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Why should you be struck again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and The whole heart faints. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores [a sick man: Judah]; They have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment. 7 Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; and It is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 So the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a hut in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. 9 [Quoted by Paul in Ro 9:29] Unless YHWH of hosts had left to us a very small remnant, We would have become like Sodom, We would have been made like Gomorrah.

Hear the word of YHWH, [to Jerusalem] You rulers of Sodom: Give ear to the law of our God, You people of Gomorrah: “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?”

Says YHWH, “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. 12 When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, The Sabbaths, and The calling of assemblies — I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. 14 Your New Moons and Your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear Your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves, Make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor: Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. 18 Come now, and Let us reason together”,

Says YHWH, [permanent dye] “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; But if you [cont. to] refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of YHWH has spoken.

Unfaithful Jerusalem: Harlot How the faithful city [under David] has become a harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, But now murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross, Your wine mixed with water. 23 Your princes [rulers] are rebellious, and companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the cause of the widow come before them. 24 Therefore the Lord says, YHWH of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: “Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, and take vengeance on My enemies. 25 I will turn My hand against you, and thoroughly purge away your dross, and take away all your alloy. 26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning.
Isaiah 2:2-4 ||
The Distant Future [Church Age]
Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of YHWH's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and All nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of the God of Jacob; We shall walk in His paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Micah 4:1-3
YHWH’s Future Reign
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For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

But For Now, Judgment is Coming
For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob.
Because They are filled with eastern ways; They are soothsayers like the Philistines, and They are pleased with the children of foreigners. Their land is also full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; Their land is also full of horses, and there is no end to their chariots. Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. People bow down, and Each man humbles himself; Therefore do not forgive them. Enter into the rock, and Hide in the dust, From the terror of YHWH and the glory of His majesty.
The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, And YHWH alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of YHWH of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up—and it shall be brought low—
upon all the cedars of Lebanon

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

The lothiness of man
shall be bowed down, and
The haughtiness of men
shall be brought low;
YHWH alone
will be exalted in that day. 18
But the idols He shall utterly abolish. 19
They shall go
into the holes of the rocks, and
into the caves of the land [earth],
From
the terror of YHWH and
the glory of His majesty,
When He arises
to shake the land [earth] mightily. 20

In that day
a man will cast away
his idols of silver and
his idols of gold,
which they made,
each for himself to worship,
to the moles and bats, 21
To go
into the clefts of the rocks, and
into the crags of the rugged rocks,
From
the terror of YHWH and
the glory of His majesty,
When He arises
to shake the land [earth] mightily. 22

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

3:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg Is 3-6] Isaiah 3
Judgment on Judah
For behold,
the Lord,
YHWH of hosts,
Takes away
from Jerusalem and
from Judah
The stock and the store,
The whole supply of bread and
babes shall rule over them. 5
The people will be oppressed,
Every one by another and
Every one by his neighbor;
The child will be insolent
toward the elder, and
The base
toward the honorable.” 6
When
a man takes hold of his brother
In the house of his father, saying,
“You have clothing;
You be our ruler,
And let these ruins
be under your power”, 7

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

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

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

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

As for My people,
children are their oppressors, and
women rule over them.
O My people!
Those who lead you
cause you to err, and
destroy the way of your paths.” 13
the perfume boxes, the charms, the rings; the nose jewels, the festal apparel, and the mantles; the outer garments, the purses, and the mirrors; the fine linen, the turbans, and the robes. And so it shall be: instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench: instead of a sash, a girding of sackcloth; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; and instead of beauty, desolation.

Your gates shall fall by the sword, and Your mighty, in the war. And all the beauty thereof will be a desolation: Neither shall even the remnant of them that escape be left to dwell therein. 

In that day shall one say, ‘Lo, a people come; and He answering shall say, ‘They shall come toward Me to My mountain, unto the house of the Highest of all names. And as for Me, it is in the midst of the seas, and by the boundary of the nations; weary, and destroyed, is My vineyard; and I will bring it into the desolate and waste place; and I will plant it: it shall not be pulled up, nor rooted out any more. This is My rest and My Selected Vineyard, He shall cleave it up and clear it out, stones, and plant it with the Choicest Vine. Then YHWH will create a Christian above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. (i.e., as in Moses day, the protection and guidance of the Spirit — the Shekinah glory of God — over each/all member(s) of the Church.)

For over all the glory there will be a covering: and there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

Promise of Restoration

In that day shall be a Branch of YHWH [the Messiah] grown up and brought forth in glory before YHWH; and He shall be called the Branch of YHWH. He shall be glorious and shall stand up as a girding of sackcloth, and as a rope with′ a girding of sackcloth. 

And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem shall be called holy — everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then YHWH will create a Christian above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. [i.e., as in Moses day, the protection and guidance of the Spirit — the Shekinah glory of God — over each/all member(s) of the Church.]

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Isaiah 5

A Song re YHWH′s Vineyard [Cf. Mt 21:33 || Mk 12:1b || Lu 20:9b]

Now let me sing to my Beloved A song of my Beloved Regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard, On a very fruitful hill. 

He dug it up and cleared out its stones, and planted it with the Choicest Vine. [Judah: v7, but cf. Jn 15:5]

He built a tower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes. But it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes? And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and break down its wall, and lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, but Shall come up thistles and thorns. I will also Command the clouds that They rain. 

For the vineyard of YHWH of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked [wordplay in Hebrew:] For justice [good grapes: v2, v4], but behold, oppression [wild...]; For righteousness [good...], but behold, a cry for help [wild].

Woe to Judah and Jerusalem Woe [#1] to those Who join house to house; They add field to field, Till there is no place Where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land! In my hearing YHWH of hosts said, “Truly, Many houses shall be desolate. Great and beautiful ones, without inhabitant. For ten [10] acres of vineyard shall yield one bath. And a homer of seed [~6 gal.] shall yield one ephah.”

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Woe [#2] to those
Who rise early in the morning,
That they may follow intoxicating drink;
Who continue until night,
till wine inflames them! 12
The harp and the strings,
The tambourine and flute, and Wine
are in their feasts; But They
Do not regard the work of Yhwh,
Nor consider the operation of His hands. 13
Therefore My people have gone into captivity,
Because they have no knowledge;
Their honorable men are famished, and Their multitude dried up with thirst. 14
Therefore Sheol [the grave] has enlarged itself and opened its mouth beyond measure;
Their glory and Their multitude and Their pomp, and He who is jubilant,
shall descend into it. 15 People shall be brought down. Each man shall be humbled. And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled. 16
But Yhwh of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, And God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness. 17
Then the lambs shall feed in their pasture, and in the waste places of the fat ones strangers shall eat.
Isaiah 18

Woe to Ethiopia [Cush] 18:1 ¶

He will take all inhabitants of the world and even in vessels of reed on which sends ambassadors by. 18:2 ¶

Woe to Ethiopia. 18:3 ¶

Which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia. 18:4 ¶

Even in vessels of reed on which sends ambassadors by. 18:5 ¶

Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth of skin, to a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide. 18:6 ¶

All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the lands [earth]: When he lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see it; And when he blows a trumpet, you hear it. 18:7 ¶

For so Yhwh said to me, “I will take My rest, And I will look from My dwelling place Like clear heat in sunshine, Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.” 18:8 ¶

For before the harvest, When the bud is perfect And the sour grape is ripening in the flower, He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks And take away, cut down the branches. 18:9 ¶

They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey. And for the beasts of the land [earth]; The birds of prey will summer on them, And all the beasts of the land [earth] will winter on them. 18:10 ¶

In that time a present will be brought to Yhwh of hosts From a nation tall and smooth of skin, And from a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide — To where the place of the name of Yhwh of hosts, To Mount Zion. 18:11 ¶

Surely the princes of Zoan, [“place of departure”] are fools; Pharaoh’s wise counselors give foolish counsel. How do you say to Pharaoh, “I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?” 18:12 ¶

Where are they? Where are your wise men? Let them tell you, now. And let them know what Yhwh of hosts has purposed against Egypt. 18:13 ¶

The princes of Zoan have become fools; The princes of Noph [“presentability”] are deceived; They have also deluded Egypt, Those who are the mainstay of its tribes. 18:14 ¶

Yhwh has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst; And they have caused Egypt to err in all her work, As a drunken man staggered in his vomit. 18:15 ¶

Neither will there be any work for Egypt, Which the head or tail, Palm branch or bulrush, may do. 18:16 ¶

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

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In that day Egypt will be like women, and will be afraid and fear because of the waving of Yhwh of hosts, 16 which He waves over it. 17 And the land of Judah will be a terror to Egypt; everyone who makes mention of it will be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of Yhwh of hosts, which He has determined against it. 18

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

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

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

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

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

20:1 ¶ Isaiah 20
Assyria Against Egypt and Ethiopia 20
In the year that [the] Tartan came to Ashdod [the commander of the army: Sennacherib, son of Sargon, to be the next king of Assyria 8 years later], [Hezek-Reign:14=JudahYear:263, so 3292 AB = 713 BC, per Jones] when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it, 2 at the same time Yhwh spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying [hence, the prophecies of Isa 20-38 all came in that one year (since Hezekiah’s sickness happened that same year, according to Jones)],

“Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet.”And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 Then Yhwh said, “Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three [3] years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia, 4 so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5 Then they [Judah?] shall be afraid and ashamed of Egypt their expectation and Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory. 6 And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, ‘Surely such is our expectation, wherever we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?’”

21:1 ¶ Isaiah 21
Burden Against the Wilderness of the Sea (Babylon: v9)
The burden against [ ? Gentiles?] the Wilderness of the Sea. As whirlwinds in the South pass through, So it comes from the desert, from a terrible land: 2 A distressing vision is declared to me; The treacherous dealer deals treacherously, And The plunderer plunders. Go up, O Elam! [Persia] Besiege, O Media! [of Medo-Persia] All its sighing I have made to cease. 3 Therefore my loins are filled with pain; Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor. I was distressed when I heard it; I was dismayed when I saw it. 4 My heart wavered, fearfulness frightened me; The night for which I longed He turned into fear for me. 5 Prepare the table, Set a watchman in the tower, Eat and drink. Arise, you princes, Anoint the shield! 6 For thus has the Lord said to me: “Go, set a watchman, Let him declare what he sees.” 7 And he saw a chariot with a pair of horsemen, a chariot of donkeys, and a chariot of camels, And he listened earnestly with great care. 8 Then he cried, “Isaiah, the seer! A seer [lion], my Lord! [ ? or prophet] I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime; I have sat at my post every night. 9 And look, here comes a chariot of men with a pair of horsemen!” Then he answered and said, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen! [Re 18:2] And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground.” 10 Oh, my threshing and my floor’s grain! That which I have heard from Yhwh of hosts, The God of Israel, I have declared to you.

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3 KJV: “the grain of my floor”

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Isaiah 22

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

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

The burden against the Valley of Vision [Jerusalem].

What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops, 2
You who are full of noise, A tumultuous city, A joyous city?
Your slain men are
Not slain with the sword, Nor dead in battle. 3
All your rulers have fled together; They are captured by the archers. All who are found in you are bound together; They have fled from afar. 4
Therefore I said, “Look away from me, I will weep bitterly;
Do not labor to comfort me Because of the plundering of the daughter of my people.” 5

For it is a day of trouble and treading down and perplexity [Adonai Ytwn].

By the Lord Yhwh of hosts
In the Valley of Vision —
Breaking down the walls And of crying to the mountain. 6

Elam [Persia] bore the quiver
With chariots of men and horsemen, And Kir [Moab] uncovered the shield. 7
It shall come to pass that your choicest valleys Shall be full of chariots, And the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

8 ¶
He removed the protection of Judah. You looked in that day to the armor of the House of the Forest. 9
[1Ki 7:2, a government building]
You also saw the damage to the city of David.
That it was great; And You gathered together the waters of the lower pool. 10
You numbered the houses of Jerusalem. And the houses you broke down To fortify the wall. 11
You also made a reservoir between the two walls For the water of the old pool. But You did not look to its Maker, Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago. 12
And in that day the Lord Yhwh [Adonai Yhwh] of hosts Called
For weeping and For mourning, For baldness and For girding with sackcloth. 13
But instead, [Israel celebrated with] Joy and gladness, Slaying oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and drinking wine: [Quoted in 1Co 15:32]
“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!” 14

Then it was revealed in my hearing by Yhwh of hosts, “Surely for this iniquity There will be no atonement for you, Even to your death”, says the Lord Yhwh of hosts. [Adonai Yhwh]

About Shebna the Steward

15 ¶ Thus says the Lord Yhwh of hosts: [Adonai Yhwh]
“Go, proceed to this steward, To Shebna [“vigor’], [cf. Is 36:3 || 2Ki 18:18 ff]
who is over the [king’s] house, and say: 16
‘What have you here, and Whom have you here, That you have hewn a sepulcher here, As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?’ 17
Indeed, Yhwh will throw you away violently, O mighty man, And will surely seize you. 18
He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball Into a large country;
There you shall die, and There your glorious chariots shall be The shame of your master’s house. 19
So I will drive you out of your office, And from your position he will pull you down. 20
Then it shall be in that day, That I will call My servant Eliakim6 [“God raises/sets up’] the son of Hilkiah [“my portion is Yhwh”]: 21

6 A person of high position in the court of king Hezekiah of Judah; subsequently the secretary of Hezekiah.
6 The son of Hilkiah, master of Hezekiah’s household: Is 36:3 || 2Ki 18:18 ff.
I will clothe him with your robe and strengthen him with your belt.

In that day will I make him a glorious throne to his house.

So he shall open, and no one shall shut; and he shall shut, and no one shall open.

I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place, and he will become a glorious throne to his father’s house.

The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; [cf. Re 3:7; Be still, You inhabitants of the coastland. You merchants of Sidon, Whom those who cross the sea have filled. And on great waters The grain of Shihor [“dark”], The harvest of the [Nile] River, is her [Tyre’s] revenue; And she [Tyre] is a marketplace for the nations.

Be ashamed, O Sidon: For the sea has spoken, The strength of the sea, saying, “I do not labor, nor bring forth children; Neither do I rear young men, Nor bring up virgins.”

When the report reaches Egypt, They also will be in agony at the report of Tyre.

Cross over to Tarshish; Wail, You inhabitants of the coastland! Is this your joyous city, Whose antiquity is from ancient days, Whose feet carried her far off to dwell?

Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, Whose merchants are princes, Whose traders are the honorable of the land [earth]? YHWH of hosts has purposed it, To bring to dishonor the pride of all glory, To bring into contempt all the honorable of the land [earth].

Overflow through your land like the River, O daughter of Tarshish: There is no more strength.

He stretched out His hand over the sea, He shook the kingdoms; YHWH has given a commandment against Canaan To destroy its strongholds.

And He said, “You will rejoice no more, O you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, cross over to Cyprus; There also you will have no rest.” Behold, the land of the Chaldeans, [i.e., the Babylons], This people which was not; Assyria founded it for wild beasts of the desert. They set up its towers, They raised up its palaces, And brought it to ruin.

Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For your strength is laid waste.

YHWH will visit Tyre. She will return to her hire, and commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the lands [earth] [cf. Rev 17:1-7]. Her gain and her pay will be set apart for YHWH; it will not be treasured nor laid up, for her gain will be for those who dwell before YHWH, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing.

Now it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy [70] years, [dynasty].

At the end of seventy [70] years [609-539 BC] it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the harlot: “Take a harp, Go about the city, You forgotten harlot; Make sweet melody, Sing many songs, That you may be remembered.” And it shall be, at the end of seventy [70] years, that YHWH will visit Tyre.

From the first year of Nebuchadnezzar to the taking of Babylon, by Cyrus, was seventy years, then the subjected nations would be restored to liberty. Tyre was taken in the middle of that period, but it is classed in common with the rest, some conquered sooner and others later, all, however, alike to be delivered at the end of the period. So “king” is used for dynasty (Da 7:17; 8:20): Nebuchadnezzar, his son Evil-merodach, and his grandson, Belshazzar, formed the whole dynasty (Jer 25:11, 12; 27:7; 29:10).
Isaiah 24

Destruction of the Land
(of Israel: v5b, v23; AD 70)

Behold, YHWH
Makes the land [earth] empty and
Makes it waste,
Distorts its surface And
Scatters abroad its inhabitants.
And it shall be:
As with the people, so with the priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the maid, so with her mistress;
As with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the creditor, so with the debtor.
The land shall be
entirely emptied and utterly plundered.
For YHWH has spoken this word.
The land [earth] mourns and fades away,
The world languishes and fades away;
The haughty people of the land [earth] languish.
The land [earth] [of Israel] is also defiled under its inhabitants,
Because they have
Transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance,
Broken the everlasting covenant.
Therefore
the curse has devoured the land [earth]. And
those who dwell in it are desolate.
Therefore
the inhabitants of the land [earth] are burned. And few are left.
The new wine fails,
The wine languishes,
All the merry-hearted sigh.
The mirth of the tambourine ceases,
The noise of the jubilant ends,
The joy of the harp ceases.
They shall not drink wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter
to those who drink it.
The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, [Jerusalem]
so that none may go in.
There is a cry for wine in the streets,
All joy is darkened, [Je 25:10; Re 18:23]
The mirth of the land is gone.
In the city Desolation is left, And
The gate is stricken with destruction.
When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people,
It shall be
Like the shaking of an olive tree,
Like the gleanings of grapes when the vintage is done.
They shall lift up their voice,
They shall sing:
For the majesty of YHWH
They shall cry aloud from the sea.
Therefore Glorify YHWH in the dawning light [the east],
The name of YHWH God of Israel in the coastslands of the sea.
From the ends of the land [earth]
we have heard songs:
"Glory to the righteous!"
But I said,
"I am ruined, ruined!"
Woe to me!
The treacherous dealers
have dealt treacherously. Indeed, The treacherous dealers
have dealt very treacherously.

Fear and the pit and the snare
Are upon you,
O inhabitant of the land [earth].
And it shall be
He who flees from the noise of the fear
Shall fall into the pit. And
He who comes up from the midst of the pit
Shall be caught in the snare.
For the windows from on high are open [reminiscent of the Flood],
And the foundations of the land [earth]
are shaken [ref. to Creation].
The land [earth] is violently broken,
The land [earth] is split open,
The land [earth] is shaken exceedingly.
The land [earth] shall reel to and fro like a drunkard,
And shall totter like a hut;
Its transgression shall be heavy upon it,
And it will fall, and not rise again.
It shall come to pass in that day That YHWH will punish on high
the host of exalted ones, And
on the land [earth] [Ps 2]
the kings of the land [earth].
They will be gathered together,
As prisoners are gathered in the pit,
And will be shut up in the prison:
After many days, They will be punished.

Then the moon will be disgraced And
the sun ashamed [due to the Light]
[cf. Re 21:23, 22:5];
For YHWH of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and In Jerusalem And
Before His elders,
gloriously [in the Church Age].

Isaiah 25

Praise for Judgment and Salvation
O YHWH, You are my God.
I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name.
For You have done wonderful things;
Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
For You have made [Jerusalem:] A city a ruin.
A fortified city a ruin.
A palace of foreigners to be broken
as God's]
It will never be rebuilt.
Therefore [Gentiles in the Church:] The strong people will glorify You:
The city of the terrible nations will fear You.
For You have been A strength to the poor,
A strength to the needy in his distress.
A refuge from the storm.
A shade from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.
You will reduce the noise of aliens, As heat in a dry place;
As heat in the shadow of a cloud.
The song of the terrible ones will be diminished.
[Is 2:2 the Church:]
And in this mountain YHWH of hosts will make for all people:
A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees.
And He will destroy on this mountain
The surface of the covering cast over all people, And
The veil that is spread over all nations.  8

[Alluded to by Paul in 1Co 15:54]
He will swallow up death forever, And
The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH] will wipe away tears from all faces;
The rebuke of His people
He will take away from all the land;
For YHWH has spoken.  [earth ↑] 9 ¶

And it will be said in that day:
"Behold, this is our God,
We have waited for Him, and
He will save us.
This is YHWH;
We have waited for Him;
We will be glad and rejoice
in His salvation."  10
For on this mountain
the hand of YHWH will rest,
And Moab shall be trampled down under Him.
As straw is trampled down for the refuse heap,
And He will spread out His hands
in their midst
As a swimmer reaches out to swim,
And He will bring down their pride
Together with the trickery of their hands.  12
The fortress of the high fort of your walls
He will bring down,
lay low, And
bring to the ground, down to the dust.

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26:1 ¶

Isaiah 26
A Song of Praise to YHWH
In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
"We have a strong city;
God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks.  2
Open the gates,
That the righteous nation [the Church] that keeps the truth may enter in.  3  [§ not the law]
You will keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You.
Because he trusts in You.  4
Trust in YHWH forever.
For in YHWH is eternal [everlasting] strength.
For He brings down those who dwell on high,
The lofty city;
He lays it low.
He lays it low to the ground.
He brings it down to the dust.  6
The foot shall tread it down —
The feet of the poor and
The steps of the needy."  7
The way of the just is uprightness;
O Most Upright,
You weigh the path of the just.  8
Yes, in the way of Your judgments,
O YHWH,
we have waited for You;
The desire of our soul is for Your name And
for the remembrance of You.  9
With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes,
By my spirit within me I will seek You early;
For when Your judgments are [obeyed] in the land [earth] [the Church],
The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.  10
Let grace be shown to the wicked. Yet he will not learn righteousness;
In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly. And
will not behold
the majesty of YHWH.  11
YHWH, when Your hand is lifted up,
they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed
For their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them.

YHWH, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us.  13
O YHWH our God,
Masters besides You
Have had dominion over us; But
By You only we make mention of Your name.  14
They are dead. They will not live;
They are deceased. They will not rise.
Therefore
You have punished and destroyed them. And
made all their memory to perish.  15
You have increased the nation, O YHWH,
You have increased the nation;
You are glorified:
You have expanded all the borders of the land.  [of Israel, hence, the Church]  16

YHWH, in trouble
They have visited You. They poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them.  17
As a woman with child
Is in pain and cries out in her pangs,
When she draws near the time of her delivery,
So have we been in Your sight, O YHWH.  18
We have been with child, We have been in pain;
We have, as it were, brought forth wind;
We have not accomplished any deliverance in the land [earth].
Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.  19
Your dead shall live:
Together with my dead body they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust:
For your dew is like the dew of herbs,
And the land [earth] shall cast out the dead.  [The resurrection.]

Restoration for Israel
Come, my people [Israel: v6],
Enter your chambers, And
Shut your doors behind you;
Hide yourself, as it were, For a little moment,
Until the indignation is past.  21
For behold, [cf. Jude 15]
YHWH comes out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the land [earth]
for their iniquity:
The land [earth] will also disclose her blood. And
will no more cover her slain.
Isaiah 27

In that day [YHWH]
His severe word, will punish [Satan:]
[leviathan the fleeing serpent,]
[leviathan that twisted serpent;]
And He will slay [Ps 74:14, 104:26]
The dragon [reptile] [dinosaur]
that is in the sea.

In that day sing to her [Judah],
“A vineyard of red wine!”
I will keep it, I water it every moment;
Lest any hurt it,
I keep it night and day.
Fury is not in Me.
Who would set briers and thorns
against Me in battle?
I would go through them,
I would burn them together.
Or let him take hold of My strength.
That he may make peace with Me;
And he shall make peace with Me.”
Those who come [He shall cause to take root in Jacob; [the Church:]
Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.

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

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

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

[This is about the re-gathering of Israel after the Exile to come in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. It also illustrates that the blowing of a trumpet means the gathering of the saints to a place or state where they can worship YHWH. Cf. Mt 24:31, ICo 15:52, 1Th 4:16: see also Ze 9:14] 29:19

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

Isaiah 29

Woe to Ariel8
“Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwell!
Add year to year,
Let distress come around. 2
Yet I will distress Ariel;
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i.e., Jerusalem; Ariel: “lion(-ess) of God”; sounds like a Hebrew word that means “hearth” or “altar” (fire, judgment).

There shall be heaviness and sorrow, And it shall be to Me as Ariel. 3
I will encamp against you all around, I will lay siege against you with a mound, and I will raise siegeworks against you. 4
You shall be brought down, You shall speak out of the ground;
Your speech shall be low, out of the dust;
Your voice shall be like a medium’s, out of the ground; and Your speech shall whisper out of the dust. 5
Moreover the multitude of your foes shall be like fine dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones like chaff that passes away; yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly. 6
You will be punished by YHWH of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire. 7
The multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her fortress, and distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. 8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams,
and look — he eats; but he awakes, and his soul is still empty; or as when a thirsty man dreams, and look — he drinks; but he awakes, and indeed he is faint, and his soul still craves: So the multitude of all the nations shall be, who fight against Mount Zion.”

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

[Quoted by Jesus: Mt15:8-9 | Mk7:6-7] Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, 14 [NT quotes: this is about AD 30-70.] [Paraphrased by Paul in 1Co 1:19] Therefore, behold, I will again do A marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.” 15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from YHVH, And their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?” 16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay? For shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make me”? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”? 17 ¶ Is it not yet a very little while Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, And the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest? 18

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

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

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

Burden Against the Beasts of the South
The burden against [x the Negev] the beasts of the South. Through a land of trouble and anguish, From which came The lioness and lion, The viper and fiery flying serpent, They will carry [Heb. † saraph] their riches on the backs of young donkeys, And their treasures on the humps of camels, To a people who shall not profit; 7
For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose. Therefore I have called her Rahab—Hem-Shebeth (‘pride/strength sits idle/still’).

Warning to Rebellious Judah
Now go, Write it before them on a tablet, and Note it on a scroll, That it may be for time to come, Forever and ever. 9 That this is A rebellious people, Lying children, Children who will not hear the law of Yahweh; 10 Who say to the seers, “Do not see”, And to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, Prophecy deceits [illusions].” 11 Get out of the way, Turn aside from the path, Cause the Holy One of Israel To cease from before us.” 12

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: “Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity, and rely on them.” 13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant. 14 And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter’s vessel, which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments a shard to take fire from the hearth, or to take water from the cistern.” 15 For thus says the Lord Yahweh [Adonai Yahweh], the Holy One of Israel: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.” 16 But you would not, and you said, “No, for we will flee on horses” — Therefore you shall flee! And, “We will ride on swift horses” — Therefore Those who pursue you shall be swift! 17 One thousand shall flee at the threat of one [1], at the threat of five [5] you shall flee, Till you are left as a pole on top of a mountain And as a banner on a hill.

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Isaiah 30:18
Blessings for Yahweh’s People
Therefore Yahweh will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For Yahweh is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him. 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; [In 14:16, 15:4-10; 2Co 6:16; Eph 3:17; Re 7:15, 21:3]
You shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; When He hears it, He will answer you. 20 And though the Lord gives you The bread of adversity and The water of affliction, Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, But Your eyes shall see your teachers. 21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it”, Whenever you turn to the right hand, or Whenever you turn to the left. 22 You will also defile the covering of your graven images of silver, and the ornament of your molded images of gold. You will throw them away as an unclean thing; You will say to them, “Get away!” 23

Then He will give the rain for your seed, With which you sow the ground, And bread of the increase of the land [earth]; It will be fat and plentiful. In that day your cattle Will feed in large pastures. 24 Likewise The oxen and the young donkeys that work the ground Will eat cured fodder That has been winnowed with the shovel and fan. 25 There will be on every high mountain And on every high hill rivers and streams of waters, [In the day of the great slaughter, When the towers fall. 26 Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, And the light of the sun will be sevenfold, As the light of seven [7] days. In the day that Yahweh binds up the bruise of His people And heals the stroke of their wound. 27] [Yahweh’s anger against Assyria: v31]
Behold, the name of Yahweh comes from afar, Burning with His anger. And His burden is heavy; His lips are full of indignation. And His tongue like a devouring fire, 28 His breath is like an overflowing stream That reaches up to the neck,
To sift the nations with the sieve of futility; And there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, Causing them to err. 29

You shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept, and gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute, To come into the mountain of Yhwh, To the Mighty One of Israel. 30

Yhwh will cause His glorious voice to be heard, And [., Messiah] show the descent of His arm, With the indignation of His anger And the flame of a devouring fire, With scattering, tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire cause gladness a song Causing there shall be with the sieve of futility; And Kindle it. 6

For the nations are men, and not God: And their horses are flesh, and not spirit.
When Yhwh stretches out His hand, Both he who helps will fall, And he who is helped will fall down; They all will perish together. 4

For thus Yhwh has spoken to me: "As a lion roars, and a young lion, over his prey (When a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him, He will not be afraid of their voice Nor be disturbed by their noise),

So Yhwh of hosts will come down To fight for Mount Zion and for its hill. 5
Like birds flying about, So will Yhwh of hosts Defend Jerusalem.
Defending, He will also deliver it; Passing over, He will preserve it."

Return to Him against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. 7 For in that day [Not today but when Assyria fell:] every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold — sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves. 8

Then Assyria shall fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of mankind shall devour him. But he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become forced labor; 9 he shall cross over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the banner”,

Says Yhwh. Whose fire is in Zion And Whose furnace is in Jerusalem. 32:1

Israel’s Ultimate Deliverance
Behold, A king will reign in righteousness, and Princes will rule with justice. 2
A man will be As a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest. As rivers of water in a dry place, As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. 3
The eyes of those who see will not be dim, And The ears of those who hear will listen. 4 Also The heart of the rash will understand knowledge, And The tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly. 5
The foolish person will no longer be called generous, Nor the miser said to be bountiful; 6 For the foolish person will speak foolishness, And his heart will work iniquity: To practice ungodliness, To utter error against Yhwh. To keep the hungry unsatisfied, And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. 7 Also The schemes of the schemer are evil: He devises wicked plans To destroy the poor with lying words, Even when the needy speaks justice. 8
But a generous man devises generous things, And by generosity he shall stand.
Rise up, [cf. Is 3:16-4:1; Am 4:1] you women who are at ease. Hear my voice: You complacent daughters, give ear to my speech. In a year and some days you will be troubled, you complacent women; for the vintage will fail, the firstfruits of the field will be bad, and the vintage will wither. For the gathering will not come. 11 Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you complacent ones; strip yourselves, make yourselves bare; and gird sackcloth on your waists. 12 People shall mourn upon their breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 On the land of my people I will come up thorns and briers; yes, on all the happy homes in the joyous city; 14 because the palaces shall be forsaken, the bustling city shall be deserted, the forts and towers shall become lairs forever. A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks— Unto [Pentecost, Ap 30:1] the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted as a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. 17 The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in the midst of the sea, in a stormy sea, and its waves, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, though hail comes down on the forest, and the city is brought low in humiliation. 19 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey. 33:1 ¶ Isaiah 33 Woe to Assyria [or Jerusalem: v14] Woe to you who plunder, though you have not been plundered; and you who deal treacherously, though they have not dealt treacherously with you! When you cease plundering, you will be pillaged; When you make an end of dealing treacherously, they will deal treacherously with you. 2 O Y’hwh, be gracious to us; we [the remnant] have waited for you. Be their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. 3

60 ____________________________________________________________________________ 10 The Hebrew text does not specifically identify Assyria as the object of this prophecy. Perhaps the wicked in Jerusalem.
Isaiah 34

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

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

For the indignation of YHW is
against all nations,
And His fury
against all their armies;
He has utterly destroyed them,
He has given them over
to the slaughter.

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

All the host of heaven
shall be dissolved,
And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll;
All their host shall fall down
As the leaf falls from the vine. And
As fruit falling from a fig tree.

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

The sword of YHW is filled
with blood.
It is made overflowing
with fatness,
with the blood of lambs and goats,
with the fat of the kidneys of rams.

For YHW has
a sacrifice
in Bozrah, and
a great slaughter
in the land of Edom.
The wild oxen shall come down
with them, and
The young bulls
with the mighty bulls;
Their land shall be soaked
with blood, and
Their dust saturated
with fatness.”

For it is
[61:2, 63:4; sp 70?]
The day of YHW’s vengeance.
The year of recompense
for the cause of Zion.

Its streams shall be turned into pitch, and
Its dust into brimstone;
Its land shall become burning pitch.
It shall not be quenched night or day;
Its smoke shall ascend
forever. [Re 14:9-11]
From generation to generation
It shall lie waste:
No one shall pass through it
forever and ever.
But the pelican and the porcupine
shall possess it,
Also the owl and the raven
shall dwell in it.

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

And thorns shall come up
in its palaces,
Nettles shall bramble
in its fortresses;
It shall be
[dinosaurs]
A habitation of dragons [jackals],
A courtyard for ostriches.
The wild beasts of the desert
shall also meet with the jackals,
And the wild goat shall bleat to its companion;
Also the night creature shall rest there,
And find for herself a place of rest.

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

“Search from the book of YHW, and
read:
not one of these shall fail;
not one shall lack her mate.

For My mouth has commanded it, and
His Spirit has gathered them.

He has cast the lot for them, and
His hand has divided it among them
with a measuring line.
They shall possess it forever;
from generation to generation
They shall dwell in it.”
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35:1
Isaiah 35
Hope for Restoration
The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice. [cf. 51:11] Even with joy and singing.

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice. [cf. 51:11] Even with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon shall be given to it. [Cf. He 8:13] They shall see The glory of YHWH, The excellency of our God. 3

[Allusion: He 12:12] Strengthen the weak hands, And Make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong! Do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance; with the recompense of God He will come and save you.” 5

[Alluded to by Jesus: Mt 11:4-6 / Lu 7:22-23] Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.

For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams ... [Spirit] in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land ... springs of water: In the habitation of dragons [jackals] [dinosaurs], where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, [cf. 1Pe 5:8 roaring lion] Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there.

But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of YHWH shall return, And come to Zion with singing, [or Eternal: God's] With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness. And sorrow and sighing shall flee away. [Isaiah 36 follows Micah] 11

Micah 2:1-7:20
[Micah 1 follows 2Ki 15:35, June 25] [Micah probably wrote the prophecies here (2:1-7:20) shortly before Assyria invaded Judah in 713 BC.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Micah]

2:1 ¶ Micah 2
Judgment Against Wealthy Oppressors
Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it, because It is in the power of their hand. 2 They cover fields and take them by violence. Also houses, and seize them.

So they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance. Therefore thus says YHWH, “Behold, against this family I am devising disaster, from which you cannot remove your necks; nor shall you walk haughtily. For this is an evil time. 4 In that day one shall take up a proverb against you, and lament with a bitter lamentation, saying: ‘We are utterly destroyed! He has changed the heritage of my people; How He has removed it from me! To a turncoat He has divided our fields.’” 5

Therefore you will have no one to determine boundaries by lot in the assembly of YHWH.

6 ¶ True and False Prophets
“Do not prattle”, You say to those who prophesy. So they shall not prophesy to you; They shall not return insult for insult. 7 You who are named the house of Jacob: “Is the Spirit of YHWH restricted? Are these His doings? Do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly? 8 Lately My people have risen up as an enemy — You pull off the robe with the garment from those who trust you, as they pass by, like men returned from war. 9 The women of My people you cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children You have taken away My glory forever [Heb. olam]. 10 Arise and depart, for this is not your rest; because it is defiled, It shall destroy, yes, with utter destruction. 11 If a man should walk in a false spirit and speak a lie, saying, ‘I will prophesy to you of wine and drink’, even he would be the prattler of this people.

12 ¶ The Remnant Gathered
I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;
Thus says YHWH concerning the prophets who make my people stray; who chant, “Peace,” while they chew with their teeth, but who prepare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths: 6

“Therefore you shall have night without vision, and you shall have darkness without divination; the sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be dark for them. 7

So the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners abashed; indeed they shall all cover their lips: For there is no answer from God.” 8

But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of YHWH, and of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. 9

Now hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, 10 who build up Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with iniquity: 11

her heads judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. 12 Yet they lean on YHWH, and say, “Is not YHWH among us? No harm can come upon us.” 13

Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field. Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest.

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of YHWH’s house shall be established [v. 14 parallel] on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples [Jews & Gentiles] shall flow to it. 2

Many nations shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of the God of Jacob; We shall walk in His ways.”

For out of Zion [the Church] the law shall go forth, and the word of YHWH from [spiritual] Jerusalem. 3

He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 4

But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and No one shall make them afraid: For the mouth of YHWH of hosts has spoken. 5

For all people shall walk each in the name of his god, but We will walk in the name of YHWH our God Forever and ever. 6

Israel’s Return From Exile

“In that day” says YHWH. “I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; 7

I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation. So YHWH will reign over them in Mount Zion From on high, even forever. 8

And you, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion. To you shall it come, even the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the daughter of Zion.” 9

Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in your midst? Has your counselor perished? For pangs have seized you like a woman in labor. 10

Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in birth pangs.
For now you shall go forth from the city, you shall dwell in the field, and to Babylon you shall go. There you shall be delivered; There will redeem you from the hand of your enemies. But you, Bethel Ephratha, you are little among the thousands of Judah, who say, “Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.”

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

Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;

Then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of YHWH, in the majesty of the name of YHWH His God, and they shall abide, For now He shall be great to the ends of the lands [earth];

And this One shall be peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land, and when he treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven [7] shepherds and eight [8] princes. They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;

Thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads within our borders.

The Remnant Purified

Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from YHWH like showers on the grass, that tarry for no man nor wait for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Who, if he passes through, both treads down and tears in pieces, And none can deliver. Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off. And it shall be in that day, says YHWH, “That I will cut off your horses from your midst and destroy your chariots. I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds.

I will cut sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no soothsayers; I will also cut off, and your sacred pillars from your midst; you shall no more worship the work of your hands; I will pluck your wooden images from your midst;

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Thus I shall execute vengeance in anger and fury on the nations that have not heard.”

Micah 6

YHWH’s Case Against Israel

Hear now what YHWH says: “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, O you mountains, YHWH’s complaint, and you strong foundations of the land [earth];

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

O My people, What have I done to you? And How have I wearied you? Testify against Me. For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

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

[Paraphrased in Mt 2:6]
With what shall I come before YHWH, and bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him With burnt offerings, With calves a year old? Will YHWH be pleased with Thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, what is good, and what does [cf. Mt 9:13, 12:7] YHWH require of you but To do justly, To love mercy, and To walk humbly with your God?  

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

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

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

I will bear the indignation of YHWH, Because I have sinned against Him.  Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.  Then she who is my enemy will see, and Shame will cover her who said to me, “Where is YHWH your God?” My eyes will see her; Now she will be trampled down like mud in the streets.  In the day when your walls are to be built, In that day the decree shall go far and wide.  They shall come to you from Assyria and the fortified cities, from the fortress to the River, from sea to sea, and [Euphrates] mountain to mountain.  Yet the land shall be desolate because of those who dwell in it, and for the fruit of their deeds.

YHWH’s Compassion on Israel
Shepherd Your people with Your staff, The flock of Your heritage, Who dwell solitarily in a woodland, in the midst of Carmel: Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in days of old.  “As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders.”

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A man’s enemies are the men of his own household.  Therefore I will look to YHWH; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me.
The nations shall be ashamed of all their might; 
They shall put their hand over their mouth; 
Their ears shall be deaf.  
They shall lick the dust like a serpent; 
They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the land [earth]. 
They shall be afraid of YHWH our God, and shall fear because of You. 
Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. 
He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. 
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. 
You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old.

2 Chronicles 32:1-8
Assyria Invades Judah 713 BC
[Overview of the report of Is 36:1ff by a later author (perhaps Ezra):]
32:1 ¶ After these deeds of faithfulness by [Hezekiah], Sennacherib 11 [later to be] king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself. 2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem, 3 he consulted with his leaders and commanders to stop the water from the springs that were outside the city; and they helped him. 4 Thus many people gathered together who stopped all the springs and the brook that ran through the land, saying, “Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?” 5 And he strengthened himself, built up all the wall that was broken, raised it up to the towers, and built another wall outside; also he repaired the Millo in the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6 Then he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying, 7 “Be strong and courageous; Do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; For there are more with us than with him; 8 with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is YHWH our God. To help us and to fight our battles.” And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

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And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of YHWH, and spread it before YHWH. 15 Then Hezekiah prayed to _____ YHWH, saying: 16 “O YHWH of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God. You alone, of all the kingdoms of the land [earth], You have made heaven and land [earth]. 17 Incline Your ear, O YHWH, and hear; open Your eyes, O YHWH, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. 18 Truly, YHWH, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, 19 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands—wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them. 20 Now therefore, O YHWH our God, _____ save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the lands [earth] may know that You are YHWH ___, You alone.”
Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you like this, and do not believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?”

16 Furthermore, his servants spoke against Yahweh God and against His servant Hezekiah. 17 He also wrote letters to revile Yahweh God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, “As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand.”

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

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Isaiah Predicts Judah’s Deliverance

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says Yahweh God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word that Yahweh has spoken concerning him: “The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, laughed you to scorn; The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head behind your back!’

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

24 By your servants you have reproached the Lord, and said, ‘By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees; I will enter its farthest height, to its fruitful forest. I have dug and drunk ______ water, and with the soles of my feet I have dried up all the brooks of defense.’

[verbatim, with 4 exceptions]

2 Kings 19:20-37

Isaiah Predicts Judah’s Deliverance

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says Yahweh God of Israel: ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.’

21 This is the word that Yahweh has spoken concerning him: ‘The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, laughed you to scorn; The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head behind your back!’

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

23 By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and said: “By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees; I will enter the extremity of its borders, to its fruitful forest. I have dug and drunk strange water, and with the soles of my feet I have dried up all the brooks of defense.”
Therefore have come up to Because I know Now Did you not hear Isaiah 37

I will turn you back I will put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way that you came.’”

Isaiah 37

This shall be a sign to you [Israel]:
You shall eat this year such as grows of itself, and the second year what springs from the same;

Also in the third year sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.

And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion.

The zeal of YHWH of hosts will do this.

Therefore thus says YHWH concerning the king of Assyria:
‘He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor build a siege mound against it; by the way that he came, by the same shall he return; and he shall not come into this city’, says YHWH.

‘For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and For My servant David’s sake.’”

2 Kings 19

Did you not hear long ago how I made it [Israel: 43:1], from ancient times that I formed it?

Now I have brought it to pass, That you should be For crushing fortified cities into heaps of ruins. 27

Their inhabitants had little power; They were dismayed and confounded; They were as the grass of the field and the green herb, as the grass on the housetops and grain blighted before it is grown. 28

But I know your dwelling place, your going out and your coming in, and your rage against Me. 29

Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way that you came.’”

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[This column parallels the next:]

[verbatim, with 1 exception]

[verbatim]
2 Chronicles 32:20-23
Recap of Letter by a Later Author
20 Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. 21 Then YHWH sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

2 Kings 19
35 ¶ And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of YHWH went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand [185,000]; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses — all [185,000] dead. 37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. 38

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

Isaiah 38:1-8 ||
Hezekiah’s Sickness and Recovery
38:1 ¶ In those days [still his 14th year:
Is 36:1 || 2Ki 18:13] Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him,

“Thus says YHWH: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.’” 2

[Hezekiah was then childless: no heir]

Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to YHWH, saying, 3

“Remember now, O YHWH, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight.”

And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 And the word of YHWH came to Isaiah, saying, 5

“Go and tell Hezekiah, 6

‘Thus says YHWH, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely

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

[15 + 14 = 29 years total for Hezekiah’s reign: 2Ki 18:2 || 2Ch 29:1]
21 Now Isaiah had said, “Let them take a lump of figs, and apply it as a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover.”

22 And Hezekiah had said, “What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of YHWH?”

7 Then Isaiah said, “Take a lump of figs.” So they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What is the sign that YHWH will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of YHWH the third day?”

9 Then Isaiah said, “This is the sign to you from YHWH, that YHWH will do the thing that He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten [10] degrees or go backward ten [10] degrees?”

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

11 So Isaiah the prophet cried out to YHWH, and He brought the shadow ten [10] degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

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

While Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to YHWH; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.

Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of YHWH did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. And he made himself: treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of desirable items; storehouses for the harvest of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of livestock and folds for flocks.

So he took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What is the sign that YHWH will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of YHWH?”

But this is the sign to you from YHWH, that YHWH will do this thing that He has spoken:

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

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

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Isaiah 38:9-20
Hezekiah’s Poem of Praise
9 ¶ This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:
I said, “In the prime of my life [i.e., “the grave”] I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the remainder of my years.”
I said, “I shall not see Yah, Yhwh, in the land of the living; I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants of the world. My life span is gone, taken from me like a shepherd’s tent; I have cut off my life like a weaver. He cuts me off from the loom; from day until night You make an end of me. I have considered [patiently waited] until morning — like a lion, So He breaks all my bones; from day until night You make an end of me. Like a crane or a swallow, so I chattered; I mourned like a dove; My eyes fail from looking upward. O Yhwh, I am oppressed; Undertake for me!
What shall I say? He has both spoken to me, and He Himself has done it. I shall walk carefully all my years in the bitterness of my soul. O Lord, by these things men live; and in all these things is the life of my spirit; So You will restore me and make me live.
Indeed it was for my own peace that I had great bitterness; but You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back. For Sheol [the grave] cannot praise You. Death cannot praise You; Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your truth. The living, the living man, he shall praise You, as I do this day. The father shall make known Your truth to the children. Yhwh was ready to save me; Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life, in the house of Yhwh.”

[This column parallels the next:]
Isaiah 39:1-8 || Envoys From Babylon
39:1 ¶ At that time Merodach-Baladan [“Marduk has given a son”] the son of Baladan [“Bel (is his) lord”], king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. And Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them ______ the house of his treasures — the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory — all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.
Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?” So Hezekiah said, “They came ______ from a far country, from Babylon.” And he said, “What have they seen in your house?” So Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all that ______ in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.” Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of Yhwh of hosts: Behold, the days are coming when all that ______ in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left’, says Yhwh.”
July 23

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

40:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg Is 40-41]

Isaiah 40

Comfort for God’s People

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”

Says your God.

Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and

Cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from YHWH’s hand double for all her sins.”

Q: Mt 3:3b || Mk 1:3 || Lk 3:4b-6]

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

“Prepare the way of YHWH; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God: every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places [made] smooth. 5

The glory of YHWH shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of YHWH has spoken.” 6

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

[=Quoted in 1Pe 1:21-25]

“All flesh is [cf. Ja 1:10] like grass, and All its loveliness is like the flower of the field: 7 the grass withers, the flower fades. Because the breath of YHWH blows upon it; Surely the people are grass: 8 the grass withers, the flower fades.

But the word of our God stands forever.” 9

O Zion, [θεον] gospel

You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” 10

Behold, The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH] shall come with a strong hand, and His arm [i.e., Messiah] shall rule for Him:

Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. 11

He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will [the good shepherd †] gather the lambs with His arm [i.e., Messiah], and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

Who [what man] has measured the waters [Ge 1:2,6-8] in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven [Jer 31:37; Ge 1:8] with a span and calculated the dust of the land [earth] in a measure, weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13

Who has directed [cf. 1Co 2:16] the Spirit of YHWH, or as His counselor [also Ro 11:34] has taught Him? 14

With whom did He take counsel, and Who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding? 15

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

Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. 17

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

To whom then will you liken God, or What likeness will you compare to Him? 19

The workman molds an image, The goldsmith overspreads it with gold, and The silversmith casts silver chains. 20

Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution chooses a tree that will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman to prepare a carved image that will not totter. 21
Have you not known?  
Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the land [earth]?  

It is He who sits above the circle [curve, arch] of the land [earth], and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain [Ps 104:2b], and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the judges to nothing; He makes the ends of the lands [earth], neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

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

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Eternal [everlasting] God, Yhwh, [Hebrew: Olam Elohim Yhwh; cf. Ge 21:33; Ro 16:26]
The Creator of the ends of the lands [earth], neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power [cf. 2Co 12:10] to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But those who wait on Yhwh shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

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

Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? ‘I, Yhwh, am the first; and with the last I am He.”

The coastlands saw it and feared, The ends of the lands [earth] were afraid; They drew near and came. Everyone helped his neighbor, and said to his brother, “Be of good courage!”

So the craftsman encouraged the goldsmith; he who smooths with the hammer inspired him who strikes the anvil, saying, “It is ready for the soldering”;

Then he fastened it with pegs, that it might not totter. “But you, [the Church:] Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendents of Abraham My friend; you whom I have taken from the ends of the lands [earth], and called from its farthest regions, and said to you, ‘You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away: Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish: you shall seek them and not find them — those who contended with you; those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing.

For I, Yhwh your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you. Fear not, [the Church:] you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you”, [i.e., Messiah]
says Yhwh and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
Behold, [the Church] 
I will make you into 
a new threshing sledge 
with sharp teeth; 
You shall [the nations] 
thresh the mountains and 
beat them small, and 
make the hills like chaff. 16
You shall 
winnow them, 
the wind shall 
carry them away, and 
the whirlwind shall scatter them; 
You shall 
rejoice in [YHWH, and] 
glory in the Holy One of Israel. 17
The poor and needy seek water, 
but there is none, 
Their tongues fail for thirst. 
I, YHWH, 
will hear them; 
I, the God of Israel, 
will not forsake them. 18
I will open 
rivers in desolate heights, and 
fountains in the midst of the valleys; 
I will make 
the wilderness 
a pool of water, and 
the dry land 
springs of water. 19
I will plant 
in the wilderness 
the cedar and the acacia tree, 
the myrtle and the oil tree; I will set 
in the desert 
the cypress tree and the pine and 
the box tree together, 20 
that they may 
see and know, and 
consider and understand together, that 
The hand of YHWH has done this, and 
The Holy One of Israel has created [Hebrew: bara] it. 21
“Present your case”, [re idols] says YHWH, 
“Bring forth your strong reasons”, says the King of Jacob. 22
“Let them [i.e., idols] bring forth and 
show us what will happen; Let them show the former things, what they were,
That we may consider them, and 
know the latter end of them; or declare to us the things to come. 23
Show the things that are to come hereafter. 
That we may know that you are gods; Yes, do good or do evil, [but do something!] 
That we may be dismayed and see it together. 24
Indeed, you are nothing, and 
your work is nothing; he who chooses you is an abomination. 25
I have raised up one [Cyrus] from the north, and 
he shall come; from the rising of the sun [from the east, via a nor. route] he shall call on My name; and he shall come against princes as though mortar, as the potter treads clay. 26
Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know, and former times, that we may say, 
“He is righteous [right]”? Surely there is no one who shows, Surely there is no one who declares, Surely there is no one who hears your words. 27
The first time I said to Zion, ‘Look, there they are!”, and [NLT: ‘Look, help is on the way!’] I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good tidings. 28 For I looked, and there was no man [idol]; I looked among them, but there was no counselor, who, when I asked of them, could answer a word. 29
Indeed, they are all worthless; their works are nothing; their molded images are wind and confusion.

42:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 42-48] 
Isaiah 42 
YHWH’s Chosen Servant 
[vv1-4 ~Quoted in Mt 12:18-21] 
“Behold! My Servant [Messiah] whom I uphold, My Elect One [Hebrew: bara] in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, and Smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the lands [earth]; and the coastlands [far from Israel] shall wait for His law.” 
5 ¶ Thus says God YHWH, Who [cf. Genesis 1 Parallels] created the heavens [Ge 1:1] and stretched them out [Ge 1:7a], Who spread forth the soil [earth] [Ge 1:7b] and that which comes from it [Ge 1:11], Who gives [Ge 2:7b] [1:24, 2:7a] breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: 6 “I, YHWH, have called You [Messiah] in righteousness, and will hold Your hand;
I will keep You and give You as My covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles. To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am Yahweh, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

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

Israel’s Failure to See and Listen
Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see. Who is blind but Yahweh’s servant? Seeing many things, but you do not observe; opening the ears, but he does not hear.”

Yahweh is well pleased for His righteousness’ sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable. But this is a people robbed and plundered; all of them are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses; they are for prey, and no one delivers; for plunder, and no one says, “Restore!” Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for plunder, and Israel to the robbers? Was it not Yahweh, He against whom we have sinned?

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

Isaiah 43
The Savior of Israel
But now, thus says Yahweh, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; [Da 3] nor shall the flame scorch you.

For I am Yahweh your God, The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you.
Therefore
I will bring the people
to the holy mountain,
and I will begathered together,
and the Lord will be its ruler.

10 ‘Do not keep them back!’
I will say to the north,
‘Give them up!’
and to the south,
I will say:
‘Bring your descendants
from the east,
and gather you
from the west; 6
I will say to the north,
‘Give them up!’
and to the south,
I will say:
‘Do not keep them back!’

Bring [ "Let My people go!"]
My sons
from afar, and
My daughters
from the ends of the lands [earth]
— 7
Everyone
who is called
by My name,
whom I have created [bara]
for My glory: [ ה ]
I have formed [yatsar] him, yes,
I have made [asah] him.”

7

Bring out
the blind people
who have eyes, and
the deaf
who have ears. 9
Let all the nations
be gathered together, and
let the people
be assembled.
Who among them
can declare this, and
show us former things?
Let them bring out their witnesses,
that they may be justified; or
Let them hear and say,
“It is truth.”

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

I am YHWH,
your Holy One,
The Creator of Israel,
your King.” 16

Thus says YHWH,
who makes
a way
in the sea and
a path
through the mighty waters,
who brings forth
the chariot and horse,
the army and the power
[they shall lie down together,
they shall not rise;
they are extinguished,
they are quenched like a wick];

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

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

July 24
43:14 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 42-48]
Isaiah 43:14 ¶
YHWH’s Promise of Victory
Thus says
YHWH,
your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
“For your sake I will send to Babylon, and
[send an invading army to B. to]
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the Chaldeans [i.e., Babylonians],
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no sweet cane with money,
Nor have you satisfied Me
with the fat of your sacrifices; but
You have burdened Me
with your sins.
You have wearied Me
with your iniquities. 25
I, even I, am He
who blots out your transgressions
for My own sake; and
I will not remember your sins. 26

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

Isaiah 44

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

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

The Foolishness of Idols

Thus says YHWH, The King of Israel, and His Redeemer [Israel’s redeemer], YHWH of hosts:  
‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.  
And who can proclaim as I do? 
Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me. Since I appointed the ancient people, and the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show these to them.  
Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared that you are My witnesses? Is there a God besides Me? Indeed, there is no other Rock; I know not one.’”

Those who make an image, all of them are useless, and their precious things shall not profit; they are their own witnesses; they neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.  
Who would form a god or mold an image that profits him nothing? 
Surely all his companions would be ashamed; and the workmen, they are mere men.

Let them all be gathered together, Let them stand up; yet they shall fear, they shall be ashamed together.

The blacksmith with the tongs works one [idol] in the coals, fashions it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water and is faint. 
The craftsman stretches out his rule, He marks one [idol] out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, and makes it like the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.

He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak; He secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it.

Then it shall be for a man to burn, for he will take some of it and warm himself; yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed, he makes a god and worships it; he makes it a carved image, and falls down to it; he burns half of it in the fire; with this half he eats meat; he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. he even warms himself and says, “Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire.”

And the rest of it he makes into a god, his carved image; he falls down before it and worships it, prays to it and says, “Deliver me, for you are my god!”

They do not know nor understand; For He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. 
And no one considers in his heart, Nor is there knowledge nor understanding to say, “I have burned half of it in the fire. Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it; And...
Shall I make the rest of it an abomination?
Shall I fall down before a block of wood?”

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

Thus says Yahweh. [cf. Genesis 1 Parallels]

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

45:1 ¶
Isaiah 45

Cyrus, Yahweh’s Chosen One

Thus says Yahweh to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held — to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut:

“I will go before you and make the crooked places straight;
I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. 3
I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places;
That you may know that I, Yahweh, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel. 4
For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect,
I have even called you by your name; I have named you [Cyrus], though you have not known Me.

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

Yahweh, The Holy One of Israel, and His [Israel’s] Maker

[yatsar: †former, fashioner]:

“Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; and concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.”

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They [makers of idols: v16b] shall be ashamed and also disgraced, all of them; They shall go in confusion together, who are makers of idols. 17 But Israel shall be saved by YHWH with an everlasting salvation; You shall not be ashamed or disgraced forever and ever. 18

For thus says YHWH, [cf. Genesis 1 Parallels] who created the heavens [Ge 1:1], who is God, who formed the land [earth] and made it. [Ge 1:9] who has established it. [Ge 1:1] who did not create it in vain, [not ready the 1st day (Ge 1:2) but the 6th (Ge 1:26-27)] who formed it to be inhabited: “I am YHWH, and there is no other. 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the land [earth]; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, ‘Seek Me in vain;’ I, YHWH, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. 20]

Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, who carry the wood of their carved image, and pray to a god that cannot save. 21

Tell and bring forth your case; yes, Let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, YHWH? And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. 22 Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the lands [earth]!

For [^ not just believers]
I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return [be frustrated], that to Me [Quoted by Paul in Ro 14:12 and Php 2:9-11] [not just believers] every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath: 24 [Hence, universal reconciliation?] he shall say, [^ eventually?] ‘Surely,
In YHWH I have righteousness and strength.’”

To Him men [Gentiles] shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him. 25
In YHWH all the descendants of Israel [Jews] shall be justified, and shall glory,

Isaiah 46
Babylon’s False Gods Mocked
Bel[^1] [“lord”] bows down.
Nebo[^2] [“prophet”] stoops;
Their [Babylon’s] idols were on the beasts and on the cattle.
Your carriages were heavily loaded, a burden to the weary beast. 2 They [Bel & Nebo] stoop, they bow down together; They could not deliver the burden, But have themselves gone into captivity. 3 “Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been upheld by Me from birth, who have been carried from the womb: 4 even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

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

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

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

47:1 ¶ Isaiah 47  
Prediction of Babylon’s Fall  
“Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones and grind meal. Remove your veil, Take off the skirt, Uncover the thigh, Pass through the rivers. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, Yes, your shame will be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not arbitrate with a man.”  

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

I was angry with My people; I have profaned My inheritance, and given them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; on the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily. And you said, ‘I shall be a lady forever’, So that you did not take these things to heart, nor remember the latter end of them.  

Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children’; But these two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments.  

For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, ‘No one sees me’; Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.’ Therefore evil shall come upon you; you shall not know from where it arises; and trouble shall fall upon you; you will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know.  

Stand now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth — Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail. You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you. Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; it shall not be a coal to be warmed by, nor a fire to sit before! Thus shall they be to you with whom you have labored, your merchants from your youth; They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.”
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48:1 ¶ **[Audio: S. Gregg Is 42-48]**

Isaiah 48

**God’s Stubborn People**

Hear this,

O house of Jacob, who are called
by the name of Israel, and have come forth
from the wellsprings of Judah; who swear
by the name of YHWH, and make
mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth or in righteousness; 2 (For they
call themselves after the holy city, and
lean on the God of Israel — YHWH of hosts is His name) [hear this]: 3

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

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

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

For My name’s sake I will defer My anger, and for My praise I will restrain My right hand, So that I do not cut you off. 10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

For My own sake, I will do it; For My own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another. 12

Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called; I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last. 13 Indeed, [cf. Genesis 1 Parallels]

My hand has laid the foundation of the land [earth] [Ge 1:9], and My right hand has stretched out the heavens [Ge 1:7]; When I call to them, they stand up together. 14 All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them [your idols] has declared these things? YHWH loves him [Cyrus]; he shall do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans. 15 I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him [Cyrus], I have brought him [Cyrus], and his way will prosper.

Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there.”

And now The Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH] and His Spirit have sent me [Isaiah]. 17

Thus says YHWH your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel:

“I am YHWH your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go. 18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments!

Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; your descendants also would have been like the sand, and the offsprings of your body like the grains of sand; his name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.” 20

Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing, Declare, Proclaim this, Utter it to the end of the lands [earth]; Say, “YHWH has redeemed His servant Jacob!” 21 And they did not thirst when He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out. 22 “[But] There is no peace”, says YHWH, “for the wicked.”
Isaiah 49

**Yhwh's Servant Commissioned**

Listen,

O coastlands, to me, and take heed, you peoples from afar!

Then has called me [Israel: v3]

from the womb;

from the matrix of my mother

He has made mention of my name. 2

And He has made my mouth

like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of His hand

He has hidden me,

and made me a polished shaft;

In His quiver He has hidden me. 3

And He said to me,

‘You are My servant, O Israel,

In whom I will be glorified.’ 4

Then I said,

‘I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and

in vain; yet surely my just reward is with Yhwh, and

my work with my God.’” 5

And now Yhwh says [to Isaiah],

Who formed me from the womb to be His servant,

to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him

(For I shall be glorious in the eyes of Yhwh, and

my God shall be my strength), 6

indeed He says,

“It is too small a thing that you should be My servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and

to restore the preserved ones of Israel;

I will also give you as a light to the Gentiles,

that you should be My salvation
to the ends of the lands [earth].” 7

Thus says Yhwh,

The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, [to Israel:]
to him whom man despises,
to him whom the nation abhors,
to the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise,

Princes also shall worship,

Because of Yhwh who is faithful,
The Holy One of Israel; and

He has chosen you [Israel].”

Promises of Israel's Restoration

Thus says Yhwh:

[Quoted by Paul in 2Co 6:2]

“In an acceptable time

I have heard You, and

in the day of salvation

I have helped You;

I will preserve You

and give You

as a covenant to the people,
to restore the lands [earth],
to cause them to inherit

the desolate heritages; 9

That You may say to the prisoners,

‘Go forth’.

To those who are in darkness,

‘Show yourselves’.

They shall feed along the roads, and

their pastures shall be

on all desolate heights. 10

They shall neither hunger nor thirst,

Neither heat nor sun shall strike them;

For He who has mercy on them

will lead them,
even by the springs of water

He will guide them. 11

I will make each of My mountains a road,

My highways shall be elevated. 12

Surely these shall come from afar;

Look!

Those from the north and the west,

and these from the land of Sinim

[‘thorns’; extremity of the known world].” 13

Sing, O heavens!

Be joyful, O land [earth]! And

Break out in singing, O mountains!

For Yhwh has comforted His people,

and will have mercy on His afflicted. 14

But Zion said,

“Yhwh has forsaken me, and

my Lord has forgotten me.” 15

“Can a woman forget her nursing child,

and not have compassion on the son of her womb? [Never!]

Surely they may forget,

Yet I will not forget you. 16

See, I have inscribed you

on the palms of My hands;
your walls are continually before Me. 17

Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath
to the nations [Gentiles], and

set up My standard

for the peoples;
They shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders; 23 Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers; They shall bow down to you with their faces to the ground [earth], and lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am YHWH. For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me.” 24 ¶ Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of the righteous be delivered? 25 But thus says YHWH: “Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children. 26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, And they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know that I, YHWH, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

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

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

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

51:1 ¶ Isaiah 51
A Call to Trust YHWH “Listen to Me [Messiah]. You who follow after righteousness, You who seek YHWH: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him.” 3 For YHWH will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of YHWH: Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.
4 ¶ [or, still Messiah, so Me, My]
“Listen to Me, My people, And Give ear to Me, O My nation:
For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest
As a light of the peoples. 5
My righteousness is near,
My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples;
The coastlands will wait upon Me,
And on My arm they will trust. 6
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And
Look on the lands [earth] beneath. For
[From old to new order:]
The heavens will vanish away like smoke,
The land [earth] will grow old like a garment, And
Those who dwell in it will die in like manner; But
My salvation will be forever. And
My righteousness will not be abolished. 7
Listen to Me, You who know righteousness,
You people in whose heart is My law;
Do not fear the reproach of men,
Nor be afraid of their insults. 8 For
The moth will eat them up like a garment, And
The worm will eat them like wool; But
My righteousness will be forever. And
My salvation … from generation to generation.” 9

Awake, awake! Put on strength,
O arm of YHWH!
Awake as
in the ancient days,
In the generations of old.
Are You not the arm that
cut Rahab14 [“breadth”] apart, And
wounded the dragon [serpent]? 10
Are You not the One [6] dinosaur
who dried up
The [Red] Sea,
The waters of the great deep;
Who [That] made
The depths of the sea a road
For the redeemed to cross over? 11
So the ransomed of YHWH shall return,
And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain [cf. 35:2]
joy and gladness;
Sorrow and sighing
shall flee away. 12
“I, even I, am He who comforts you.
Who are you that you should be afraid
Of a man
who will die, And
Of the son of a man
who will be made like grass? 13
And you forget [Genesis I Parallels]
YHWH your Maker, who
stretched out the heavens [Ge 1:7] and
laid the foundations of the land
[earth] [Ge 1:9];
You have feared continually every day
Because of the fury of the oppressor,
When he has prepared to destroy.
And

Where is the fury of the oppressor? 14
The captive exile hastens,
That he may be loosed,
That he should not die in the pit,
And
That his bread should not fail. 15
But I am YHWH your God,
Who divided the sea
whose waves roared —
YHWH of hosts is His name. 16 And
I have put My words
in your mouth;
I have covered you
with the shadow of My hand,
That I may [make a new order:]
plant the heavens [Ge 1:7],
lay the foundations of the land
[earth] [Ge 1:9], and
say to Zion,
‘You are My people.”’

17 ¶ [Judgment on the old order:]
Awake, awake! Stand up,
O Jerusalem.
You who have drunk
at the hand of YHWH
The cup of His fury;
You have drunk
the dregs of the cup of trembling,
And drained it out. 18
There is no one to guide her
Among all the sons
she has brought forth;
Nor is there any who takes her
by the hand
Among all the sons
she has brought up. 19

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

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52:1 ¶
Isaiah 52
Deliverance for Jerusalem

Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion;
Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city!
For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. 2
Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem!
Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! 3

For thus says YHVH:
“You have sold yourselves for nothing, And [1Pe 1:18:]
You shall be redeemed without money.” 4

For thus says the Lord YHVH:
[Adonai YHVH]:
“My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there;
Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. 5
Now therefore, what have I here”, says YHVH,
“That My people are taken away for nothing?
Those who rule over them Make them wail”, says YHVH.
[Paraphrased by Paul in Ro 2:24]
“And My name is blasphemed continually every day. 6 Therefore
My people shall know My name; Therefore they shall know in that day That I am He who speaks:
‘Behold, it is I.’”

7 ¶ [The Gospel:]
[~Quoted by Paul in Ro 10:15b]
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things.

who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” 8
Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye
When YHVH brings back Zion. 9
Break forth into joy, Singing together.
You waste places of Jerusalem!
For YHVH has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. 10
YHVH has made bare His Holy Arm [the Messiah]
In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the lands [earth] shall see The salvation of our God. 11
Depart! Depart! [from Babylon, sin] Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing;
[Alluded to by Paul in 2Co 6:17] Go out from the midst of her, Be clean,
You who bear the vessels of YHVH. 12
For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight; For YHVH will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

13 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg Is 52:13-57:31]
YHVH’s Suffering Servant
Behold, [the Messiah:] My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall
be exalted and exalted and be very high. 14
Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of men; 15
So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;
[~Quoted by Paul in Ro 15:21] For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

53:1 ¶
Isaiah 53
[VI Quoted by Jesus in Jn 12:38; v1a Quoted by Paul in Ro 10:16b]
Who has believed our report? Who has believed our report?
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For the transgressions of my people He was stricken. 9  
[† Israel]
And they made His grave with the wicked — But with the rich at His death.  
[paraphrased in 1Pe 2:22:]
Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10
Yet it pleased Y’hw to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And The pleasure of Y’hw shall prosper in His hand. 11
He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12
Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong [the saints], Because He poured out His soul unto death, And
[Quoted by Jesus in Lu 22:37b:]
He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 54
Future Glory for Jerusalem
[Heavenly Jerusalem: Ga 4:27]

54:1 ¶

Isaiah 55
Invitation to Y’hw’s Salvation

“For as I have sworn, That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the land [earth], So have I sworn, That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. 10
For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed”, says Y’hw, who has mercy on you. 11

O you afflicted one, Tossed with tempest, and Not comforted. Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, And lay your foundations with sapphires. 12

I will make [cf. 1Cor 3:12, Re 21:19] Your pinnacles of rubies, Your gates of crystal, And All your walls of precious stones. 13
[Alluded to by Jesus in Jn 6:45]
All your children shall be taught by Y’hw, And great shall be the peace of your children. 14
In righteousness You shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you. 15
Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me, Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake. 16
Behold, I have created the blacksmith Who blows the coals in the fire, Who brings forth an instrument for his work; And I have created the spoiler to destroy. 17
No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And Every tongue that rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of [† the Church] the servants of Y’hw, And their righteousness is from Me”, says Y’hw.

55:1 ¶

Isaiah 55
Invitation to Y’hw’s Salvation

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters: And you who have no money,
Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and Without price. 2

Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and Eat what is good, And Let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3

Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live:

[Alluded to by Paul in Acts 13:34]
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you — The sure mercies of David. 4

Indeed I have given him as witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. 5

Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of [YHWH your God, and [Even] the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.” 6 ¶ Seek [YHWH] while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to [YHWH], And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, [Even ↑]

For He will abundantly pardon. 8

“[For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways] My ways, says YHWH. 9

“For as the heavens are higher than the land [earth], So are [My ways, better, righteous] My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. 10

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the land [earth], And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give Seed to the sower And Bread to the eater, 11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12

For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And All the trees of the field Shall clap their hands. 13

Instead of the thorn Shall come up the cypress tree, and Instead of the brier Shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to [YHWH] For a name, For an Eternal [everlasting] sign that shall not be cut off.” 14

56:1 ¶ Isaiah 56 Blessings for All Nations Thus says [YHWH]: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed. 2

Blessed is the man Who does this, And the son of man Who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

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

For thus says [YHWH]: “To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant. 5

Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls A place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an Eternal [everlasting] name That shall not be cut off. 6

Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to [YHWH], to serve Him. And to love the name of [YHWH] to be His servants —

Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant — 7

Even them I will [At the Church] bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called A house of prayer for all nations.” [Quoted by Jesus in Mk 11:17] Mt 21:13 || Lu 19:46; cf. Je 7:11

8 The Lord [YHWH] / Adonai [YHWH], who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, “Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him.” 9 ¶ Sinful Leaders Condemned All you beasts of the field, come to devour, All you beasts in the forest, 10 His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They cannot bark; Sleeping, Lying down, Loving to slumber. 11 Yes, They are greedy dogs [That] never have enough. And They are shepherds Who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, Every one for his own gain, From his own territory. 12

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

Isaiah 57

57:1 ¶

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

3 ¶

Idolatrous Worship Condemned

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

Should I receive comfort in these? 7
On a lofty and high mountain
You have set your bed;
Even there you went up
To offer sacrifice. 8
Also behind the doors and their posts
You have set up your remembrance;
For you
have uncovered yourself
to those other than Me, And
have gone up to them;
You have
enlarged your bed And
made a covenant with them;
You have loved their bed,
Where you saw their nudity. 9
You
went to the king with ointment,
And increased your perfumes;
You sent your messengers far off,
And even descended to Sheol [the grave]. 10
You are wearied
in the length of your way: Yet
You did not say,
‘There is no hope.’
You have found the life of your hand;
Therefore you were not grieved. 11
And of whom have you been afraid, or feared,
That you have lied
And not remembered Me,
Nor taken it to your heart?
Is it not because
I have held My peace from old
That you do not fear Me? 12
I will declare
your righteousness And
your works,
For they will not profit you.

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

15 God Forgives the Repentant
For thus says
the High and Lofty One
who inhabits eternity,
whose name is Holy:
“I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has
a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive
the spirit of the humble, And
To revive
the heart of the contrite ones. 16
For I will not contend forever,
Nor will I always be angry;
For the spirit would fail before Me,
And the souls that I have made.

17 ¶

For the iniquity of his covetousness
I was angry and struck him;
I hid and was angry,
And he went on backsliding
in the way of his heart. 18
I have seen his ways, and
will heal him;
I will also
lead him, and
restore comforts
to him and
to his mourners. 19
I create the fruit of the lips:
Peace, peace [cf. Eph 2:17]
to him who is far off and
to him who is near”;
says YHWH,
And I will heal him.” 20
But the wicked are like
The troubled sea,
When it cannot rest,
Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21
“There is no peace”,
says my God. [Jerusalem] “for the wicked.”

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Isaiah 58

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

2 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, That you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

3 ¶ Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily. And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of YHWH shall be your rear guard. 9

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

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

6 If you extend your soul to the hungry, And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday. 11

7 YHWH will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12

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

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

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

11 ¶ Then the Lord answered: ‘Is it a fast, that I have chosen? Is it a day of fasting for Me? Is it to bow down your head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to YHWH? 6

12 ¶ Nor is it breaking your bread and defiling your dress; turning aside your eyes from seeing any sorrow; For YHWH’s word is your meat, And your meat shall give you the joy of salvation. 18

13 ¶ Then said YHWH: ‘Where is the word of YHWH?’ It shall speedily return, and shall come again to Me, For I will do it, says the Lord YHWH. 21

14 ¶ For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great shall My word be above your thoughts. 22

15 ¶ For as the rain cometh down, And the snow from heaven; And the latter snow returneth the former: So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: It shall not return unto Me void, But it shall accomplish that which I please, And it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 25

16 ¶ For my thought is not your thought, Neither are your ways My ways, saith YHWH. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. 27

17 ¶ For as the rain cometh down from heaven, And returneth not thither; But watereth the earth, And maketh it bring forth and bud, And bringeth forth green grass: So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: It shall not return unto Me void, But it shall accomplish that which I please, And it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 30

18 ¶ For, lo, YHWH will come as a mighty man, And as a son of man, He shall certainly come. 34

19 ¶ Go ye into the ‘tannur’, ye sons of Zion; And eat ye, And be filled; Yea, draw water with joy. 36

20 ¶ For in My house is justice, And the law of YHWH is light. 37

21 ¶ And I will also give you题主’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2

22 ¶ But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. 3

23 ¶ For Your hands are defiled with blood, And Your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. 4

24 ¶ No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. 5

25 ¶ They hatch vipers’ eggs and weave the spider’s web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. 6

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

8 ¶ Then said YHWH: ‘Where is the word of YHWH?’ It shall speedily return, and shall come again to Me, For I will do it, says the Lord YHWH. 21

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For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them: 13 In Transgressing and lying against YHWH, And Departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolting, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 Justice is turned back, And Righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. 15 So truth fails, And He who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then YHWH saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.

Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, And We grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places. 11 We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We look for justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us. 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them: 13 In Transgressing and lying against YHWH, And Departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolting, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 Justice is turned back, And Righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. 15 So truth fails, And He who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then YHWH saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.

According to their deeds, Accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies:
The coastlands He will fully repay. 19 So shall they fear The name of YHWH from the west, And His glory [the Church age] from the rising of the sun: When [resisting the Gospel:] the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of YHWH will lift up a standard against him. 20

“Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, They come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And Your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because The abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, — The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah, says YHWH, “from this time and forevermore.”

[~Quoted by Paul in Ro 3:15-16] Their feet run to evil, And They make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they have not known, And There is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

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[~Quoted by Paul in Ro 11:26-27] ‘The Redeemer will come to Zion, and [even] to those who turn from transgression in Jacob’, says YHWH. 21 “As for Me”, says YHWH, “this is My covenant with them:

My Spirit who is upon you, and My words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants”, says YHWH.

According to their deeds, Accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies:
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All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, and They shall proclaim the praises of YHWH.  

All the flocks of Kedar [in Arabia] shall be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar.  

And I will glorify [the Church:] the house of My glory.  

Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts? Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first. To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, To the name of YHWH your God, And to the Holy One of Israel. Because He has glorified you.  

The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And Their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy on you. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night.  

That men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession.  

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you [the Church] shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined.  

The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, The cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I will make the place of My feet glorious.  

Also the sons of those who afflicted you Shall come bowing to you, And all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; And they shall call you [the Church:] The City of YHWH, [He 12:22] Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  

Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, So that no one went through you, I will make you an Eternal excellence, A joy of many generations.  

You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, And milk the breast of kings; You shall know that I, YHWH, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.  

Instead of bronze I will bring gold, Instead of iron I will bring silver, Instead of wood, bronze, and Instead of stones, iron [people in the Church; cf. Je 6:30].  

I will also make your officers peace, And your magistrates righteousness. Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, Neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; But you shall call your walls Salvation, And your gates Praise.  

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall The moon give light to you; But YHWH shall be to you an Eternal [everlasting] light. [cf. Re 21:23, 22:5] And your God shall be your glory.  

Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall Your moon withdraw itself; For YHWH will be your Eternal [everlasting] light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended.  

Also your people shall all be righteous; They shall inherit the land forever. [cf. Mt 5:5] The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.  

A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation, I, YHWH, will hasten it in its time.” [At the right time.]  

That He may be glorified.”  

They shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And They shall repair the ruined cities.
The desolations of many generations. 5
Strangers shall stand
and feed your flocks, And
The sons of the foreigner Shall be
your plowmen and
your vinedressers. 6
But [in the Church Age:]
You shall be named
the priests of YHWH. [Re 1:6]
they shall call you
the servants of our God.
You shall eat
the riches of the Gentiles, and
in their glory
You shall boast. 7
Instead of your shame
you shall have double honor, and
Instead of confusion
they shall rejoice in their portion.
Therefore in their land
they shall possess double;
Eternal [Everlasting] joy
shall be theirs. 8

“For
I, YHWH, love justice;
I hate robbery for burnt offering;
I will direct their work in
truth. And
will make with them [everlasting]
in an Eternal covenant. 9
Their descendants shall be known
among the Gentiles, And
Their offspring
among the people.
All who see them [Mt 5:9]
shall acknowledge them;
That they are the posterity
whom YHWH has blessed.”

I will greatly rejoice in YHWH.
My soul shall be joyful in my God:
For He has clothed me [Re 19:13]
with the garments of salvation.
He has covered me
with the robe of righteousness.
As a bridegroom decks himself
with ornaments, And
As a bride adorns herself
with her jewels. 11
As the land [earth] brings forth its bud,
As the garden causes the things
that are sown in it to spring forth,
So the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]
will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth
before all the nations.

Isaiah 62
Isaiah’s Prayer for Jerusalem
For Zion’s sake
I will not hold my peace, And
for Jerusalem’s sake
I will not rest,
Until
her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And
her salvation
as a lamp that burns. 2
The Gentiles
shall see your righteousness, And
All kings your glory. [Christians]
You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of YHWH
will name. 3
You shall also be
a crown of glory
in the hand of YHWH, and
a royal diadem
in the hand of your God: 4
you shall no longer be termed
Forsaken,
nor shall your land any more be termed
Desolate; but
you shall be called
Hephzibah [“my delight is in her”],
and your land
Beulah [“married”];
For YHWH delights in you, and
your land shall be married. 5
For [↑ the people]
as a young man
marries a virgin,
so shall your sons
marry you; and [Christ]
as the bridegroom [Church] rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God [Christ]
rejoice over you.

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

Go through, Go through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people:
Build up, Build up the highway!
Take out the stones.
Lift up a banner for the peoples! 11
Indeed YHWH has proclaimed
to the end of the world:
“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Surely your salvation is coming;
Behold,
His reward is with Him, and
His work before Him.”’ 12

The Holy People, [Ro 1:7]
The Redeemed of YHWH;
And you shall be called
Sought Out, [lost sheep; Church:]
A City Not Forsaken.
July 28
Isaiah 63:15 ¶

Prayer for Mercy and Pardon
Look down from heaven, and See from Your habitation, holy and glorious.
Where are Your zeal and Your strength, the yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained? Doubtless You are our Father, though Abraham was ignorant of us, and Israel does not acknowledge us.

You, O YHWH, are our Father; Our-Re redeemer-Eternal [from-Everlast] is Your name. 17 O YHWH, why have You made us stray from Your ways, and hardened our heart from Your fear? Return for Your servants’ sake, the tribes of Your inheritance. Your holy people have possessed it but a little while; Our adversaries have trodden down Your sanctuary. We have become like those of old, over whom You never ruled, those who were never called by Your name.

Isaiah 64
Oh, That You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence — as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil — To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence.

For since the beginning of the world [Hebrew: one word; גלעדי, Eternal]
[Paraphrased by Paul in 1Co 2:9] Men have not heard Nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen Any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry. For we have sinned — In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.

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You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry. For we have sinned — In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.
But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;

We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

And There is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You;

For You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities.

But now, O YHWH, [Jer 18:1-6]

You are our Father; [Ro 9:21]

we are the clay, and You... our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.

Do not be furious, O YHWH,

Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look — we all are Your people!

Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

Our holy and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised You, is burned up with fire; and all our pleasant things [*prophetic] are laid waste.

Will You restrain Yourself because of these things, O YHWH? Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely? [No, Ro 11:23 grafted back in.]

Isaiah 65
Judgment and Final Salvation

[Quoted by Paul in Ro 10:20]

I was sought by those who did not ask for Me;

I was found by those who did not seek Me.

I said, ‘Here I am, here I am’,

To a nation [the Gentiles] that was not called by My name.

I have stretched out My hands all day long

To a rebellious people [Israel],

Who walk in a way that is not good,

According to their own thoughts;

Who sacrifice in gardens, And burn incense on altars of brick;

Who sit among the graves. And spend the night in the tombs;

Who eat swine’s flesh, And the broth of abominable things is in their vessels;

Who say,

‘Keep to yourself, Do not come near me, For I am holier than you!’

These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day,

Behold, it is written before Me: I will not keep silence, but will repay — even repay into their bosom — your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together.

[Lu 11:51 blood of Abel-Zech.: Mt 70]

says YHWH,*

“Who have burned incense on the mountains and blasphemed Me on the hills;

Therefore I will [pay them back in full (NLT): measure their former work into their bosom.]”

8 ¶

Thus says YHWH: [re the remnant]

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,

And one says,

‘Do not destroy it, For a blessing is in it’,

So will I do for My servants’ sake, That I may not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, And from Judah An heir of My mountains;

My elect [Christ] shall inherit it, And My servants shall dwell there.

[^ in Christ, the Messiah]

Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, And The Valley of Achor [‘trouble’]

A place for herds to lie down,

For My people who have sought Me.

But you are those [*wicked:]

who forsake YHWH, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for God [god of fortune, a Babylonian deity], and who furnish a drink offering for Meni [god of fate/number, a Babylonian deity].

Therefore I will number you for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear, but did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight.”

Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH [*Adonai YHWH:]

“Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry;

Behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty;

Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed:

Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and wait for grief of spirit.

You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen;

For the Lord YHWH [*Adonai YHWH] will slay you, and call His servants by another name; [viz., Christ, the Church, Christians]

So that he who blesses himself in the land [earth] Shall bless himself in the God of truth;

And he who swears in the land [earth] Shall swear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles are forgotten, And Because they are hidden from my eyes. 17

[Kingdom Age or future age?] For behold, I create [cf. 66:22; Re 21:1] new heavens and a new land [earth]; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying. 20 No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die [when he is] one hundred [100] years old. But the sinner being one hundred [100] years old shall be accursed. 21

They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of YHWH, And their offspring with them. 24 It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent’s food. [Satan still eating dust: Ge 3:14] They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain”, says YHWH. 26

Isaiah 66
Thus says YHWH: “Heaven is My throne, and Land [earth] is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And Where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist”, says YHWH. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word. 3 [On the other hand,] He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog’s neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine’s blood. He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol – Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations. 4 So will I choose their delusions, And bring their fears on them; Because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not hear; But they did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight.” 5

Hear the word of YHWH, you who tremble at His word: “Your brethren who hated you, who cast you out [Jn 9:34] for My name’s sake, said, ‘Let YHWH be glorified, that we may see your joy’, but they shall be ashamed.” 6 The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of YHWH, who fully repays His enemies! 7 Before she was in labor, She gave birth [to the Church]; Before her pain came, [Head first] She delivered a male child. 8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the land [earth] be made to give birth in one day? Or Shall a nation [the Church (v12)] be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children. 9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?” says YHWH. “Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?” says your God. 10
Rejoice with Jerusalem, and
be glad with her,
all who love her;
Rejoice for joy with her,
all you who mourn for her; 11
That you may
feed and
be satisfied
with the consolation of her bosom,
That you may
drink deeply and
be delighted
with the abundance of her glory.” 12

For thus says Yhwh:
“Behold, I will extend
peace to her
like a river, and
the glory of the Gentiles
like a flowing stream.
Then you shall feed;
On her sides shall you be carried,
And be dandled
On her knees. 13
As one whom his mother comforts,
So I will comfort you;
And you shall be comforted
In [the New] Jerusalem.” 14

When you see this [in AD 30-70],
your heart shall rejoice, And
your bones shall flourish like grass;
The hand of Yhwh shall be known to
His servants, And
His indignation
to His enemies [in AD 70].

For behold, Yhwh will come
with fire, And
with His chariots,
like a whirlwind,
To render [judgment:]
His anger, with fury, and
His rebuke, with flames of fire. 16

For by fire and by His sword
Yhwh will judge all flesh; and
The slain of Yhwh shall be many. 17
“Those who
sanctify themselves and
purify themselves,
To go to the gardens
After an idol in the midst,
Eating
swine’s flesh and
the abomination and
the mouse [unclean],
Shall be consumed together”,
says Yhwh. 18

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

I will set a sign among them; and
those among them who escape
I will send to the nations: to
Tarshish and
Pul and
Lud,
who draw the bow, and
Tubal and
Javan, to
the coastslands afar off
who have not heard
My fame nor seen
My glory.
And they shall declare
My glory
among the Gentiles. 20

Then they shall bring all your brethren
for an offering to Yhwh
out of all nations, [Ro 15:16]
on horses and
in chariots and
in litters,
on mules and
on camels, to [the Church]
My holy mountain
Jerusalem”,
says Yhwh,
“As the children of Israel
bring an offering in a clean vessel
into the house [Church] of Yhwh. 21
And I will also take some of them
for priests and Levites”,
says Yhwh. 22

“For as [cf. 65:17; Re 21:1]
the new heavens and
the new land [earth]
that I will make
shall remain before Me”,
says Yhwh,
“so shall your descendants and
your name
remain. 23 And
It shall come to pass that
from one New Moon to another,
and [all the time between]
from one Sabbath to another,
all flesh shall come to worship
before Me”, [All: universal.]
says Yhwh. 24 [reconciliation?]

“And they shall go forth and look
Upon the corpses of the men
Who have transgressed against Me,
[Quoted by Jesus in Mk 9:44,46]
For their worm does not die,
And their fire is not quenched.
They shall be
an abhorrence
to all flesh.”
[The redeemed see this, so it is not
in heaven or on new land [earth].]
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2 Kings 20:20-21, 21:1-9

End of Hezekiah’s Reign

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah—
lion’s might, and how he made a
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Kings of Judah ________? 21

So Hezekiah rested with his fathers.

Manasseh reigns in Judah

21:1 ¶ Manasseh (‘causing to forget’) was twelve [12] years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five [55] years in Jerusalem. [JudahYear:279-333, so 3308-3362 AB: 2Ki 18:1 = 697-664 bc, per Jones] His mother’s name was Hephzibah (‘my delight is in her’; cf. Is 62:4).

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

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

“In Jerusalem I will put My name.” 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of YHWH, 6 Also he made him pass through the fire.

practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft ________, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke Him to anger. 7 He even set a carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house ______ of which YHWH had said to David and to Solomon his son, [no prior record of this, exactly:]

“Be careful _______ the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.” 9 So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom YHWH had destroyed before the children of Israel.
2 Chronicles 33:10-17

Manasseh Refuses to Listen

Manasseh knew that Yhwh was God. [A microcosm of what would happen to Judah.] After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of Gibon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and it enclosed Ophel [“hill”], and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of Yhwh, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of Yhwh and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city. He also repaired the altar of Yhwh, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and command Yhwh to serve Yhwh God of Israel. Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, but only to Yhwh their God.

Manasseh’s Reign Ends

So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza [“strength”]. Then his son Amon [“skilled/master workman”] reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 33:18-20

Amon Reigns in Judah

Amon was twenty-two [22] years old when he became king, and he reigned two [2] years in Jerusalem.

His mother’s name was Meshullemeth [“friend”] the daughter of Haruz [“zealous”] of Jotbah [“pleasing”].

But he did evil in the sight of Yhwh, as his father Manasseh had done; for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images that his father Manasseh had made, and served them.
2 Chronicles 33
23 And he did not humble himself before YHWH, as his father Manasseh had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.
24 Then his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house. 25 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

[Prophesied in 1Ki 13:2]

Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place. Josiah Reigns in Judah

2 Chronicles 34:1-2
Josiah Reigns in Judah

Josiah [“whom YHWH heals”] was eight [8] years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one [31] years in Jerusalem.

His mother’s name was Jedidah [“beloved”] the daughter of Adaiah [“YHWH has adorned Himself”] of Bozkath [“rocky height”].

And he did what was right in the sight of YHWH, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

[2Ki 22:1-2][NOT parallels]

2 Chronicles 34:3-7
3 For in the eighth [8th] year of his reign, while he was still young [16],
he began to seek the God of his father David: and in the twelfth [12th] year,
he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images. 4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars that were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5

He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars [prophesied in 1Ki 13:2], and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

And so he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Napthali and all around, with axes. 7

When he had broken down the altars and the wooden images, had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

[See also 2Ki 23:4-24, in his 18th year]

[2Ch 34:8-28 follow Je 3]

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Forward to: Jeremiah

Kings of Judah After Isaiah

Found in the 2 Kings document:
Hezekiah [29 yrs: 2Ki 18:1]

2Ki 21:1||2Ch 33:1
[JudahYear:279]
[Israel dispersed in his 6th yr.]
[JudahYear:255; 3283Ab: 2Ki17:1]

These are found in this Isaiah doc.:
Manasseh [55 yrs: 2Ki 21:1][2Ch 33:1]

[JudahYear:279-333, so 3308-3362Ab: 2Ki 18:1 = 697-642 bc, per Jones]

Amon [2 yrs: 2Ki 22:19][2Ch 33:21]

[JudahYear:334-335, so 3363-3364Ab: 2Ki 21:1][2Ch 33:1 = 642-640 bc, per Jones]

Josiah [31 yrs: 2Ki 22:1][2Ch 34:1]

[JudahYear:336-366, so 3365-3395 Ab: 2Ki 22:19][2Ch 33:21 = 640-610 bc, per Jones]
Interesting Facts about the Book of Isaiah

It has the same number of chapters as books of the Bible: 66. (The division into chapters was not inspired, but they do follow natural turns of subject matter.)

The first 39 chapters are known as The Book of Judgment. This is the same number as books of the Old Testament. They mention Isaiah and emphasize God’s judgment.

The last 27 chapters are known as The Book of Comfort, beginning with “Comfort, yes, comfort My people” (40:1). This is the same as the number of books in the New Testament. They do not mention Isaiah, and emphasize God’s comfort for His people: restoration after judgment, deliverance from Babylon, coming of the Messiah, and salvation to His people.

(Some “scholars” claim Isaiah did not write the last 27 chapters, but John the Baptist, Jesus, and Paul quote from both parts and attribute them all to Isaiah (22 references: Mt 3:3, 4:14, 8:17, 12:17, 13:14, 15:7, Mr 1:2, 7:6, Lu 3:4, 4:17, John 1:23, 12:38,39,41, Ac 8:28,30, 28:25, Ro 9:27,29, 10:16,20, 15:12).)

The last 27 chapters exhibit a 9-9-9 chapter structure, with the transition verses in each case being: “There is no peace, says my God/Yahweh, for the wicked” (48:22, 57:21).

The middle of the 27 is chapter 53, which prophesies the crucifixion and the good news that it would bring. The last four of the 39 are historical narrative, not prophecy, parallel to 2 Kings 18:13 to 20:37. They provide a natural transition from judgment to comfort. Chapters 36-37 are about the threat from Assyria and God’s deliverance. Chapters 38-39 are about the Babylonian threat to come, so chapters 40ff are in that context. Chapters 44-45 predict Cyrus by name 150 years before he freed Israel as predicted.

The Book of Comfort begins with the prophesy of John the Baptist (40:3-5) and ends with the prophecy of the new heavens and the new land [earth] (65:17; 66:22), just as Revelation ends (Re 21:1). At the exact center (Chapter 53) is the atoning death of the Messiah.

The Book of Judgment ends with the prophesy of Jerusalem being over run by the Babylonians (39:6-7 || 2Ki 18:17-18), just as Revelation predicts Jerusalem being overrun by the Romans (Re 17:8).

The last verse, 66:24, refers to the destruction of the wicked, just as Revelation ends (Re 20:10-11).

For a fuller discussion listen to Steve Gregg’s Introduction to Isaiah at TheNarrowPath.com, and see his Understanding OT Prophets and Introduction to Isaiah below.

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Relevant to God's Creating and Making:

Isaiah 40:12,22,26,28
Who has measured the waters [Ge 1:2,6-8] in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven [Jer 31:37; Ge 1:8] with a span and calculated the dust of the land [earth] in a measure, weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13 ... 22 It is He who sits above the circle [curve, arch] of the land [earth], and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers.

Isaiah 42:5
Thus says God YHWH. [Context (v1): refer. to Israel, Jacob]
Who [on Day One, then Day Two] [cf. Genesis 1 Parallels] created the heavens [Ge 1:1] and stretched them out [Ge 1:7a], Who spread forth the land [earth] [Ge 1:7b] and that which comes from it, [plants, animals, people: *Ge 1:11, *1:24, *2:7a], Who gives [Ge 2:7b] breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: 6

Isaiah 43:7
Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created [bara] for My glory: [φ·ב'אבר] I have formed [yatsar] him, yes, I have made [asah] him."

[He created (bara) the raw material, then formed (yatsar) us from it; thus He made (asah) us.]

Isaiah 44:24
[Context (v23): "you": Jacob, Israel] Thus says YHWH, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: "I am YHWH, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, *Ge 1:7a* who spreads abroad the land [earth] by Myself: *Ge 1:7b* 25

Isaiah 45:6c-7a
I am YHWH, and there is no other; I form the light and create darkness; [*Ge 1:3 (yatsar)] [*Ge 1:1-2 (bara)]

Isaiah 45:12
I have made the land [earth] [Ge 1:9], and created man on it [Ge 1:27]. I — My hands — [Ge 1:7] stretched out the heavens, and all their host [Ge 1:14]
I have commanded. 13

Isaiah 45:18
For thus says YHWH, who created the heavens [Ge 1:1], who is God, who formed the land [earth] and made it. [Ge 1:9] who has established it [Ge 1:1], who did not create it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited [not initially (Ge 1:2) but eventually (Ge 1:26-27): "I am YHWH, and there is no other."

Isaiah 51:13a...16
And you forget YHWH your Maker, who stretched out the heavens [Ge 1:7] and laid the foundations of the land [earth] [Ge 1:9]; 16 And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens [Ge 1:7], lay the foundations of the land [earth] [Ge 1:9], and say to Zion, ‘You are My people.’"

Isaiah 54:2-3
"Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. 3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited. 4

Isaiah 66
Thus says YHWH: "Heaven [Ge 1:8] is My throne, and Land [earth] [Ge 1:10] is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And Where is the place of Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes"
My rest? 2
For all those things
My hand has made, and
all those things exist”,
says Yhwh.
**Understanding the Old Testament Prophets**
Prepared by Steve Gregg, July 30, 2012

*Steve’s Lectures on Isaiah*

**I. Encountering the prophets**

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   5. The Exodus, the highway, and gathering from the nations —
      Isa.11:11, 15-16/ Mic.7:15, 19
C. Recognizing recurring themes
   1. God’s righteousness and sovereignty
   2. God’s expectations
   3. God’s complaint — covenant violation:
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      usually invasion and conquest
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### Old Testament Descriptions of the Messianic Era (the Kingdom Age)

*fulfilled in the New Testament*

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Introduction to Isaiah
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Steve’s Lectures on Isaiah

I. The Man Isaiah

According to Jewish tradition Amoz, father of Isaiah, was brother of King Amaziah. Isaiah was married, with two sons, whose names were prophetic (7:3/8:1, 18). He was commissioned in 740 BC (6:1). According to tradition (including Josephus), he was sawn in two by Manasseh (cf. Hebrews 11:37).

— The most important writing Prophet: The prophet of the Messiah (quoted in NT more than all other prophets combined, exceeded only by Psalms).

— Historian: (chapters 36-39/ cf. 2 Chronicles 26:22; 32:32—“the rest of the acts of Uzziah”, “Vision of Isaiah”, and “Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel”

— Poet: Most cultured and profound poetry of the prophets; considered superior to that of Homer, Milton, Shakespeare

— Statesman: of noble birth (grandson of King Joash, nephew of Amaziah), counselor to four kings; Jerusalem’s chief citizen; prolonged Jerusalem’s life by >100 years through his counsel to Hezekiah

II. Historical Setting

The time of Isaiah’s ministry: 745-695 BC (50 years) corresponding to 2 Kings 15-20 and 2 Chronicles 26-32

~200 years earlier, the kingdom had divided.

Beginning ~745 BC, Assyria was expanding to regions of Israel and Judah.

Pekah (of Israel) joined Syria and sought Judah’s cooperation against Assyria.

Ahaz (with Isaiah’s encouragement) would not cooperate, so they sought to oust him and replace him.

732 BC Syria was crushed by Assyria, Pekah assassinated the same year: Ahaz bought-off Assyria with money.

Israel defeated by Assyria in 722 BC (Tiglath-Pilezar).

701 BC Sennacherib threatened Judah under Hezekiah.

A pro-Assyria party in Jerusalem counseled Hezekiah to placate Assyria.

A pro-Egyptian party encouraged Hezekiah to seek assistance from Egypt against Sennacherib.

Isaiah counseled Hezekiah to trust only in the Lord, and the Lord delivered Jerusalem supernaturally.

III. Outline of the Book

Part One: The Book of Judgment (chapters 1—39)

1. Prophecies against Judah and Jerusalem (chapters 1-6)
2. Prophecies against Israel (chapters 7-12)
3. The “Burdens” against the nations (chapters 13-23)
4. The Great Transition: Out with the Old Order; In with the New (chapters 24-27)
5. The “Woes” (chapters 28-33)
6. The Great Transition: Out with the Old Order; In with the New (chapters 34-35)
7. Historical interlude, connecting the two sections (chapters 36-39)

Part Two: The Book of Comfort (chapters 40-66)

1. Two Salvations: Cyrus and Messiah (chapters 40-48)
2. Two Servants: Israel and Messiah (chapters 49-57)
3. Two Cities: the Old Jerusalem and the New (chapters 58-66)

IV. Authorship

A. Liberal/Critical Opinion


J. B. Koppe (1780) questioned Isaianic authorship of chapter 50.

Doederlein (1789) denied Isaianic authorship of chapters 40 through 66. His denial was followed by others.
Scholars in the 1800s, divided between those who held this view and those who supported traditional view.

Bernhard Duhm (1892) believed “Second-Isaiah” wrote ch.40-55; postulated “Trito-Isaiah” as author of 56-66.

Since then, liberal critics have sought to find other passages (e.g., chapter 13) to additional “Isaiahs”.

Arguments against Isaiah having written chapters 40 through 66:
1. The setting is Babylonian, not Palestinian.
2. Prophecies of restoration and mention of Cyrus could not have been written before the events.
3. Isaiah’s name absent from this section, though mentioned in chapters 1-39 (hence the author of the last section is anonymous).

B. Traditional/Biblical Opinion

Ecclesiasticus 49:17-25 (between 200 BC and 180 BC; earliest known statement about Isaiah’s authorship outside the book itself) attributes second section to same author as first section.

Dead Sea Scrolls (probably written at the beginning of the first century) treat both sections as a unity.

The New Testament quotes Isaiah by name 20x (and even more times without mentioning his name).

Matthew quotes him by name 6x (3x from each section).

John 12:38-41 quotes Isaiah by name twice in one passage (one time from each section).

V. Internal Evidence for the Unity of Isaiah

25 words or forms unique to Isaiah found in both sections.

“The Holy One of Israel” used 12x in chapters 1-39; 14x in chapters 40-66; only 5x elsewhere in OT

Themes found in both sections:
- Unquenchable fire (1:31/ 66:24)
- Sickness of the nation (1:5-6/ 53:4-5)
- All Gentile nations flowing into the Holy Mountain (2:2/ 56:7/ 66:20)
- God’s “highway” (11:16/ 40:3-5)
- Wolf and lamb, lion eat straw, etc. (11:6-9/ 65:25)
- A Banner for the nations (11:12/ 49:22/ 62:10)

Not written by an exile in Babylon: Author wrote while Jerusalem’s walls were apparently still standing (62:6) and the cities of Judah still existed (40:9) and wrote from a Palestinian vantage point:
- “send to Babylon” (not “from Babylon”—43:14)
- Cyrus comes “from the east” (i.e., from Palestinian viewpoint—46:11)
- From Babylon is called “from there” (not “from here”—52:11)

Could the “Greatest Writing Prophet” (author of chapters 40-66) have remained anonymous? Why were the identities of lesser prophets (like Obadiah) remembered but not this man’s?

VI. Is Isaiah a Microcosm of the Whole Bible?

Isaiah = 66 chapters (The Bible has 66 books)
“The Book of Judgment” = 39 chapters (Old Testament has 39 books)
“The Book of Comfort” = 27 chapters (New Testament has 27 books)
—Opens (as does the New Testament) with John the Baptist (40:3-5)
—Closes (as does the New Testament) with a “New Heavens & New Earth”
—At the exact center (chapter 53) is the atoning death of the Messiah
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1:2-4 Jer 8:7 “birds know, but not My people” God programmed the birds to obey, but we get the opportunity to obey by choice.

1:5-6 Isaiah’s image of the nation as a man sick from head to foot, as a result of the attack of Assyria (vv6-7)

1:9 Re 7:8 Jerusalem compared to Sodom, and called by that name derisively.

1:15 raising hands in prayer (parallel); Pr 15:8 (1Pe x:y) lifting holy hands – prayer of the upright; Pr 21:27 sacrifice of wicked, especially with evil intent

1:16-17 The remedy.

2:2:10b,19b,21b terror, glory (majesty); 2:6 all The Church/Messianic Age

2:10a “raising hands in prayer” (parallel); Pr 15:8 (1Pe x:y) lifting holy hands – prayer of the upright; Pr 21:27 sacrifice of wicked, especially with evil intent

2:15 The Church/Messianic Age

2:6 — 8:19 They were consulting mediums

2:10b,19b,21b terror, glory (majesty); Lu 23: dau of Jer don’t weep for me; Re 6:16 (5:16 Yhwh exalted in that day, in judgment); “in that day” is not always the same day, but a standard phrase of Isaiah (43x) to refer to a particular time; here, an impending judgment unless they repent (which Hezikiyah later did), but they did not later so Babylon sacked the city.

2:22 Those trusting Assyria to protect them from Israel, or Egypt to defend them from the Assyria-Israel alliance, … arrogance that they could take care of everything without God.

2:16ff (2:11,12, 17 :lofty look) haughtiness, arrogant

3:1ff (2:11,12, 17 :lofty look) haughtiness, arrogant

4:5 John 14

5:19 — 1Pe 3:3 “where is the promise of His coming?” But the delay is not evidence that He does not care. Not slack but patient.

6:9-10 — Ac 7:51 allusion Mt 13:yy-13 speaking in parables: dull ears, eyes – don’t want light; Jesus brought light, they didn’t want it, so God sealed their eyes.

9:1-2 See ESV for better wording.

9:3 joy => new Israel: 12:3 joy; 29:19 joy; 35:2 joy, 10 joy; 51:3 comfort, joy, gladness, 11 singing, joy, gladness; 52:9 joy, comfort; 55:12 joy, peace, singing, clapping; 61:3 joy, 7 joy; 65:14 joy; 66:5; Jer 30-33 (31:13 joy) — all characteristics of the Messianic Kingdom: spiritual phenomena, not geopolitical.

9:4 Zech x:68 those who hate us – serve Him without fear

9:7 Lu 1:32-33 I. upon the throne of David; 2. forever; 3. ???

11:1Mt alludes to this via “Nazarite”: “house of the branch”

11:2e The fear of Yhwh is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge, also found in the NT many times: no problem when in right relationship, but awesome if not.

11:6-9 Gentiles and Jews reconciled in Christ: predatory vs domesticated (by God’s law) animals; Gentiles transformed in nature; Child:

Lu 10:19 “nothing by any means shall hurt you” serpents = all the power of Satan; v9 Hab 2:14 the knowledge of the glory shall cover the earth; 2Co 4:6 light of… every region of the Earth; the present age: Ro 15:9-12 gospel coming to the Gentiles

11:15 River = Euphrate

12:3 Woman by the well

14:3-5 Only place in OT that refers to conscious beings in Sheol, but it may be metaphorical.

14:13 Original Babel dwellers built a tower to heaven; Oba x:y; Mt 11:23 “exalted into heaven”

Context: Assyria attacking all these neighbors of Israel.

19:1 Yhwh riding on a swift cloud = Assyrians coming on Egypt

[Steve skipped Ch 23 — “the meaning of this chapter is incredibly difficult” to discern now — too much data lost. “Beyond me.”]

Ch 25-27 Kingdom/Messianic/Church Age

24 Isaiah’s Apocalypse (revelation/-unveiling of something future), not the end of the world, but is on the same subject as Mt 24, the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

24:3-6 Jer x:18ff the land vomits out its inhabitants; Le 18; De 28.

34 – End times or not? Against all nations, but then only Edom (as an example of Gentiles?) Compare 24-25 to 34-35.

35 – Surely the New Covenant.

36-39 – The historical end of the Book of Judgment, || 2Ki 18-19. Possibly Is 38 reports the sickness and Babylonians observing the riches out of chronological order to introduce the rise of Babylonia, when it actually occurred before the delivery of Jerusalem (cf. 38:6) and before the gold was stripped from the doors of the Temple (2Ki 18:14-16). Isaiah may have reordered the events to make the transition to the Book of Comfort, which is all about Babylonia, with no sign of Assyria.

The Book of Comfort

It is written as if the Babylonian exile has already happened, but that cannot be the case, as Isaiah died before that. Nor is there a transition statement. But the NT writers and Jesus state that it was written by Isaiah. Thus, this was written ~200 years before the events prophesied, even to naming Cyrus.

Three segments of 9 chapters each, the first two ending with “There is no peace for the wicked.” (In contrast, it says over and again that there is peace for the righteous.)

40-48 Focus on release of God’s people from captivity.

40:1-2 Starts with “Comfort!”

40:3-8 Then it jumps to the Messianic Age, as indicated by verses quoted in the NT.

I hope you have learned your lesson: 40:12 What man is equal to God?
40:18 What idol is like God?
41:4b 48:xx X:yy Rev 1st last
41:7 You do the work to bring your “god” into existence.
41:25 Cyrus (not by name)
44:45: Cyrus again mentioned
41-46: Repeated mocking of idols.
One God (first, last, only), creator of everything, can predict the future because He controls everything.
So why do you make idols?
“I am” is a title not a statement: the tense of the verb does not change with context:
43:12-13 Before the day was, I am He.
46:3-4 Even to your old age, I am He.
Jn 8:58 “I am” (ego eime: I am (he)) is not the same Greek as the LXX in Ex when God said to Moses “I am”. Before Abraham was, I am He: same as Is 43:12. So the title comes from Isaiah, not Exodus.
Servant Motif (esp. ch 43)
49-57 Focus on the Servant: Israel, and then Messiah/Christ. Israel was not an obedient servant, so a new Israel was needed to replace him.
52:13 really should be the beginning of ch 53. Song in five stanzas of three verses each.
52:13-15 introduction: servant to be exalted, but before, He was beat up, thus to benefit many nations
1Pe 1:2 sprinkled with blood of C; He: same as Is 43:12. So the title comes from Isaiah, not Exodus.
53:1-3 see inserted notes.
53:4-6 He suffered for us: healed = reconciling; 1Pe 2:24 you were healed by returning to God.
53:7-9 Silence.
53:10-12 Too many pronouns (referring to the Father and/or Christ).
Bore sin for all or many? Mk 10:25 1, Tim 2:6 Paul indicates the many are all.
54:13... alluded to by Jesus
Last section 58-66:
58: “Fast” by doing good, not by abstaining from food.
59: You have set up a barrier between yourselves and God, so He WILL not hear you. Paul’s quote: we Jews have been advantaged, but it has done us no good: we are not better than the Gentiles. Many quotes: some Jews have been just as bad as Gentiles: your own Scriptures document such (not all, but many; there was always a remnant).
Rom 11: Paul quotes vv20-21 to argue that Jesus is YHWH among us doing what He said.
Ro 13:12 – putting on Christ, puts on God’s armor because He has.
60: New Zion/Jerusalem based on the remnant: the Church in the Kingdom Age (now, mostly, but perhaps also after the Resurrection).
61: Jesus quoted v-2a and ended with “this is fulfilled in your hearing”. He did not read the next phrase, but did announce that vengeance later. Day of judgment contrasted in Isaiah with “acceptable year” = Jubilee, according almost all commentators: every 50th year.
61:4b “many gens”: not just the 2 or 3 since the Exile.
63:4 Again day of vengeance contrasted with year of redeemed.
64:6 “like filthy rags” Lu JtB’s parents acted righteously; Ac 10:2 righteous acts; v6: “all your righteousnesses” – as if you were righteous people (hypocritical). Not a blanket statement true of all people of all times: not Cornelius, not JtB’s parents, etc.
66 God’s moves out of the temple into His people: they are His house now. They chose their own ways, but He chose their delusions. Jn 9: blind man testified, then cast out. Ro 16:15 Paul’s offering of the Gentiles: v66:20. v24 Mk 9: Jesus calls this Gehenna (the Valley of Hinnom), so this is AD 70.