# ISAIAH PART 2

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# THE PROBLEM WITH CHRONOLOGY ...

### CHAPTER 36-39 CHRONOLOGICALLY

- Hezekiah's Illness and recovery (38)
- Hezekiah's foolish hospitality (39)
- Hezekiah confronted with Sennacherib
  - Assyria's challenge (36)
    - Sennacherib's invasion of Judah (1-3)
    - Rabshekeh's Threat (4-20)
  - God's deliverance (37)

### THE SERVANT SONGS (40-66)

- I. The Promise of Restoration (40-48)
  - A. God the Great Comforter (40)
    - 1. God is coming to His People
      - a. Comfort Yahweh's People (1-2)
      - b. Prepare for God's coming (3-5)
      - c. His coming is certain (6-8)
      - d. The character of His coming (9-11(
    - 2. The Incomparable greatness of God
      - a. Over Creation (12-17)
      - b. Over Idols (18-20)
      - c. Over earthly rulers (21-24)
      - d. Over pagan deities (25-26)

3. God provides us with unfailing strength (27-31)

#### The Promise of Restoration (40-48)

#### B. The Greatness of God contrasted with idols

- 1. The near prophecy (through Cyrus 1-7)
- 2. The Distant Prophecy: Blessing for Israel (8-20)

#### **INTERPRETING THE SERVANT SONGS**

Proposed by some:

 The servant as a collective
The servant as an individual
The Servant viewed synthetically
The key to identifying the servant – study what the Bible says about him. IO CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT.He will effect a proper ordering of all society42:1Mat 25:31-46Jude 14-15

42:6-7

He will mediate a New Covenant for Israel effecting the salvation both of the people of Israel and the land of Israel

He did not become discouraged or lose confidence 49:4 in Yahweh during His rejection by Israel 50:4-9 Rom 11:26-27 Act 3:20;25 Rom 9:4 Heb 11:15

Heb 9:27=28

Matt 11:25-27 John 16:33 Phil 2:9-11 Heb 12:2-3

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IO CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT.He will learn submissively from Yahweh50:4-6John 5:19

While rejected by Israel, He will bring salvation to<br/>the Gentiles42:6<br/>49:5-6Matt 23:37-39<br/>John 10:16<br/>Acts 13:37

He will suffer vicariously for the sins of Israel and 53:4-6 the Gentiles 1Pet 2:24 2Cor 5:21 Eph 2:13-16

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IO CHARACTERISTICS OF T	HE SUFFERING	G SERVANT.
He will suffer innocently	53:9	John 8:48 Heb 7:28
He will suffer silently	53:7	Matt 27:12,14
He will die during his suffering, and will be resurrected to an exalted position by Yahweh	52:13-14; 53:10	Matt 27:50 Luke 24:36-39 Acts 1:3 Acts 2:33-34
He will die with criminals but will be buried w rich man	vith a 53:9,12	Matt 27:4, 57, 60

WHO DOES THIS SOUND LIKE ?

### THE SERVANT SONGS – FIRST (42)

- 1. The Servant will effect Justice (1-4)
- 2. Yahweh promises to assist the Messiah Servant (5-7)
- 3. Yahweh directs attention to His Glory (8-9)

## THE SERVANT SONGS – SECOND (49)

- 1. The Servant's divine commission (1-7)
  - a. The call and labor of Messiah (1-4)
  - b. The commission of the Messiah (5-6)
  - c. The humiliation and exaltation of Messiah (7)
- The Servant's future restoration of Israel (8-13)

## THE SERVANT SONGS – THIRD (50:4-11)

- 1. The education of the Servant (4-9)
  - a. His training and voluntary submission (4-6)
  - b. His help from Yahweh during rejection (7-9)
- 2. The followers of the Servant must trust God (10-11)

#### THE SERVANT SONGS - FOURTH(52:13-53:12)

Evidence from rabbinic literature indicates that early Jews applied this passage to the Messiah. The first century <u>Targum Yonathan ben Uzziel</u> opens the prophecy with the words, 'Behold, my servant, the Messiah, prospers."

Under the influence of Jewish tragedies during the Crusades, Rashi (C. 1040-1105) interpreted Isaiah 53 as referring to Israel. Although rejected by the great Jewish scholar, Maimonides (1135-1204), Rashi's opinion became authoritative in Jewry.

### THE SERVANT SONGS – FOURTH(52:13-53:12)

 The Servant's victory through humiliation (52:13-15)

Exaltation(13) / Humiliation(14) / Astonishment(15)

- The Servants rejection by Israel (53:1-3) Unbelief(1) / Unattractiveness(2) / Rejection(3)
- 3. The Servant's suffering for sin (53:4-6)

a. He bore the consequences of Sin (4)

- b. He suffered to bring peace and healing (5)
- c. He bore divine wrath for our guilt (6)

### THE SERVANT SONGS – FOURTH(52:13-53:12)

- 4. The Servants death (7-9)
  - a. He submitted to death willingly (7)
  - b. His generation failed to comprehend the meaning of his death (8)
  - c. He suffered innocently (9)
- 5. The Servants recompense for suffering (10-12)
  - a. He will gain spiritual progeny and prosper (10)
  - b. He will justify many (11)
  - c. He will be exalted (12)

#### • In Invitation to Salvation (55)

### THE CLOSING PROMISE OF PEACE (58-66)

- 1. Hand ritual without heart righteousness is not acceptable to God (58)
- 2. The gospel in the Old Testament (59)
- Israel has a glorious future and significant ministry in the messianic kingdom (60)
- 4. The Messiah who ministered salvation at his first coming will minister comfort for the redeemed at his second coming (61)
- 5. In the messianic kingdom, redeemed Israel will be vindicated, honored, and protected (62)
- 6. At his second coming, Messiah will execute his judgment on the unbelieving enemies of Israel (63:1-6)
- Redeemed Israel prays for Yahweh to deal mercifully with his repentant people (63:7-64:12)
- Yahweh declares that he will judge the wicked and preserve the righteous (65)

Here Isaiah introduces the subject of the "new heavens and earth" (65:17, 66:22, 2 Pet. 3:13, Rev. 21:1).

9. Redeemed Israel has a glorious future in the messianic age (66)