

- 21 Therefore hear this, you who are afflicted,
who are drunk, but not with wine:
- 22 Thus says your Lord, the LORD,
your God who pleads the cause of his people:
"Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of
staggering;
the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more;
- 23 and I will put it into the hand of your tormentors,
who have said to you,
'Bow down, that we may pass over';
and you have made your back like the ground
and like the street for them to pass over."

The LORD's Coming Salvation

- 52** Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion;
put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for there shall no more come into you
the uncircumcised and the unclean.
- 2 Shake yourself from the dust and arise;
be seated, O Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

³For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." ⁴For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. ⁵Now therefore what have I here," declares the LORD, "seeing that my

21 Here they are pictured as being drunk, but not on alcohol. Here they are consumed and controlled by sinful lust. The need of more and more till it is all that matters.

22 God wants them to know that He plans to change all this. He may have unleashed His wrath but He has not forgotten them. He is going to deal with restoring them.

23 God plans to turn the table and punish THEIR ENEMIES who have tormented them. These are the one who made them slaves to bow down to them. They had been totally conquered by these who God will deal with. The image of the enemy walking on the backs of the defeated will be reversed by God.

1 Here is a 3rd call from the Lord to awake from their sinful slumber. This is a call to remove their sinful, dark ways and put on the holiness of God. Jerusalem is described as "the holy city." This is how God wants to see Jerusalem, filled with faithful followers. God is promising to again protect the city when they turn to Him.

2 THE TIME FOR MOURNING IS PAST. THEY ARE TO RISE UP IN RIGHTEOUSNESS and return to their proper place before God. They are no longer captives but free. The restrictions of the enemy are removed. Return to God and He will Restore You, is God's message to them. This message of restoration and hope precedes God's punishment. This shows his purpose in them is always positive even when chastising them w/ enemy armies.

3 Babelon took Israel and gave God nothing. When He takes them back He will give Babelon nothing. The "redemption" will be to free the people from their sins. Here is a shadow of what CHRIST will do on the cross where the payment is to God so they can return and be seated w/ Him.

4 This has happened before w/ Egypt & Assyria & God set them free then too. Here is what Young calls "the history of Affliction (p327)"

5 God turns from History to the present with "NOW THEREFORE." He is looking and sees it is happening again. His people are taken from Him.

people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail," declares the LORD, "and continually all the day my name is despised. ⁶Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am."

- 7 How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of
happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
- 8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
- 9 Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
He has redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.
- 11 Depart, depart, go out from there;
touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,
you who bear the vessels of the LORD.
- 12 For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight,

HYMN OF PRAISE FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE FROM CAPTIVITY

5b) The people are captives and the leaders are overcome by sorrow. Things are so bad the people are blaming God even as their captors make fun of a God who could not protect them. Everyone has turned against God.

6) God plans to restore His name and His people so they will once again know and hear God. To know God here refers to a relationship that is far more than mere knowledge. They will experience His presence.

— This is a Hymn of Hope and deliverance filled w/ promises —

7) Paul equates this to the Good news about Jesus. (Rom 10.15) The mountains are symbolic of the Good news coming down from above. Here the messenger is a blessing because of the message. How appropriate that the word Gospel means "Good news." This is a message that reaches beyond religious or social barriers w/ the salvation or deliverance of God being proclaimed.

8) The watchman's job was to warn of any approaching danger. Here instead He calls out of the return of the Lord to Zion & to deliver His people. Eye to eye they see. This close to Rev. 1.7 where it states, "every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him." To God's people this can only be pure joy.

9) The most obscure and waste places are called on to share in the celebration. God's long awaited deliverance has arrived.

10) God's might has been revealed, (laid bare), to all the nations. Here we see not just the salvation of the Jews but of those anywhere who respond to the messenger of the Good news (vs 7) and the watchman (vs 8) who cries out in joy. Here again we see God's ultimate goal in His covenant w/ Abraham. To restore Humanity to divine Fellowship w/ Holiness and righteousness.

11) Here is the call to anyone, anywhere who will hear and respond to this call from God. This call is to turn from sin and to grasp the holiness of God as a personal standard of daily living. The vessels here are symbolic of the message and the name of God. To carry these requires dedication and proper preparation.

12a) Unlike the Exodus from Egypt this will not be done in fear or in haste.

for the LORD will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

4th Servant Song
The Suffering Servant



13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. *(pay attention)*

14 As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — *(shocked, horrified)*
(Negative reaction)
DISFIGURED

15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. — peoples Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. *(sprinkling as done in the offering in the temple.)*

53 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? *(uncovered revealed)*
Luke 24:27
Jesus

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; *(sucker branch)*
(ordinary, not much hope)
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. *(nothing to draw attention to him)*

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Nothing like Paul's image.

12b The reason they will not fear or rush is the presence of God. He was there for the Hebrews leaving Egypt but they focused on their fears instead of God and lost their way.

- 13-15 serve as the introduction for chapter 53 and an outline of His ministry v.13 obedience & victory v.14 His suffering v.15 His triumph.
 - 13 The servant is shown as acting wisely or working to achieve His goal. Because of this He will succeed and be rewarded or exalted. The New T. shows this in Phil. 2:9-11 where Jesus is worshipped.
 - 14 The reason He has been exalted is His suffering for others. The magnitude of this suffering so disfigures Him to look unhuman.
 - 15 starts by stating the reason for His suffering. The sprinkling (of His blood) for the nations. Another reference to the scope of His purpose to redeem all the nations not just Israel. His suffering will conquer Kings and Kingdoms. His message will be universally known and understood. Paul applied this to the message of the sharing of the "Good News" in Romans 15:21. "So shall He sprinkle" is a direct reference to O.T. sacrifices. (see Lev 14:7; Lev 4:6; 8:11) This is done to obtain ritual purity through the sacrifice and the shedding of blood. Here is the ministry, purpose and victory of Christ.
- 1 This prophecy starts in the past tense as if it was history. To God it was. Existing outside of time to Him this was both future and past. John 12:38, 41; Rom 10:16 point to those who did not believe His message. Here the question is both negative and positive. Some did not believe and rejected Him while others believed in Him.
 - 2 Here we see the servant's appearance both physically and socially. His surroundings are humble and wanting but he is being watched over by God. That there is no form of majesty is a reference that the exterior of a man does not show his true qualities or destiny. His outward appearance is not striking or exceptional. Here is a picture of God's son hidden in a poor village totally unrecognizable - except to His heavenly father who is carefully caring for Him.
 - 3 "To neglect to accept Him is to reject Him." John 13:8 His ministry was filled w/controversy and conflict. The Jewish leaders who should have followed Him, rejected Him. Today, He is rejected and replaced by over 4200 various religions. His emotions place Him as understanding our grief. The we is an ongoing problem of unbelief.