised God's blessings will receive the blessings of His promises (vs. 14).

Isaiah 59



True Cleansing (Isaiah 58–59)

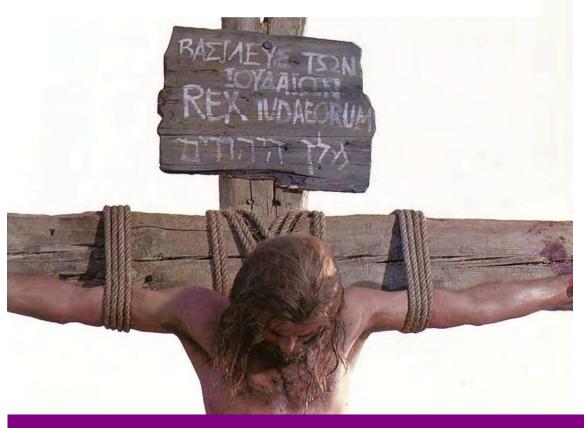
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- God lists Judah's sinful practices causing his judgment, to prove that salvation and restoration result only from God's initiative (Isa 59).

Tribulation Results

"They will look on the one they have pierced..." (Zech. 12:1-10; esp. v. 10)



"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins" (Isa. 59:20)

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from David" (Rom. 11:26b)

"And so all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26a)



"Israel" always means ethnic seed of Jacob (9:1-5)

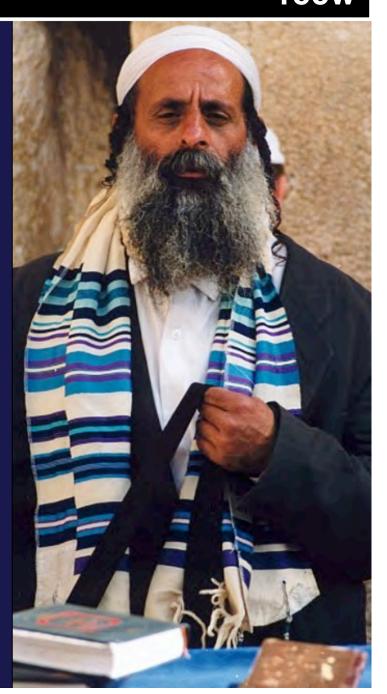
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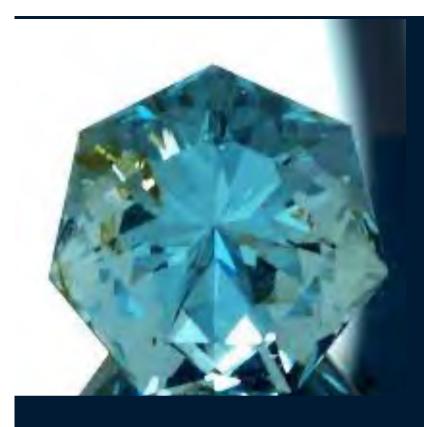
²⁵I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part <u>until</u> the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

²⁶And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

²⁷And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."





"Now look at the jewel I have set before Jeshua, a single stone with seven facets. I will engrave an inscription on it, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and I will remove the sins of this land in a single day" (Zechariah 3:9 NLT).









Restoration

Isaiah

APPLICATION

The future restoration of the earth should cause us to get our priorities right now

So realize that God is preparing you for your future rule now!



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Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made. And princes throng to crown His head, His name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.



He shall reign in glory crowned with grace and might. **Bless His name and** praise the Sovereign King! He shall reign forever with His chosen bride, And all the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!

Jesus Shall Reign

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The prisoner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.



He shall reign in glory crowned with grace and might. **Bless His name and** praise the Sovereign King! He shall reign forever with His chosen bride, And all the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!

Jesus Shall Reign

Where He displays His healing power Death and the curse are known no more; In Him the tribes of Adam boast More blessings than their father lost.

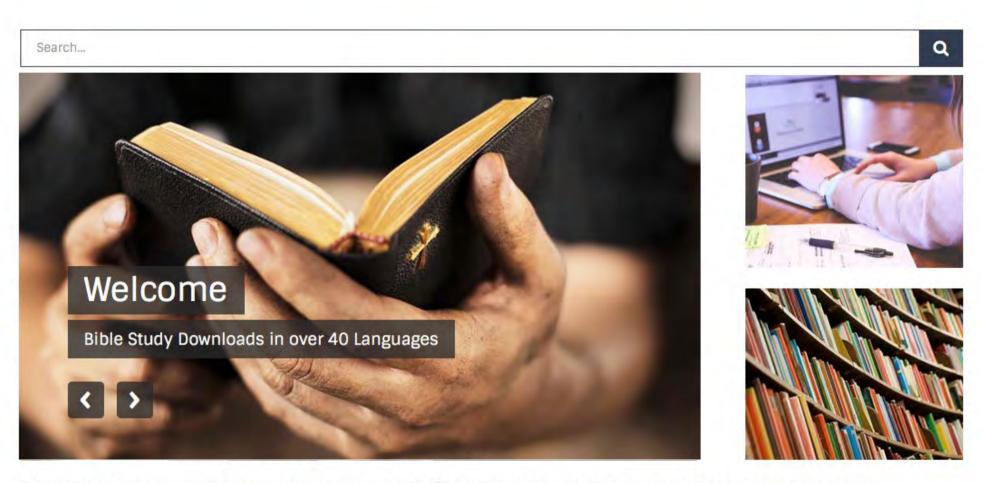
Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.



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ISSUES IN ISAIAH

Isaiah has many problem passages such as:

- 1. Authorship Deutero-Isaiah?, Trito-Isaiah?
- 2. Mountain of the LORD? Micah copied from Isaiah or vice versa? (2:1)
- 3. What does "Be ever hearing but never understanding" (6:9) mean?
- 4. Was the sign to Ahaz a virgin or young woman (7:14)? Who was she?
- 5. Which age is depicted when the wolf lives with the lamb (11:6)?
- 6. Was Israel regathered to fulfil 11:12; 14:1-2; 49:22-23?
- 7. Does 65:20 describe eternity or an earthly millennial rule?
- 8. Will temple sacrifices (56:5) be reinstituted (56:7; 66:20-23)?
- 9. Will the Sabbath be reinstituted (56:4; 66:23)?

Parallel OT & NT Structure

Foundation

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Present Future

Torah

History

Wisdom Prophecy

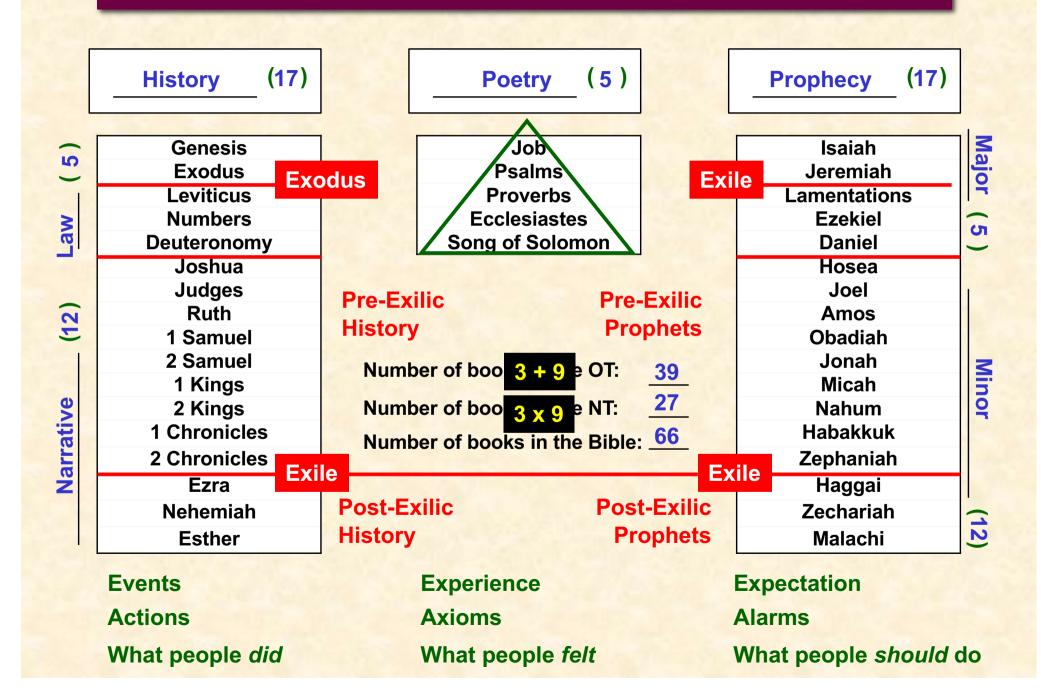
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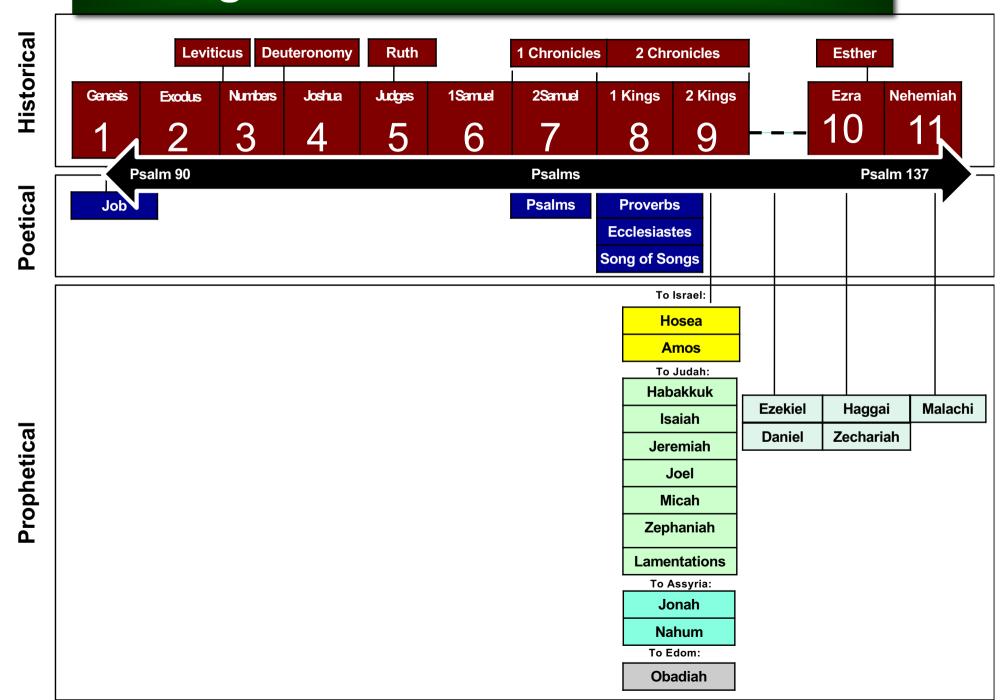
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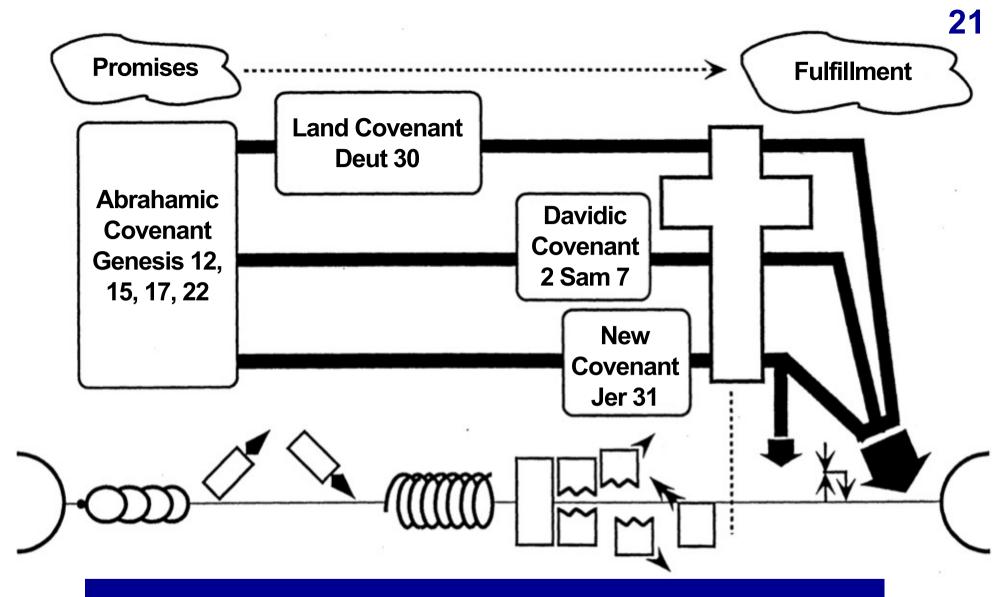
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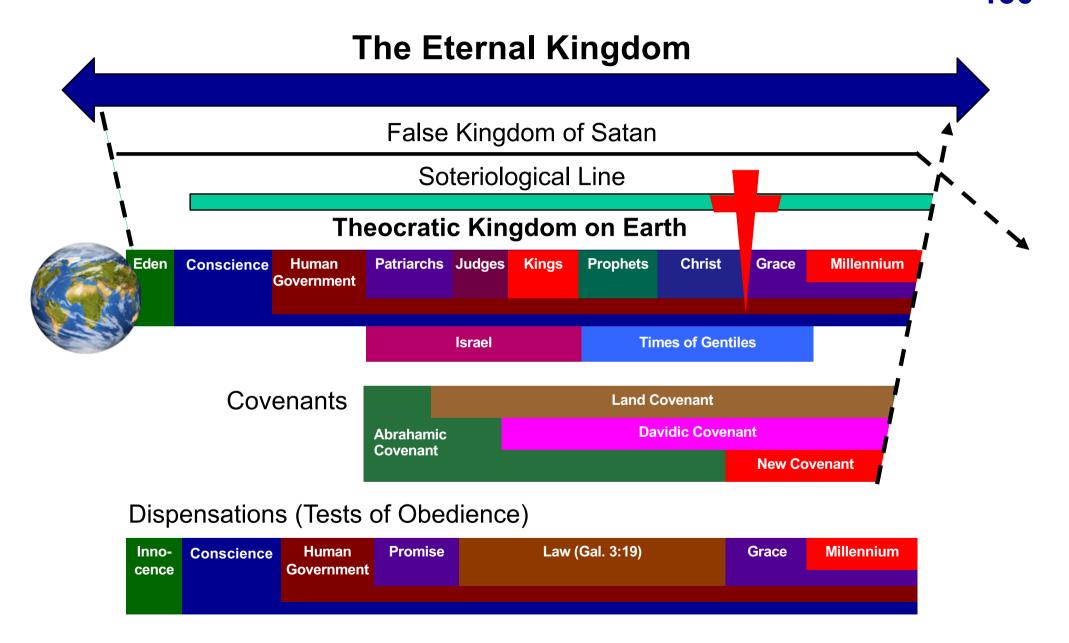
Walk Thru the OT

Integration of the Old Testament





The Abrahamic Covenant & Its Fulfillment





An All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Revelation 22:5

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command

Covenants

Fulfillment

My View of the OT's Theme

The Old Testament narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall and accomplished by redeeming man through Israel as a kingdom of priests and ultimately through the Messiah, who will reign as Savior and King

to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant



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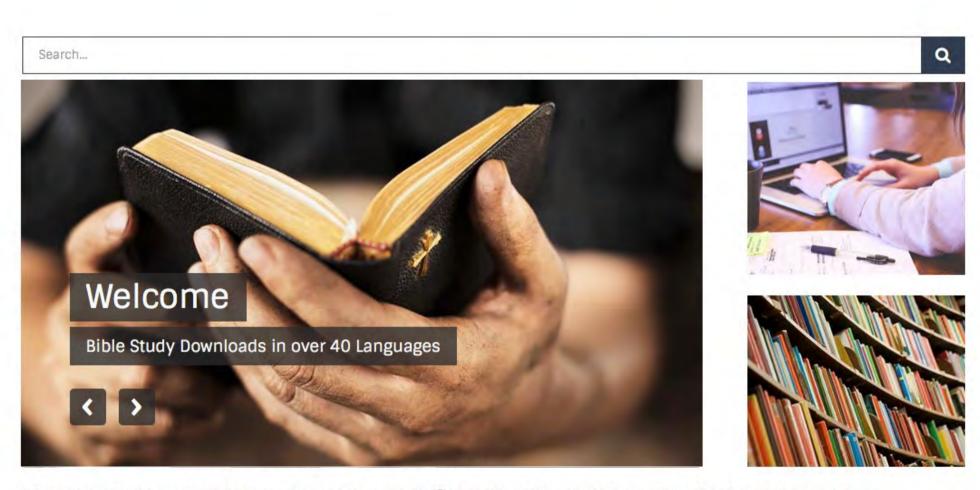
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