

Isaiah 52 - Messianic Theme; Ark of the Covenant; Ethiopian Treasurer (Acts 8); The Mercy Seat

III. Prophecies of comfort (Is 40:1–66:24)

(2) Israel's deliverer (Is 49:1–57:21)

(C) God provides reasons why Judah should trust Him (Is 51:1–52:12)

(b) Commands to awaken (Is 51:9–52:12)

(iii) To God's peace and protection (52:1-12)

(D) Suffering servant (Is 52:13–53:12)

(a) Ultimate victory (52:13-15)

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(iii) To God's peace and protection (52:1-12)

1 Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, Zion; Clothe yourself with your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy city; For the uncircumcised and the unclean Will no longer come into you.

1 Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion; Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; For the uncircumcised and the unclean Will no longer come into you.

1 Awake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for the uncircumcised and the unclean won't enter you.

1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2 Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, Captive Jerusalem; Release yourself from the chains around your neck, Captive daughter of Zion.

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

2 Shake yourself from the dust and arise, and sit on your throne, O Jerusalem! Loosen the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

The Redemption of Israel

3 For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and you will be **redeemed without money.**"

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

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

- "...redeemed without money" - redemptive coin was always silver, silver speaks of blood (linked as symbols)

— Here, redeemed not with money but with blood

— Predicted early in *Torah* when Adam and Eve made their cloths of fig leaves God replaced them with cloths of skin, teaching that it was by the shedding of innocent blood they would be covered. All prophetically pointing to the Cross.

4 For this is what the Lord GOD says: "My people went down to Egypt first to reside there; then the **Assyrian** oppressed them without reason.

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

4 For this is what the LORD says: "My people went down long ago into Egypt to live there; the Assyrian, too, has oppressed them without cause.

4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

- "...Assyrian" - oppressed by a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph (Ex 1:8; Acts 7:18)

The Pharaoh of the Exodus

Stephen's speech in Acts 7: his basic point is that Israel always screws up the first time. He was implying that Israel screwed up the first time with Jesus, but they will recognize Him the second...but they didn't let him finish: they stoned him.

- "...another king arose, which knew not Joseph" (Act 7:18)

- In Greek, two ways to say "another":

— *ἄλλος* *alloς* - one of the same kind

— *ἕτερος* *heteros* - one of a different kind

- In Acts 7:18, *heteros* is used, meaning *another of a different kind*

— Is 52:4 specifies that this Pharaoh was not Egyptian, but Assyrian!

5 And now, what do I have here," declares the LORD, "seeing that My people have been taken away without reason?" *Again* the LORD declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and My name is continually reviled all day long.

5 Now therefore, what do I have here," declares the LORD, "seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?" *Again* the LORD declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and My name is continually blasphemed all day long.

5 "Now therefore, what am I doing here," asks the LORD, "seeing that my people are taken away without cause? Those who rule over them are deluded," says the LORD, "and continuously, all the day long, my name is blasphemed.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

6 Therefore, My people shall know My name; therefore on that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'

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

6 Therefore my people will know my name; in that day they'll know that it is I who speaks, 'Here I am!'

6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

7 How delightful on the mountains Are the feet of one who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, *And* says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

7 How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, *And* says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

7 "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings news of peace, who announces good things, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Listen! Your watchmen raise *their* voices, They shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes When the LORD restores Zion.

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

8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for they will see in plain sight the return of the LORD to Zion with compassion.

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 Be cheerful, shout joyfully together, You ruins of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

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

9 "Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, and he has redeemed Jerusalem.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

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

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

10 The LORD has bared his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart, depart, go out from there, Do not touch what is unclean; Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, You who carry the vessels of the LORD.

11 Depart, depart, go out from there, Touch nothing unclean; Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, You who carry the vessels of the LORD.

11 "Depart! Depart! Go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 But you will not go out in a hurry, Nor will you go as fugitives; For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel *will be* your rear guard.

12 But you will not go out in haste, Nor will you go as fugitives; For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel *will be* your rear guard.

12 For you won't go out in haste, nor will you go in flight; for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. He is called the God of all the earth."

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward.

The Servant Songs of the Messiah (Is 42:1-9; 49:1-7; 50:4-9; 52:13—53:12)

These four passages present as complete a picture of the Messiah as you'll find anywhere in Scripture, Old Testament or New.

(D) Suffering servant (Is 52:13—53:12)

(a) Ultimate victory (52:13-15)

13 Behold, My Servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

13 Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

13 "Look! My servant will prosper, and he will be exalted and lifted up, and will be very high.

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

14 Just as many were appalled at you, *My people*, So His appearance was marred beyond *that of a man*, And His form beyond the sons of mankind.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, *My people*, So His appearance was marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men.

14 Just as many were astonished at you— so was he marred in his appearance, more than any human, and his form beyond that of human semblance—

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

- v14 should read: "so marred from the form of man was His aspect that His appearance was not that of a son of man" (Cf. Is 50:6)

— The effect of the brutalities described in Matt 26:67-68; 27:27-30

15 So He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what they had not been told, they will see, And what they had not heard, they will understand.

15 Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what had not been told them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand.

15 so will he startle many nations. Kings will shut their mouths at him; for what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.

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

consider.