



Studies in the Book of

Isaiah

ISAIAH: PART 2

"The theme of the whole (part two) is the comforting announcement of the approaching deliverance, and its attendant summons to repentance. For the deliverance itself was for the Israel which remained true to the confession of Jehovah in the midst of affliction and while redemption was delayed, and not for the rebellious, who denied Jehovah in word and deed, and thus placed themselves on the level of the heathen." – Delitzsch, Isaiah, Vol. II., p. 128.

I. Jehovah and the Idols – A Contrast. Deliverance from captivity and restoration of the Exiles, (Chs. 40-48).

II. The Mission of the Servant of Jehovah – Contrast between His present suffering and future glory, (Chs. 49-57).

III. Future Glory of the People of God and the Doom of Apostates – (a contrast between the faithful and the hypocrites in Israel). (Chs. 58-66).

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"The Hebrew word for servant means a person at the disposal of another – to carry out his will, to do his work, represent his interests. It was thus applied to the representatives of a king or the worshippers of a god." – George Adam Smith, The Book of Isaiah, Vol. II., p. 272.

ISAIAH (PART 2 – 40-66) **Review**

II. The Mission of the Servant of Jehovah – Contrast between His present suffering and future glory, (Chs. 49-57).

- A. The Servant of Jehovah and Jehovah's readiness to aid, (49:1-50:3).
- B. The Servant of Jehovah – His present distress and - steadfastness in contrast to Israel – and Israel's future deliverance, (50:4-52:12).
- C. The Servant of Jehovah – His vicarious suffering and ultimate exaltation, (52:13-53:12).
 - 1. The Servant's destiny, (52:13-15).
 - 2. His career, (53:1-3).
 - 3. His suffering, (vv. 4-6).
 - 4. His submission, (vv. 7-9).
 - 5. His reward, (vv. 10-12). (From Robinson).
- D. Future splendor of Zion – Promises and exhortations, (54:1-56:8).

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- D. Future splendor of Zion – Promises and exhortations, (54:1-56:8).
1. The enlargement of Zion – blessings on God’s people (54:1-8).
 2. Jerusalem of the last days never to be destroyed: its glory and happiness – “Servants of the Lord” have lasting peace (54:9-17).
 3. An invitation to come; mercy is free for all, (Ch. 55).
 - a. Come and drink without price – sure mercies of God (vv. 1-5).
 - b. Seek Lord while He may be found – seen by word (vv. 6-13).
 4. Sabbatical admonitions and consolation for proselytes and eunuchs – keeping “sabbaths” used to exemplify keeping His will (56:1-8).
- E. Neglect of duty by the leaders of Israel and errors of the people: Warning to the wicked (from the captivity the prophet looks back to the present conditions of his day which caused the captivity), (56:9-57:21).
1. Blind guides of Israel rebuked – harsh words are God’s (56:9-12).
 2. Early death of righteous accounted for – fault of wicked (57:1-2).
 3. Israel severely rebuked for idolatry – reason for captivity (57:3-13).
 4. Salvation for the humble; no peace for the wicked, (57:14-21).

Questions

1. “Do not _____, for you will not be _____; neither be _____, for you will not be _____ to _____; for you will _____ the shame of your _____, and will not remember the _____ of your _____ anymore.”

2. God had “forsaken” or “hid” His face from Israel for only a _____ in comparison to His “_____ kindness” and mercy shown to them.

3. The blessings promised to Israel in the latter part of Isaiah 54 are given as “the heritage” to whom? _____

4. What is promised to those who thirst and are hungry? _____
_____ Is this meant literally? _____

5. When were they to “seek the Lord” and “call” on Him? _____

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6. What were the conditions on which the wicked could find mercy and abundant pardon from the Lord? _____

7. “So shall my _____ be that goes forth from _____; it shall not _____ to Me _____, but it shall _____ what I please, and it shall _____ in the thing for which I _____ it.”

8. In Isaiah 56, the keeping of what command is given as a condition for receiving God’s blessings? _____

9. To what are the watchmen of Israel compared? _____

10. Some claimed they had fasted, but said that God had not seen and afflicted their souls despite their fasting. Why had God brought punishment on them despite their fasting? _____

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58:1 – 59:21