

# **A SON OF ISRAEL SPEAKS OUT**

**(Isaiah, Messenger from GOD)**

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## A WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Why this e-book? And why the prophet Isaiah? What did he say that could have any relevance for us today?

As a matter of fact, it turns everything he said so long ago is surprisingly appropriate for us to read right now. He's passed the test of a prophet and proved himself reliable over and over again before our very eyes, having predicted so far in advance many things that have taken place just as predicted.

So anything that he ever said about Israel and her scattered people that *hasn't happened yet* may be worth paying close attention to!

And with Israel's security and physical future on the line yet again, this is a very good time for us to seek out Divine perspective on worldwide events.

While we're gleaning the prophet's writings for what significant highlights, a great deal of valuable Scripture has obviously been left out as a result. Any of Isaiah's writings not quoted here are of course equally inspired and deserve careful reading as well.

Highlights of each chapter can be found in the Table of Contents and are marked by sub-headings in the text itself. You'll find chapter/verse references for each quotation on the last page of each chapter selection and, unless indicated otherwise, they refer to the New JPS Translation. [ESV in the footnote refers to the English Standard Version, used a few times for added clarity.]

Please note that the Table of Contents may appear to be missing consecutive Chapter headings but, in fact, the word "Chapter" speaks of Bible chapters rather than a numeric chapter order for this e-book.

Many thanks to the New Jewish Publication Society Translation for providing us with Scriptures carefully recorded and handed down "according to the traditional Hebrew text."

CHAPTER 1

**Problem**

**An ox knows its owner, An ass its master's crib: Israel does not know My people takes no thought: Ah, sinful nation! People laden with iniquity! ... They have forsaken the LORD, Spurned the Holy One of Israel, turned their backs [on Him].**

**Consequence**

**Your land is a waste, Your cities burnt down; before your eyes, the yield of your soil is consumed by strangers--**

**And when you lift up your hands, I will turn My eyes away from you; Though you pray at length, I will not listen.**

**Invited by GOD**

**Come, let us reach an understanding Be your sins like crimson, They can turn snow-white; Be they red as dyed wool, They can become like fleece. If, then, you agree and give heed, you will eat the good things of the earth; But if you refuse and disobey, You will be devoured by the sword. - For it was the LORD who spoke.**

**1:3,4b**  
**1:7b**  
**1:15**  
**1:18-20**

## CHAPTER 2

### Israel 's Destiny

**In the days to come, The Mount of the LORD's House shall stand firm above the mountains and tower above the hills; and all the nations shall gaze on it with joy. And the many peoples shall go and say: 'Come, let us go up to the Mount of the LORD< to the House of the God of Jacob; that He may instruct us in His ways, and that we may walk in His paths.' For instruction shall come forth from Zion, The word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Thus He will judge among the nations and arbitrate for the many peoples...**

### Unfaithfulness

**For you have forsaken [the ways of] your people, O House of Jacob! For they are full [of practices] from the East, and of soothsaying...Their land is filled with idols; they bow down to the work of their hand, to what their own fingers have wrought.**

### Discipline

**Go deep into the rock, bury yourselves in the ground, before the terror of the LORD and His dread majesty! Man's haughty look shall be brought low, and the pride of mortals shall be humbled ... As for idols, they shall vanish completely.**

**2:2-4a**  
**2:6,8**  
**2:10,11a,18**

### CHAPTER 3

#### Discipline

**For lo! The Sovereign LORD of Hosts will remove from Jerusalem and from Judah prop and stay, every prop of food and every prop of water...**

#### GOD's Perspective

**Ah, Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because by word and deed they insult the LORD, defying His majestic glance. Their partiality in judgment accuses them; they avow their sins like Sodom. They do not conceal them. Woe to them!**

#### False Teachers

**'O my people! Your leaders are misleaders; they have confused the course of your paths. The LORD stands up to plead a cause, He rises to champion peoples. The LORD will bring this charge against the elders and officers of His people: 'It is you who have ravaged the vineyard; that which was robbed from the poor is in your houses. How dare you crush My people and grind the faces of the poor?' -says my LORD GOD of Hosts.**

3:11

3:8,9

3:12b-14,15

## CHAPTER 4

### Israel's Coming Glory

**In that day, the radiance of the LORD will lend beauty and glory, and the splendour of the land [will give] dignity and majesty, to the survivors of Israel. And those who remain in Zion and are left in Jerusalem—all who are inscribed for life in Jerusalem—shall be called holy. When the LORD has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and from Jerusalem's midst has rinsed out her infamy—in a spirit of judgment and in a spirit of purging—the LORD will create over the whole shrine and meeting place of Mount Zion cloud by day and smoke with a glow of flaming fire by night. Indeed, over all the glory shall hang a canopy, which shall serve as a pavilion for shade from heat by day and as a shelter for protection against drenching rain.**

4:1-5

## CHAPTER 5

### GOD's Perspective

**Let me sing for my beloved a song of my lover about his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a fruitful hill. He broke the ground, cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines. He built a watchtower inside it, He even hewed a wine press in it; for he hoped it would yield grapes. Instead, it yielded wild grapes. Now then, dwellers of Jerusalem and men of Judah, you be the judges between Me and My vineyard: What more could have been done for My vineyard that I failed to do in it? Why, when I hoped it would yield grapes, did it yield wild grapes?**

**For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the House of Israel, and the seedlings he lovingly tended are the men of Judah and He hoped for justice, but behold, injustice; for equity, but behold, inequity!**

### Addressing the Problem

**Now I am going to tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge, that it may be ravaged; I will break down its wall, that it may be trampled. And I will make it a desolation; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thistles. And I will command the clouds to drop no rain on it.**

**The LORD of hosts has sworn in my hearing: 'Surely great houses shall lie forlorn, spacious and splendid ones without**

**occupants...Assuredly, My people will suffer exile for not giving heed, its multitude victims of hunger and its masses parched with thirst...Yea, man is bowed, and mortal brought low; brought low at the pride of the haughty. And the LORD of Hosts is exalted by judgment, the Holy God proved holy by retribution.**

**Assuredly, as straw is consumed by a tongue of fire and hay shrivels as it burns their stock shall become like rot, and their buds shall blow away like dust. For they have rejected the instruction of the LORD of Hosts, spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel. That is why the LORD's anger was roused against His people, why He stretched out His arm against it and struck it, so that the mountains quaked, and its corpses lay like refuse in the streets.**

**He will raise an ensign to a nation afar, whistle to one end of the earth. There it comes with lightning speed!...Their roaring is like a lion's, they roar like the great beasts; When they growl and seize a prey, they carry it off and none can recover it..and then he shall look below and, behold, distressing darkness, with light; darkness, in its lowering clouds.**

5:7

5:5,6

5:9,13,15,16

5:25

5:26,29,30b

## CHAPTER 6

### Blinding His People

**And He said, ‘Go, say to that people: “Hear, indeed, but do not understand; See, indeed, but do not grasp.” Dull that people’s mind, Stop its ears, and seal its eyes—lest, seeing with its eyes and hearing with its ears, it also grasp with its mind, and repent and save itself.’**

### Desolation of the Land

**I asked, ‘How long, my Lord?’ And He replied: ‘Till towns lie waste without inhabitants and houses without people, and the ground lies waste and desolate—For the LORD will banish the population—and deserted sites are many in the midst of the land. But while a tenth part yet remains in it, it shall repent. It shall be ravaged like the terebinth and the oak, of which stumps are left even when they are felled; its stump shall be a holy seed.’**

6:9,10  
6:11-13

## CHAPTER 7

### A Sign

**The LORD spoke further to Ahaz: ‘Ask for a sign from the LORD your God, anywhere down to Sheol or up to the sky.’ But Ahaz replied, ‘I will not ask, and I will not test the LORD.’ ‘Listen, House of David,’ [Isaiah] retorted, ‘is it not enough for you to treat men as helpless that you also treat my God as helpless? Assuredly, my Lord will give you a sign of His own accord! Look, the young woman is with child and about to give birth to a son. Let her name him Immanuel. (By the time he learns to reject the bad and choose the good, people will be feeding on curds and honey.) For before the lad knows to reject the bad and choose the good, the ground whose two kings you dread shall be abandoned. The LORD will cause to come upon you and your people and ancestral house such days as never have come since Ephraim turned away from Judah—“**

7:10-17

## CHAPTER 8

### He Offends Israel

**For this is what the LORD said to me, when He took me by the hand and charged me not to walk in the path of that people: 'You must not call conspiracy all that the people calls conspiracy, nor revere what it reveres, nor hold it in awe. None but the LORD of Hosts shall you account holy; Give reverence to Him alone. Hold Him in awe. He alone shall be for a sanctuary, a stone men strike against: a rock men stumble over for the two Houses of Israel, and a trap and a snare for those who dwell in Jerusalem. The masses shall trip over these and shall fall and be injured, shall be snared and be caught...'**

### He Hides Himself

**'..Bind up the message, seal the instruction with My disciples.' So I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding His face from the House of Jacob, and I will trust in Him...**

8:11-15  
8:16-17

## CHAPTER 9

### Authority Figure Born

**The people that walked in darkness have seen a brilliant light; On those who dwelt in a land of gloom Light has dawned. You have magnified that nation, have given it great joy; they have rejoiced before You as they exult when dividing spoil. For the yoke that they bore and the stick on their back—the rod of their taskmaster —You have broken as on the day of Midian...For a child has been born to us, a son has been given us. And authority has settled on his shoulders.**

### A Child

**For a child has been born to us, a son has been given us. And authority has settled on his shoulders. He has been named ‘They Mighty God is planning grace; the Eternal Father, a peaceable ruler’—**

### Child’s Description

**He has been named ‘The Mighty God is planning grace; The Eternal Father, a peaceable ruler’—In token of abundant authority and of peace without limit upon David’s throne and kingdom, that it may be firmly established in justice and in equity now and evermore. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts shall bring this to pass.**

**GOD Sends the Child**

**“...The zeal of the LORD of Hosts shall bring this to pass.”**

**Rebellion Under Punishment**

**Yet His anger has not turned back, and His arm is outstretched still. For the people has not turned back to Him who struck it and has not sought the LORD of Hosts. So the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in a single day. Elders and magnates—such are the heads; Prophets who give false instruction, such are the tails that people’s leaders have been misleaders so they that are led have been confused.**

**False Teachers**

**So the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in a single day. Elders and magnates—such are the heads; Prophets who give false instruction, such are the tails that people’s leaders have been misleaders so they that are led have been confused. That is why my Lord will not spare their youths, nor show compassion to their orphans and widows; for all are ungodly and wicked, and every mouth speaks impiety.**

**Israel Returns to GOD**

**And in that day, the remnant of Israel and the escaped of the House of Jacob shall lean no more upon him that beats it, but shall lean sincerely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.**

9:1-3,5

9:6

9:5,6

9:6b

9:11b,12,13

9:13-16

9:20

## CHAPTER 10

### False Teachers

**Ha! Those who write out evil writs and compose iniquitous documents, to subvert the cause of the poor, to rob of their rights the needy of My people...What will you do on the day of punishment, when the calamity comes from afar?**

### His Fury on Israel's Enemies

**But when my Lord has carried out all his purpose on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem He will punish the majestic pride and overbearing arrogance of the king of Assyria. For he thought, 'By the might of my hand have I wrought it, by my skill, for I am clever: I have erased the borders of peoples; I have plundered their treasures, and exiled their vast populations.'**

**A Remnant Turns Back**

**Only a remnant shall return, only a remnant of Jacob, to Mighty God. Even if your people, O Israel, should be as the sands of the sea, only a remnant of it shall return.**

**He Sends Destruction**

**O mount of Fair Zion! O hill of Jerusalem! Lo! The Sovereign LORD of Hosts will hew off the tree-crowns with an ax; the tall ones shall be felled, the lofty ones cut down: the thickets of the forest shall be hacked away with iron, and the Lebanon trees shall fall in their majesty.**

10:1,3a  
10:12,13  
10:21,22  
10:32b-34

## CHAPTER 11

Jesse's Descendant Rules

**But a shoot shall grow out of the stump of Jesse, a twig shall sprout from his stock. The spirit of the LORD shall alight upon him: a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and valor, a spirit of devotion and reverence for the LORD. He shall sense the truth by his reverence for the LORD: He shall not judge by what his eyes perceive. Thus he shall judge the poor with equity and decide with justice for the lowly of the land. He shall strike down a land with the rod of his mouth and slay the wicked with the breath of his lips. Justice shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his waist.**

Peace

**The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard lie down with the kid; the calf, the beast of prey, and the fatling together, with a**

**little boy to herd them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion, like the ox, shall eat straw. A babe shall play over a viper's hole, and an infant pass his hand over an adder's den. In all of My sacred mount nothing evil or vile shall be done; for the land shall be filled with devotion to the LORD as water covers the sea.**

#### **Nations Turn to the Ruler**

**In that day, the stock of Jesse that has remained standing shall become a standard to peoples—nations shall seek his counsel and his abode shall be honoured.**

#### **Israel Brought Back**

**In that day, My Lord will apply His hand again to redeeming the other part of His people from Assyria—as also from Egypt, Pathros, Nubia, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the coastlands. He will hold up a signal to the nations and assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.**

**Thus there shall be a highway for the other part of His people out of Assyria, such as there was for Israel when it left the land of Egypt.**

#### **Judah and Ephraim – Together Again**

**Then Ephraim's envy shall cease and Judah's harassment shall end; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass**

**Ephraim. They shall pounce on the back of Philistia to the west, and together plunder the peoples of the east...**

**11:1-5**

**11:6-9**

**11:10**

**11:11,12**

**11:16**

**11:13,14a**

## CHAPTER 12

Israel 's Praise to GOD

**In that day, you shall say: 'I give thanks to You, O LORD! Although You were wroth with me, Your wrath has turned back and You comfort me, Behold the God who gives me triumph! I am confident, unafraid; For Yah the LORD is my strength and might, and He has been my deliverance.' Joyfully shall you draw water from the fountains of triumph, and you shall say on that day: 'Praise the LORD, proclaim His name. Make His deeds known among the peoples; Declare that His name is exalted. Hymn the LORD, for He has done gloriously; Let this be made known in all**

**the world! Oh, shout for joy, you who dwell in Zion! For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!**

12:1-6

### CHAPTER 13

#### **War Declared on Evil**

**'Raise a standard upon a bare hill, Cry aloud to them...I have summoned My purified guests to execute My wrath...The LORD of Hosts is mustering a host for war. They come from a distant land, from the end of the sky—The LORD with the weapons of His wrath—to ravage all the earth! Lo! The day of the LORD is coming with pitiless fury and wrath, to make the earth a desolation, to wipe out the sinners upon it...And I will requite to the world its evil, and to the wicked their iniquity...**

**13:2a,3a,4b,5,9,11a**

CHAPTER 14

**Israel Pardoned**

**But the LORD will pardon Jacob, and will again choose Israel, and will settle them on their own soil.**

**Others Join Israel**

**And strangers shall join them and shall cleave to the House of Jacob. For peoples shall take them and bring them to their homeland...**

### Israel Brought Back

**And what will he answer the messengers of any nation? That Zion has been established by the LORD: In it, the needy of His people shall find shelter.**

14:1

14:1b,2b

14:32

### CHAPTER 16

### Ruler on the Throne

**And a throne shall be established in goodness in the tent of David, and on it shall sit in faithfulness a ruler devoted to justice and zealous for equity.**

16:4b,5

CHAPTER 18

Nations Summoned

**Go, swift messengers, to a nation far and remote, to a people thrust forth and away—a nation of gibber and chatter...All you who live in the world and inhabit the earth, when a flag is raised in the hills take My habitation..."...In that time, tribute shall be brought to the LORD of Hosts [from] a people far and remote, from a people thrust forth and away—a nation of gibber and**

**chatter, whose land is cut off by streams—at the place where the name of the LORD of Hosts abides, at Mount Zion.**

**18:2,3,4a**

## CHAPTER 19

### **Egypt Repents**

**In that day there shall be an altar to the LORD inside the land of Egypt and a pillar to the LORD at its border. They shall serve as a symbol and reminder of the LORD of Hosts in the land of Egypt...For the LORD will make Himself known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians shall acknowledge the LORD in that day, and they shall serve [Him] with sacrifice and oblation and shall make**

**vows to the LORD and fulfill them. The LORD will first afflict and then heal the Egyptians; when they turn back to the LORD< He will respond to their entreaties and heal them.**

**Egypt and Assyria**

**In that day, Israel shall be a third partner with Egypt and Assyria as a blessing on earth; for the LORD of Hosts will bless them, saying, 'Blessed be My people Egypt, My handiwork Assyria, and My very own Israel.'**

**19:19,20a,21,22  
19:24,25**

## **CHAPTER 21**

**Babylon Falls**

**'On my Lord's lookout I stand ever by day, and at my post I watch every night. And there they come, mounted men—horsemen in pairs!' Then he spoke up and said, 'Fallen, fallen is Babyolon, and all the images of her gods have crashed to the ground!'**

21:8,9

CHAPTER 22

Light Grows Dim

**But you gave no thought to Him who planned it, you took no note of Him who designed it long before. My Lord GOD of Hosts summoned on that day to weeping and lamenting, to tonsuring and girding with sackcloth. Instead, there was rejoicing and merriment, killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep, eating of**

**meat and drinking of wine: 'Eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!' Then the LORD of Hosts revealed Himself to my ears: 'This iniquity shall never be forgiven you until you die,' said my Lord GOD of Hosts.**

#### **Israel's Destruction**

**In that day—declares the LORD of Hosts—the peg fixed in a firm place shall give way: it shall be cut down and shall fall, and the weight it supports shall be destroyed. For it is the LORD who has spoken.**

**22:11b-14**

**22:25**

#### **CHAPTER 24**

#### **Trouble on Earth**

**Behold, the LORD will strip the earth bare, and lay it waste, and twist its surface, and scatter its inhabitants...For the earth was defiled under its inhabitants; because they transgressed**

**teachings, violated laws, broke the ancient covenant. That is why a curse consumes the earth, and its inhabitants pay the penalty...**

**In that day, the LORD will punish the host of heaven in heaven and the kings of the earth on earth. They shall be gathered in a dungeon as captives are gathered; and shall be locked up in a prison. But after many days they shall be remembered.**

**GOD Reigns over Jerusalem**

**Then the moon shall be ashamed, and the sun shall be abashed. For the LORD of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and the Presence will be revealed to His elders.**

**24:1,5,6a**

**24:21,22**

**24:23**

## CHAPTER 25

**His Goodness to Israel**

**The LORD of Hosts will make on this mount for all the peoples a banquet of rich viands, a banquet of choice wines—He will destroy death forever. My Lord GOD will wipe the tears away from**

**all faces and will put an end to the reproach of His people over all the earth—For it is the LORD who has spoken.**

**Israel's Response**

**In that day they shall say: This is our God; We trusted in Him, and He delivered us. This is the LORD, in whom we trusted; Let us rejoice and exult in His deliverance!**

**25:26a,27a,28  
25:9**

**CHAPTER 26**

**Israel's Response**

**Trust in the LORD for ever and ever, for in Yah the LORD you have an everlasting Rock. For He has brought low those who were high up...For Your just ways, O LORD' we look to You; we long for the name by which You are called. At night I yearn for You with all my being, I seek You with all the spirit within me. For when Your judgments are wrought on earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.**

**O LORD! They see not Your hand exalted. Let them be shamed as they behold Your zeal for Your people and fire consuming Your adversaries. O LORD! May You appoint well-being for us, since You have also requited all our misdeeds. O LORD our God! Lords other than You possessed us, but only Your name shall we utter.**

Punishment for the Earth

**Go, my people, enter your chambers, and lock your doors behind you. Hide but a little moment, until the indignation passes. For lo! The LORD shall come forth from His place to punish the dwellers of the earth for their iniquity; and the earth shall disclose its bloodshed and shall no longer conceal its slain.**

26:4,5a,8,9

26:11-13

26:20,21

## CHAPTER 27

The LORD and His Vineyard

**In that day, they shall sing of it: 'Vineyard of Delight.' I the LORD keep watch over it, I water it every moment; that no harm may**

**befall it, I watch it night and day. There is no anger in Me: If one offers Me thorns and thistles, I will march to battle against him, and set all of them on fire. But if he holds fast to My refuge, He makes Me his friend; He makes Me his friend."**

#### **A Promise for Israel**

**[In days] to come Jacob shall strike root, Israel shall sprout and blossom, and the face of the world shall be covered with fruit.**

#### **Why Israel Has Suffered**

**Assuredly, by this alone shall Jacob's sin be purged away; This is the only price for removing his guilt...Thus fortified cities lie desolate, homesteads deserted, forsaken like a wilderness...For they are a people without understanding; that is why their Maker will show them no mercy, their Creator will deny them grace.**

#### **Gathering His Own**

**And in that day...you shall be picked up one by one, O children of Israel! And in that day, a great ram's horn shall be sounded; and the strayed who are in the land of Assyria and the expelled who are in the land of Egypt shall come and worship the LORD on the holy mount, in Jerusalem.**

**27:4**  
**27:6**  
**27:9a,11b**  
**27:12b,13**

**CHAPTER 28**

**Gathering His Own**

**In that day, the LORD of Hosts shall become a crown of beauty and a diadem of glory for the remnant of His people, and a spirit of judgment for him who sits in judgment and of valor for those who repel attacks at the gate.**

28:4

CHAPTER 30

**He Ministers to Israel**

**Truly, the LORD is waiting to show you grace, Truly, He will arise to pardon you. ...Indeed, O people in Zion, dwellers of Jerusalem, you shall not have cause to weep. He will grant you His favour at**

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**the sound of your cry; He will respond as soon as He hears it. ...And on every high mountain and on every lofty hill, there shall appear brooks and watercourses—on a day of heavy slaughter, when towers topple. And the light of the moon shall become like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall become sevenfold, like the light of the seven days, when the LORD binds up His people’s wounds and heals the injuries it has suffered.**

**He Fights for Israel**

**Behold the LORD Himself comes from afar in blazing wrath, with a heavy burden—His lips full of fury, His tongue like devouring fire, and his breath like a raging torrent reaching halfway up the neck—To set a misguiding yoke upon nations and a misleading bridle upon the jaws of peoples...For the LORD will make His majestic voice heard and display the sweep of His arm in raging wrath, in a devouring blaze of fire, in tempest, and rainstorm, and hailstones.**

30:18a,19,25,26

30:27,28,30

## CHAPTER 31

**Assyria Falls**

**Then Assyria shall fall, not by the sword of man...Declares the LORD, who has a fire in Zion, who has an oven in Jerusalem.**

**31:8a,9b**

## CHAPTER 32

**The King Reigns**

**Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and ministers shall govern with justice...**

Israel Sees and Hears

**Then the eyes of those who have sight shall not be sealed, and the ears of those who have hearing shall listen; and the minds of the thoughtless shall attend and note, and the tongues of mumblers shall speak with fluent eloquence. No more shall a villain be called noble, nor shall 'gentleman' be said of a knave.**

New Hope

**The noisy city {shall be} forsaken; citadel and tower shall become bare places forever, a stamping ground for wild asses, a pasture for flocks—Till a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and wilderness is transformed into farm land, while farm land rates as mere brush. Then justice shall abide in the wilderness and righteousness shall dwell on the farm land. For the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, calm and confidence forever. Then my people shall dwell in peaceful homes, in secure dwellings, in untroubled places of rest...Happy shall you be who sow by all waters, who send out cattle and asses to pasture.**

32:1

32:3-5

32:14-20

## CHAPTER 33

Isaiah Prays

**O LORD, be gracious to us! It is to You we have looked...our deliverance in time of stress...The LORD is exalted, He dwells on high! [Of old] He filled Zion with justice and righteousness.**

**33:2,5**

**CHAPTER 35**

**Israel Reborn**

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**The arid desert shall be glad, the wilderness shall rejoice and shall blossom like a rose. It shall blossom abundantly, it shall also exult and shout... Strengthen the hands that are slack, make firm the tottering knees! Say to the anxious of heart, 'Be strong, fear not; behold your God! Requital is coming, the recompense of God—He Himself is coming to give you triumph.'**

**Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shall shout aloud; for waters shall burst forth in the desert, streams in the wilderness. Torrid earth shall become a pool; parched land, fountains of water; the home of jackals, a pasture; the abode [of ostriches], reeds and rushes...**

Israel Returning

**And a highway shall appear there, which shall be called the Sacred Way. No one unclean shall pass along it, but it shall be for them... No lion shall be there, no ferocious beast shall set foot on it—these shall not be found there but the redeemed shall walk it; and the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come with shouting to Zion, crowned with joy everlasting. They shall attain joy and gladness, while sorrow and sighing flee.**

35:1,3,4

35:5-7

35:8-10

## CHAPTER 37

Remnant of Judah

**For a remnant shall come forth from Jerusalem, survivors from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts shall bring this to pass...I will protect and save this city for My sake and for the sake of My servant David.**

**37:32,25**

**CHAPTER 39**

### **Babylonian Captivity**

**Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, ‘Hear the word of the LORD of Hosts: a time is coming when everything in your palace, which your ancestors have stored up to this day, will be carried off to Babylon; nothing will be left behind, said the LORD> And some of your sons, your own issue, whom you will have fathered, will be taken to serve as eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’**

**39:5-7**

### CHAPTER 40

#### **His Heart for Israel**

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**Comfort, oh comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and declare to her that her term of service is over, that her iniquity is expiated; for she has received at the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.**

#### **Coming Presence**

**A voice rings out: ‘Clear in the desert a road for the LORD! Level in the wilderness a highway for our God! Let every valley be raised, every hill and mount made low. Let the rugged ground become level and the ridges become a plain. The Presence of the LORD shall appear, and all flesh, as one shall behold—For the LORD Himself has spoken.’**

**Announce to the cities of Judah: Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD comes in might, and His arm wins triumph for Him; See, His reward is with Him, His recompense before Him. Like a shepherd He pastures His flock; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them in His bosom; Gently He drives the mother sheep.**

#### **Isaiah Encourages Israel**

**Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is God from of old, Creator of the earth from end to end, He never grows faint or weary, His wisdom cannot be fathomed. He gives strength to the weary, fresh vigor to the spent. Youths may grow faint and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but they who trust in the LORD shall renew their strength as eagles grow new plumes: They shall run and not grow weary, they shall march and not grow faint.**

**40:1,2**  
**40:3-5**  
**40:9b-11**  
**40:28-31**

## CHAPTER 41

### **The LORD Speaks to His Own**

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*A Son of Israel Speaks Out (Isaiah on Israel's Future)*

**But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, Seed of Abraham My friend—You whom I drew from the ends of the earth and called from its far corners, to whom I said: You are My servant; I chose you, I have not rejected you—Fear not, for I am with you, be not frightened, for I am your God; I strengthen you and I help you. I uphold you with My victorious right hand. Shamed and chagrined shall be all who contend with you; they who strive with you shall become as naught and shall perish. You may see, but shall not find those who struggle with you; less than nothing shall be the men who battle against you. For I the LORD am your God, who grasped your right hand, who say to you: Have no fear; I will be your help. Fear not, O worm Jacob, O men of Israel: I will help you.**

**I am your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. I will make of you a threshing board, a new thresher, with many spikes; You shall thresh mountains to dust, and make hills like chaff. You shall winnow them and the wind shall carry them off; the whirlwind shall scatter them. But you shall rejoice in the LORD, and glory in the Holy One of Israel.**

41:8-14

41:14b-16

CHAPTER 42

#### Introducing His Servant

**This is My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen one, in whom I delight. I have put My spirit upon him, He shall teach the true way to the nations. He shall not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He shall not break even a bruised reed, or snuff out even a dim wick. He shall bring forth the true way. He shall not grow dim or be bruised till he has established the true way on earth; And the coastlands shall await his teaching.**

#### Giving Israel Light

**I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.**

#### Teaching New Truths

**The LORD goes forth like a warrior, like a fighter He whips up His rage. He yells, He roars aloud, He charges upon His enemies. 'I have kept silent far too long, kept still and restrained Myself; now I will scream like a woman in labor, I will pant and I will gasp...I will lead the blind by a road they did not know, and I will make them walk by paths they never knew. I will turn darkness before them to light, rough places into level ground. These are the promise—I will keep them without fail.**

#### Wanting Israel to Understand

**Listen, you who are deaf; you blind ones, look up and see! Who is so blind as My servant, so deaf as the messenger I send? Who is so blind as the chosen one, so blind as the servant of the LORD? Seeing many things, he gives no heed; with ears open, he hears nothing...Yet it is a people plundered and despoiled; all of them are trapped in holes, imprisoned in dungeons...If only you would listen to this, attend and give heed from now on!**

**42:1-4**

**42:6-9esv**

**42:13,14,16**

**42:18-22a,23**

## CHAPTER 43

#### **Pledging Himself Again**

**But now thus said the LORD—Who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I will redeem you; I have singled you out by name, you are Mine. When you pass through water, I will be with you; through streams, they shall not overwhelm you. When you walk through fire, you shall not be scorched; through flame, it shall not burn you. For I the LORD am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...Because you are precious to Me, and honoured, and I love you, I give men in exchange for you and peoples in your stead.**

#### **Blind Brought Back to the Land**

**Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your folk from the East, will gather you out of the West; I will say to the North, ‘Give back!’ And to the South, ‘Do not withhold!’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth—all who are linked to My name, whom I have created, formed, and made for My glory—setting free that people, blind though it has eyes and deaf though it has ears.’**

#### **Reminder of His Identity**

**My witnesses are you—declares the LORD—My servant, whom I have chosen. To the end that you may take thought, and believe in Me, and understand that I am He: Before Me no god was formed, and after Me non shall exist—None but me, the LORD; Beside Me, none can triumph. I alone foretold the triumph and I brought it to pass; I announced it, and no strange god was among you, so you are My witnesses—declares the LORD—and I am God.**

**Ever since day was, I am He; none can deliver from My hand.  
When I act, who can reverse it?**

**Something New**

**Do not recall what happened of old, or ponder what happened of yore! I am about to do something new; even now it shall come to pass, suddenly you shall perceive it: I will make a road through the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

**Sins Cancelled**

**But you have not worshiped Me, O Jacob, that you should be weary of Me, O Israel...Instead, you have burdened Me with your sins, you have wearied Me with your iniquities. It is I, I who—for My own sake—wipe your transgressions away and remember your sins no more.**

**43:1-3a,4**

**43:5-8**

**43:10,11**

**43:18,19**

**43:22,24b,25**

## CHAPTER 44

### His Promise to Bless

**But hear, now, O Jacob My servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus said the LORD< your Maker, Your Creator who has helped you since birth: Fear not, My servant Jacob, Jeshurun whom I have chosen, Even as I pour water on thirsty soil, and rain upon dry ground, so will I pour My spirit on your offspring , My blessing upon your posterity. And they shall sprout like grass, like willows by watercourses.**

### Invited Again

**Remember these things, O Jacob for you, O Israel, are My servant: I fashioned you, you are My servant—O Israel never forget Me. I wipe away your sins like a cloud, your transgressions like mist—Come back to Me, for I redeem you.**

### Celebrating Redemption

**Shout, O heavens, for the LORD has acted; shout aloud, O depths of the earth! Shout for joy, O mountains, O forests with all your trees! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, has glorified Himself through Israel.**

### Jerusalem Restored

**Thus said the LORD, your Redeemer...It is I who say of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited,' and of the towns of Judah, 'They shall be rebuilt; and I will restore their ruined places'...And the same**

**who...shall say of Jerusalem, 'She shall be rebuilt,' and to the temple: 'You shall be founded again.'**

**44:1-4**

**44:21,22**

**44:23**

**44:24a,26b,28b**

CHAPTER 45

Secrets Told to Strangers

**I will march before you and level the hills that loom up; I will shatter doors of bronze and cut down iron bars. I will give you treasures concealed in the dark and secret hoards—So that you may know that it is I the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by name. For the sake of My servant Jacob, Israel My chosen one, I call you by name, I hail you by title, though you have not known Me.**

He Shows Mercy to Israel

**I am the LORD and there is none else; beside Me, there is no god. I engird you, though you have not known Me, so that they may know, from east to west, that there is none but Me. I am the LORD and there is none else, I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe—I the LORD do all these things. Pour down, O skies, from above! Let the heavens rain down victory! Let the earth open up and triumph sprout, yes, let vindication spring up: I the LORD have created it.**

Israel's Deliverer

**Thus said the LORD, Israel's Holy One and Maker: Will you question Me on the destiny of My children, will you instruct Me about the work of My hands? It was I who made the earth and created man upon it; My own hands stretched out the heavens, and I marshalled all their host. It was I who roused him for victory and who level all roads for him. He shall rebuild My city**

**and let My exiled people go without price and without payment—  
said the LORD of Hosts.**

45:2-4  
45:5-8  
45:11-13

## CHAPTER 46

### He Has a Plan

**Bear in mind what happened of old; for I am God, and there is none else, I am divine, and there is none like Me. I foretell the end from the beginning, and from the start, things that had not occurred. I say: My plan shall be fulfilled; I will do all I have purposed...I have spoken, so I will bring it to pass; I have designed it, so I will complete it Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart, who are far from victory: I am bringing My victory close; it shall not be far, and My triumph shall not be delayed. I will grant triumph in Zion to Israel, in whom I glory.**

46:9,10,11b-13

CHAPTER 47

**Babylon Punished**

**I was angry at My people, I defiled My heritage; I put them into your hands, but you showed them no mercy. Even upon the aged you made your yoke exceedingly heavy. You thought, 'I shall always be the mistress still.' You did not take these things to heart, you gave no thought to the end of it. And now hear this, O pampered one—who dwell in security, who think to yourself, 'I am, and there is none but me...—Evil is coming upon you which you will not know how to charm away; disaster is falling upon you...there is none to save you.**

47:6-8,11,15b

## CHAPTER 48

### Rebels Saved

**Though I know that you are treacherous, that you were called a rebel from birth, for the sake of My name I control My wrath; to My own glory, I am patient with you, and I will not destroy you. See, I refine you, but not as silver; I test you in the furnace of affliction. For My sake, My own sake, do I act—Lest [My name] be dishonoured! I will not give My glory to another.**

### Israel Invited to Prosperity

**Thus said the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I the LORD am your God, instructing you for your own benefit, guiding you in the way you should go. If only you would heed My commands! Then your prosperity would be like a river, your triumph like the waves of the sea. Your offspring would be as many as the sand, their issue as many as its grains. Their name would never be cut off or obliterated from before Me.**

### Israel's Victory

**Declare this with loud shouting, Announce this, bring out the word to the ends of the earth! Say: 'The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob!' They have known no thirst, though He led them**

**through parched places; He made water flow for them from the rock; He cleaved the rock and water gushed forth.**

48:8b-11

48:17-19

48:20b-21

## CHAPTER 49

### Salvation to all Earth

**And He said to me, 'You are My servant, Israel in whom I glory.' ...And now the LORD has resolved—He who formed me in the womb to be His servant—to bring back Jacob to Himself, that Israel may be restored to Him. And I have been honoured in the sight of the LORD, My God has been my strength. For He has said: 'It is too little that you should be My servant in that I raise up the tribes of Jacob and restore the survivors of Israel: I will also make you a light of nations, that My salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'**

### Salvation Through Israel

**Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen you.' Thus says the LORD: on a day of salvation I help you—I created you and appointed you a covenant people—Restoring the land, allotting anew the desolate holdings, saying to the prisoners, 'Go free,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They shall pasture along the roads, on every bare height shall be their pasture. They shall not hunger or**

**thirst, hot wind and sun shall not strike them; For He who loves them will lead them, he will guide them to springs of water...Look! Those are coming from afar, these from the north and the west, and these from the land of Sinim. Shout, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth! Break into shouting, O hills! For the LORD has comforted His people, and has taken back His afflicted ones in love.**

#### **His Hands**

**Zion says, 'The LORD has forsaken me, My Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her baby, or disown the child of her womb? Though she might forget, I never could forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands, your walls are ever before Me.**

49:3,5,6  
49:7esv,8-10,12,13  
49:14-16

## CHAPTER 50

Invited Again

**Who among you reveres the LORD and heeds the voice of His servant?—Though he walk in darkness and have no light, let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely upon his God. (50:10)**

50:10

CHAPTER 51

Invited Again

**Listen to Me, you who care for the right, O people who lay My instruction to heart! Fear not the insults of men, and be not dismayed at their jeers; for the moth shall eat them up like a garment, the worm shall eat them up like wool. But My triumph shall endure forever, My salvation through all the ages...So let the ransomed of the LORD return, and come with shouting to Zion, crowned with joy everlasting. Let them attain joy and gladness, while sorrow and sighing flee. I, I am He who comforts you!**

51:7,8,11,12a

## CHAPTER 52

### Announcement

**How welcome on the mountain are the footsteps of the herald announcing happiness, heralding good one they shout for joy; for every eye shall behold the LORD's return to Zion. Raise a shout together, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD will comfort His people, will redeem Jerusalem. The LORD will bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and the very ends of the earth shall see the victory of our God.**

### Change of Appearance

**...Every eye shall behold the LORD's return to Zion. Raise a shout together, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD will comfort His people, will redeem Jerusalem. The LORD will bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and the very ends of the earth shall see the victory of our God...Indeed, My servant shall prosper, be exalted and raised to great heights. Just as the many were appalled at him—so marred was his appearance, unlike that of**

**man, His form, beyond human semblance—Just so he shall startle many nations. Kings shall be silenced because of him, for they shall see what has not been told them, shall behold what they never have heard.**

52:7-10  
52:8b-10,13-15

### CHAPTER 53

#### Carries Guilt

**'Who can believe what we have heard? Upon whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he has grown, by His favour, like a tree crown, like a tree trunk out of arid ground. He had no form or beauty, that we should look at him: No charm, that we should find him pleasing. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded because of our sins, crushed because of our iniquities. He bore the chastisement that made us whole, and by his bruises we were healed. We all went astray like sheep, each going his own way; And the LORD visited upon him the guilt of all of us.'**

#### Suffers in Silence

**He was maltreated yet he was submissive, He did not open his mouth; Like a sheep being led to slaughter, like a ewe, dumb before those who shear her, He did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; By oppressive judgment he was taken away, Who could describe his abode? For he was cut off from the land of the living...**

**Suffers for the People**

**For he was cut off from the land of the living through the sin of my people, who deserved the punishment.**

**Out of his anguish he shall see it...**

**Burial Place**

**And his grave was set among the wicked, and with the rich, in his death—**

**Innocence**

**And his grave was set among the wicked, and with the rich, in his death—Though he had done no injustice and had spoken no falsehood.**

**Suffering Required**

**Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; That, if he made himself an offering for guilt, He might see offspring and have long life, and that through him the LORD's purpose might prosper.**

**Others Made Righteous**

**'My righteous servant makes the many righteous, it is their punishment that he bears; Assuredly, I will give him the many as his portion, He shall receive the multitude as his spoil. For he exposed himself to death and was numbered among the sinners, whereas he bore the guilt of the many and made intercession for sinners.**

53:1,2,3&4esv,5,6

53:7-8a

53:8b

53:8-11a

53:9a

53:9

53:10esv,10b

53:11,12

## CHAPTER 54

### Israel's Call to Celebrate

**Shout, O barren one, you who bore no child! Shout aloud for joy, you who did not travail! For the children of the wife forlorn shall outnumber those of the espoused—said the LORD. Enlarge the site of your tent, extend the size of your dwelling, do not stint! Lengthen the ropes, and drive the pegs firm. For you shall spread out to the right and the left; your offspring shall dispossess nations and shall people the desolate towns...For He who made you will espouse you—His name is 'LORD of Hosts.' The Holy One of Israel will redeem you—He is called 'God of all the Earth.' The LORD has called you back as a wife forlorn and forsaken. Can one cast off the wife of his youth?—said your God. For a little while I forsook you, but with vast love I will bring you back. In slight**

**anger, for a moment, I hid My face from you; but with kindness everlasting I will take you back in love—said the LORD your Redeemer.**

**The LORD's Vow**

**For this to Me is like the waters of Noah: As I swore that the waters of Noah nevermore would flood the earth, so I swear that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you. For the mountains may move and the hills be shaken, but My loyalty shall never move from you, nor My covenant of friendship be shaken—said the LORD, who takes you back in love.**

54:1,5-8  
54:9,10

## CHAPTER 55

### Everlasting Covenant

**Ho, all who are thirsty, come for water, even if you have no money; come, buy food and eat: Buy food without money, wine and milk without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, your earnings for what does not satisfy? Give heed to Me, and you shall eat choice food and enjoy the richest viands. Incline your ear and come to Me; Hearken, and you shall be revived. And I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the enduring loyalty promised to David.**

**Seek the LORD while He can be found, call to Him while He is near. Let the wicked give up his ways, the sinful man his plans; let him turn back to the LORD, and He will pardon him; to our God, for he freely forgives. For My plans are not your plans, nor are My ways your ways—declares the LORD.**

**55:1-3**

**55:6-8**

## CHAPTER 56

### Salvation

**Thus said the LORD: Observe what is right and do what is just; for soon My salvation shall come, and my deliverance be revealed.**

### Keeping His Ways

**Thus said the LORD: Observe what is right and do what is just; for soon My salvation shall come, and my deliverance be revealed.**

**Happy is the man who does this, the man who holds fast to it; who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and stays his hand from doing any evil.**

**Foreigners Join to Serve GOD**

**Let not the foreigner say, who has attached himself to the LORD, 'The LORD will keep me apart from His people'...As for the foreigners who attach themselves to the LORD, to minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD< to be His servants—All who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it, and who hold fast to My covenant—I will bring them to My sacred mount and let them rejoice in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices shall be welcome on My altar; For My House shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.' Thus declares the Lord GOD, Who gathers the dispersed of Israel: 'I will gather still more to those already gathered.'**

56:1  
56:1,2  
56:3,6-8

## CHAPTER 56

### Making a Way For His People

**But those who trust in Me shall inherit the land and possess My sacred mount. [The Lord] says: Build up, build up a highway! Clear a road! Remove all obstacles from the road of My people! For thus said He who high aloft forever dwells, whose name is holy: I dwell on high, in holiness; yet with the contrite and the lowly in spirit—reviving the spirits of the lowly, reviving the**

**hearts of the contrite. For I will not always contend, I will not be angry forever: Nay, I who make spirits flag, also create the breath of life. For their sinful greed I was angry; I struck them and turned away in My wrath. Though stubborn, they follow the way of their hearts, I note how they fare and will heal them: I will guide them and mete out solace to them, and to the mourners among them heartening, comforting words: It shall be well, well with the far and the near—said the LORD—and I will heal them.**

57:13b-19

## CHAPTER 58

### Hypocrisy

**Declare to My people their transgression, to the House of Jacob their sin. To be sure, they seek Me daily, eager to learn My ways. Like a nation that does what is right, that has not abandoned the laws of its God, they ask Me for the right way, they are eager for the nearness of God: ‘Why, when we fasted, did You not see? When we starved our bodies, did You pay no heed?’ Because on**

**your fast day you see to your business and oppress all your labourers! Because you fast in strife and contention and you strike with a wicked fist! Your fasting today is not such as to make your voice heard on high...No this is the fat I desire: To unlock fetters of wickedness, and untie the cords of the yoke to let the oppressed go free; to break off every yoke. It is to share your bread with the hungry, and to take the wretched into your home; when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to ignore your own kin.**

#### **Keep Sabbath**

**If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your affairs on My holy day; if you call the Sabbath 'delight,' the LORD's holy day 'honored'; And if you honor it and go not your ways nor look to your affairs, nor strike bargains—Then you can seek the favour of the LORD. I will set you astride the heights of the earth, and let you enjoy the heritage of your father Jacob—For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.**

58:1b-4,6,7

58:13,14

#### CHAPTER 59

#### **Review of Separation**

**No, the LORD's arm is not too short to save, or His ear too dull to hear; But your iniquities have been a barrier between you and your God, your sins have made Him turn His face away and refuse to hear you. For your hands are defiled with crime and your**

**fingers with iniquity, your lips speak falsehood, your tongue utters treachery. No one sues justly or pleads honestly; they rely on emptiness and speak falsehood, conceiving wrong and begetting evil...That is why redress is far from us, and vindication does not reach us. We hope for light, and lo! There is darkness; for a gleam, and we must walk in gloom. We grope, like blind men along a wall; like those without eyes we grope. We stumble at noon, as if in darkness; among the sturdy, we are like the dead...For our many sins are before You, our guilt testifies against us. We are aware of our sins, and we know well our iniquities: rebellion, faithlessness to the LORD, and turning away from our God...**

#### **Review of His Intervention**

**The LORD saw and was displeased that there was no redress. He saw that there was no man, He gazed long, but no one intervened. Then His own arm won Him triumph, His victorious right hand supported Him. He donned victory like a coat of mail, with a helmet of triumph on His head; He clothed Himself with garments of retribution, wrapped himself in zeal as in a robe...So shall He repay fury to His foes; He shall make requital to His enemies, requital to the distant lands. From the west, they shall revere the name of the LORD, and from the east, His Presence. For He shall come like a hemmed-in stream which the wind of the LORD drives on; He shall come as redeemer to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn back from sin—declares the LORD.**

#### **Israel Keeps Covenant**

**And this shall be My covenant with them, said the LORD: My spirit which is upon you, and the words which I have placed in your mouth, shall not be absent from your mouth nor from the mouth of your children, nor from the mouth of your children's children—said the LORD—from now on, for all time.**

59:1-4,9,10,12,13  
59:15b-20  
59:21

## CHAPTER 60

### Israel Brings Blessing

**Arise, shine, for your light has dawned; the Presence of the LORD has shone upon you! Behold! Darkness shall cover the earth, and thick clouds the peoples; but upon you the LORD will shine, and**

**His Presence be seen over you. And nations shall walk by your light, kings, by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about: they have all gathered and come to you.**

#### **Nations Bless Israel**

**Who are these that float like a cloud, like doves to their cotes? Behold, the coastlands await me, with ships of Tarshish in the lead, to bring your sons from afar, and their silver and gold as well—for the name of the LORD your God, for the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Aliens shall rebuild your walls, their kings shall wait upon you—For in anger I struck you down, but in favour I take you back. Your gates shall always stay open—day and night they shall never be shut—to let in the wealth of the nations, with their kings in procession.**

#### **Abstainers Destroyed**

**For the nation or the kingdom that does not serve you shall perish; Such nations shall be destroyed.**

#### **GOD's Presence Seen in Israel**

**Bowing before you, shall come the children of those who tormented you; prostrate at the soles of your feet shall be all those who reviled you; And you shall be called 'City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.' Whereas you have been forsaken, rejected with none passing through, I will make you a pride everlasting, a joy for age after age. You shall suck the milk of the nations, suckle at royal breasts. And you shall know that I the**

**LORD am your Savior, I, the Mighty One of Jacob, am your Redeemer.**

**GOD Dwells Among His People**

**No longer shall you need the sun for light by day, nor the shining of the moon for radiance [by night]; for the LORD shall be your light everlasting, Your God shall be your glory. Your sun shall set no more, your moon no more withdraw; For the LORD shall be a light to you forever, and your days of mourning shall be ended. And your people, all of them righteous, shall possess the land for all time; They are the shoot that I planted, My handiwork in which I glory.**

**60:1-4a**

**60:8-11**

**60:12**

**60:14-16**

**60:19-21**

**CHAPTER 61**

**Isaiah's Own Ministry**

**The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me as a herald of joy to the humble, to bind up the wounded of heart, to proclaim release to the captives, liberation to the imprisoned; to proclaim a year of the LORD's favour and a day of vindication by our God; To comfort all who mourn—to provide for the mourners in Zion—to give them a turban instead of ashes, the festive ointment instead of mourning, a garment of splendour instead of a drooping spirit. They shall be called terebinths of victory, planted by the LORD for His glory. And they shall build the ancient ruins, raise up the desolations of old, and renew the ruined cities, the desolations of many ages...They shall have a double share in their land, joy shall be theirs for all time. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery with a burnt offering. I will pay them their wages faithfully, and make a covenant with them for all time. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them shall recognize that they are a stock the LORD has blessed...So the Lord GOD will make victory and renown shoot up in the presence of all the nations.**

61:1-4,7b-9

## CHAPTER 62

Israel's Future Victory

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**For the sake of Zion I will not be silent, for the sake of Jerusalem I will not be still, till her victory emerge resplendent and her triumph like a flaming torch. Nations shall see your victory, and every king your majesty; and you shall be called by a new name which the LORD Himself shall bestow. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.**

**Nevermore shall you be called 'Forsaken,' nor shall your land be called 'Desolate'; but you shall be called 'I delight in her,' and your land 'Espoused.' For the LORD takes delight in you, and your land shall be espoused. As a youth espouses a maiden, your sons shall espouse you; And as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.**

**Pray For Jerusalem**

**Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen, who shall never be silent by day or by night. O you, the LORD's remembrancers, take no rest and give no rest to Him, until He establish Jerusalem and make her renowned on earth.**

**Announcement of Coming One**

**Pass through, pass through the gates! Clear the road for the people; Build up, build up the highway, remove the rocks! Raise an ensign over the peoples! See, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Announce to Fair Zion, Your Deliverer is coming! See, his reward is with Him, His recompense before Him. And they shall be called, 'The Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD,' and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'**

**62:1-3**  
**62:4,5**  
**62:6,7**  
**62:10-12**

**CHAPTER 63**

#### GOD's Own Involvement

**Who is this coming from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah—Who is this, majestic in attire, pressing forward in His great might? 'It is I, who contend victoriously, powerful to give triumph.' Why is your clothing so red, your garments like his who treads grapes? 'I trod out a vintage alone; of the peoples no man was with Me. I trod them down in My anger, trampled them in My rage; their lifeblood bespattered My garments, and all My clothing was stained. For I had planned a day of vengeance, and My year of redemption arrived. Then I looked, but there was none to help; I stared, but there was none to aid—So My own arm wrought the triumph and My own rage was My aid. I trampled peoples in My anger, I made them drunk with My rage, and I hurled their glory to the ground. '**

63:1-6

CHAPTER 64

Isaiah Prays

**We have become as a people You never ruled, to which Your name was never attached. If You would but tear open the heavens and come down, so that mountains would quake before You--...We have all become like an unclean thing, and all our virtues like a filthy rag. We are all withering like leaves, and our iniquities, like a wind, carry us off. Yet no one invokes Your name, rouses himself to cling to You. For You have hidden Your face from us, and made us melt because of our iniquities. But now, O LORD< You are our Father; we are the clay and You are the Potter, We are all the work of Your hands. Be not implacably angry, O LORD, do not remember iniquity forever. Oh, look down to Your people, to us all!**

64:5-8

CHAPTER 65

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#### Mercy for Foreigners

**I responded to those who did not ask, I was at hand to those who did not seek Me; I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that did not invoke My name.**

#### Mix of Old and New

**Thus said the LORD: As, when new wine is present in the cluster, one says, 'Don't destroy it; there's good in it' So will I do for the sake of My servants, and not destroy everything. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, from Judah heirs to My mountains; My chosen ones shall take possession, My servants shall dwell thereon. Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for cattle to lie down, for My people who seek Me.**

#### All Things New

**For behold! I am creating a new heaven and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered, they shall never come to mind. Be glad, then, and rejoice forever in what I am creating. For I shall create Jerusalem as a joy, and her people as a delight; And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in her people. Never again shall be heard there the sounds of weeping and wailing.**

**For the days of My people shall be as long as the days of a tree, My chosen ones shall outlive the work of their hands. They shall not toil to no purpose; they shall not bear children for terror, but they shall be a people blessed by the LORD, and their offspring shall remain with them. Before they pray, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will respond. The wolf and the lamb shall**

**graze together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and the serpent's food shall be earth. In all My sacred mount nothing evil or vile shall be done.**

**65:1**

**65:8-10**

**65:17-19**

**65:22-25**

CHAPTER 66

**Israel Born in a Day**

**Hark, tumult from the city, thunder from the Temple! It is the thunder of the LORD as He deals retribution to His foes. Before she labored, she was delivered; before her pangs came, she bore a son. Who ever heard the like? Who ever witnessed such events? Can a land pass through travail in a single day? Or is a nation born all at once? Yet Zion travailed and at once bore her children! Shall I who bring on labor not bring about birth?—says the LORD. Shall I who cause birth shut the womb?—said your God.**

**Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her! Join in her jubilation, all you who mourned over her—that you may suck from her breast consolation to the full, that you may draw from her bosom glory to your delight.**

**Israel Prospers**

**For thus said the LORD: I will extend to her prosperity like a stream, the wealth of nations like a wadi in flood; and you shall drink of it. You shall be carried on shoulders and dandled upon knees. As a mother comforts her son so I will comfort you; You shall find comfort in Jerusalem. You shall see and your heart shall rejoice, your limbs shall flourish like grass. The power of the LORD shall be revealed in behalf of His servants; But He shall rage against His foes.**

The LORD's Vengeance

**See, the LORD is coming with fire—His chariots are like a whirlwind—to vent His anger in fury, His rebuke in flaming fire. For with fire will the LORD contend, with His sword, against all flesh; and many shall be the slain of the LORD.**

Nations See Israel Glorified

**[The time] has come to gather all the nations and tongues; they shall come and behold My glory...They shall declare My glory among these nations. And out of all the nations, said the LORD, they shall bring all your brothers on horses, in chariots and drays, on mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem My holy mountain as an offering to the LORD—just as the Israelites bring an offering in a pure vessel to the House of the LORD. And from them likewise I will take some to be levitical priests, said the LORD.**

**For as the new heaven and the new earth which I will make shall endure by My will—declares the LORD—so shall your seed and your name endure. And new moon after new moon, and Sabbath after Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship Me—said the LORD.**

**They shall go out and gaze on the corpses of the men who rebelled against Me: their worms shall not die, nor their fire be quenched; they shall be a horror to all flesh.**

***And new moon after new moon, and Sabbath after Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship Me—said the LORD.***

66:6-11

66:12-14

66:15

66:18,19-21

**66:22**

**66:24**

66:18B-24