

Mount Zion A.M.E. Church of New Brunswick, NJ

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God Foretells of Redemption

Isaiah 49:1-13

Section Review

Partners in a New Creation

God Delivers and Restores

- **6/5: Isaiah 47:10-15;** Isaiah foretells of the Babylonians destruction for their brutality and idolatry.

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Background

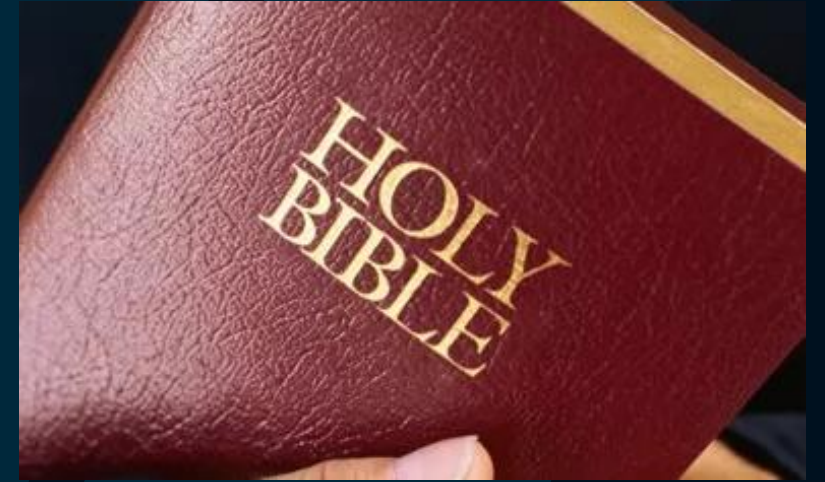
- The prophecies of Isaiah can be complex because sometimes it is difficult to determine WHO the prophet is referring to... Cyrus of Persia, the faithful remnant of Israel, or the Messiah – Jesus Christ.
- The prophecy was written during their 70-year exile in Babylon and in **Isaiah 48**, God explains why they are there and His plan to restore them thru King Cyrus
- Within **Isaiah 42 – 50**, there are 4 'Servant Songs'. Isaiah 49 is considered by scholars to be the 2nd of these songs.. The others are in **42:1-9; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12**)

Lesson Text

The Servant, the Light to the Gentiles

ISAIAH 49:1 – 2 (NKJV)

¹ “Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The Lord has called Me from the womb; From the ^[a]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.”



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Commentary: The Word of God

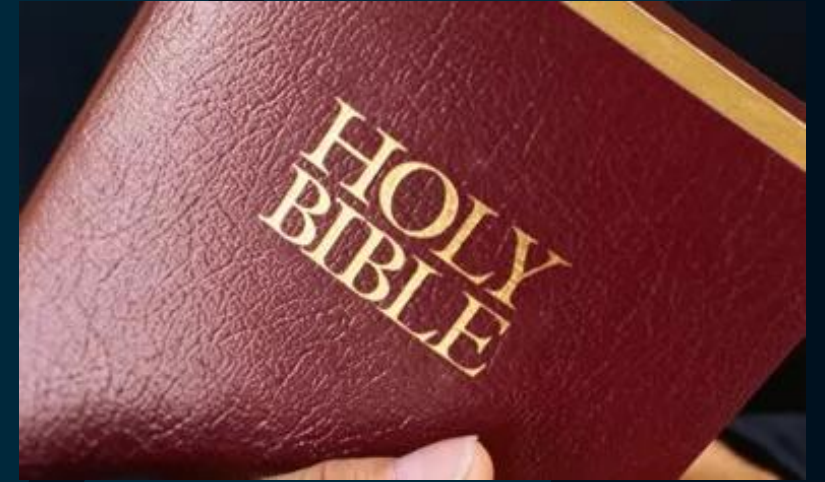
- From these passages, we can know that the God the Father is speaking of God the Son
- He was chosen in His mother's womb (**Matthew 1:18-25**)
- He is described as the Word who became flesh (**John 1:1-5;14-16**)
- The Word is also referred to as a sword – a symbol repeated in the New Testament regarding His ability to speak truth to those seeking it and to rebuke those who oppose it (**Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 4:7-9**)

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The Servant, the Light to the Gentiles

ISAIAH 49:3 – 4 (NKJV)

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 ^[b]just reward is with the Lord, And my ^[c]work with my God.’ ”



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Commentary: Who is Israel

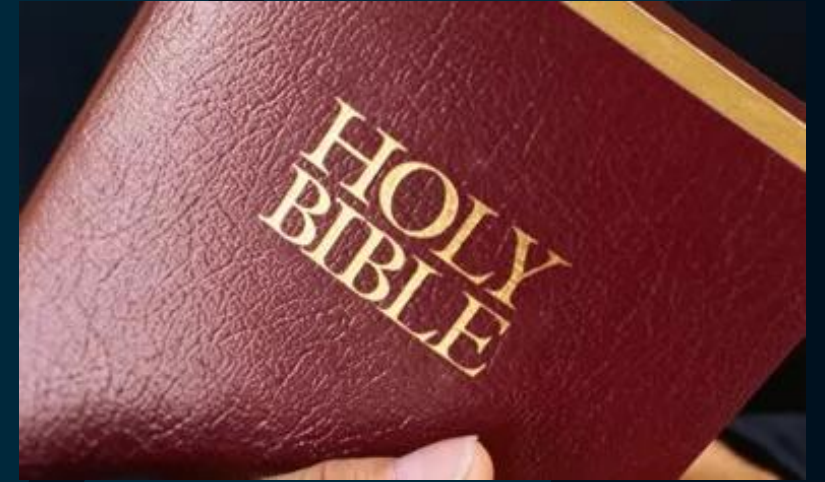
- The term means “wrestled with God”, referring to Jacob wrestling with God’s servant, being humbled in the process to serve God and not his selfish desires
- The name however has been applied not just to Jacob, but also to the nation – at its largest population and to its smallest remnant
- But ultimately, it is not about a nation-state like modern-day Israel, nor those of Jewish ancestry (**Romans 9:6**) but it is about the **ROLE** that a true Israelite carries

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The Servant, the Light to the Gentiles

ISAIAH 49:5 (NKJV)

⁵ “And now the Lord says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is ^[d]gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, And My God shall be My strength),

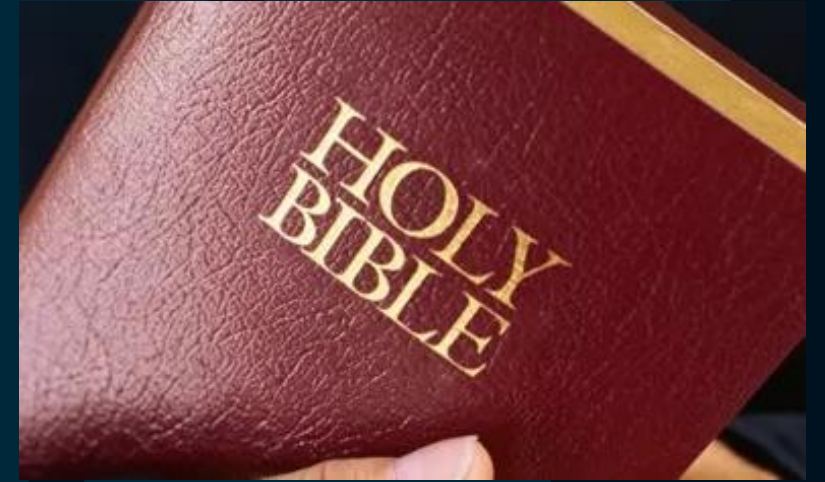


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ISAIAH 49:6 (NKJV)

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 earth.' "

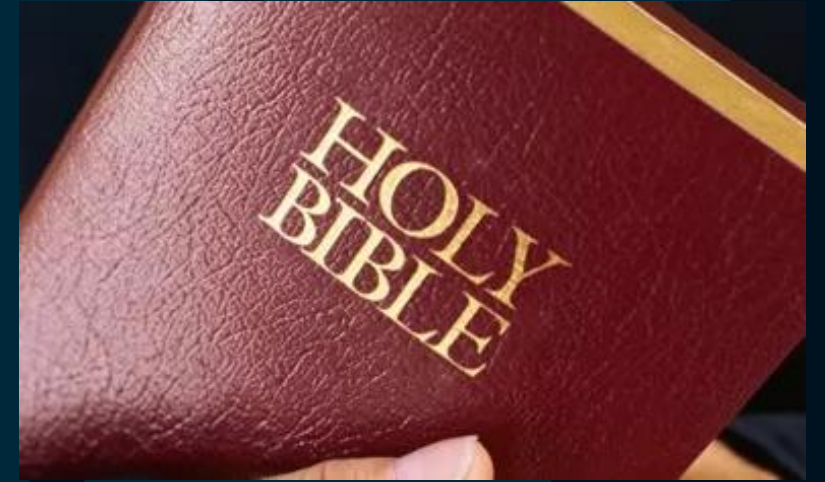


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ISAIAH 49:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Thus says the Lord, The Redeemer of Israel, [^e]their Holy One, To Him [^f]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 the Lord who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You."

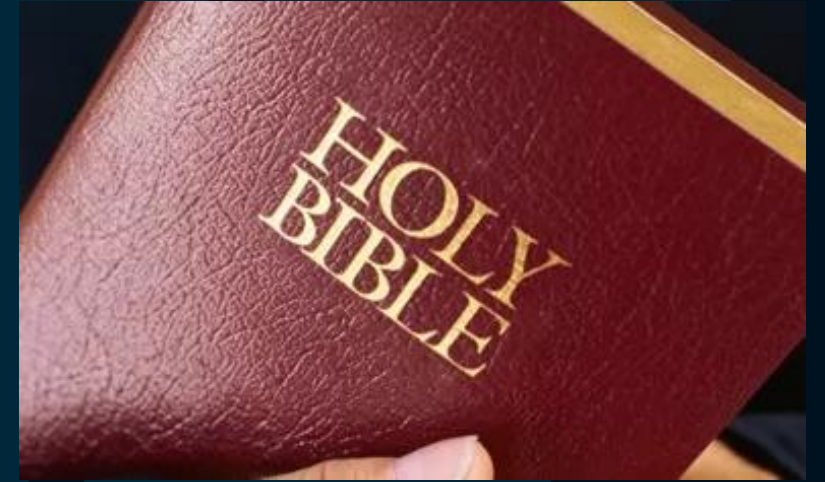


Lesson Text

Promises of Israel's Restoration

ISAIAH 49:8 – 9 (NKJV)

⁸ Thus says the Lord: “In an acceptable^[g] time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will ^[h]preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate ^[i]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.



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Commentary: Israel's Role

- A true Israelite does the following:
- Declares the Word of God
- Glorifies God through their worship and lifestyle
- Redeems the true worshippers of Israel
- Becomes a light unto the Gentiles, becoming a means for them to become members of God's family (**Romans 11:13-25**)
- The original intent for the people of Israel was to save the world through their example
- When they failed, Christ fulfilled what they could not

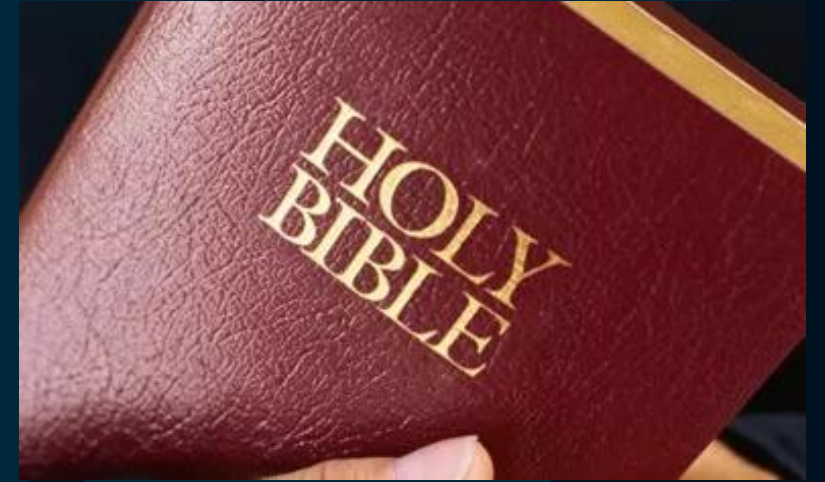
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ISAIAH 49:10 – 11 (NKJV)

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,
And My highways shall be elevated.

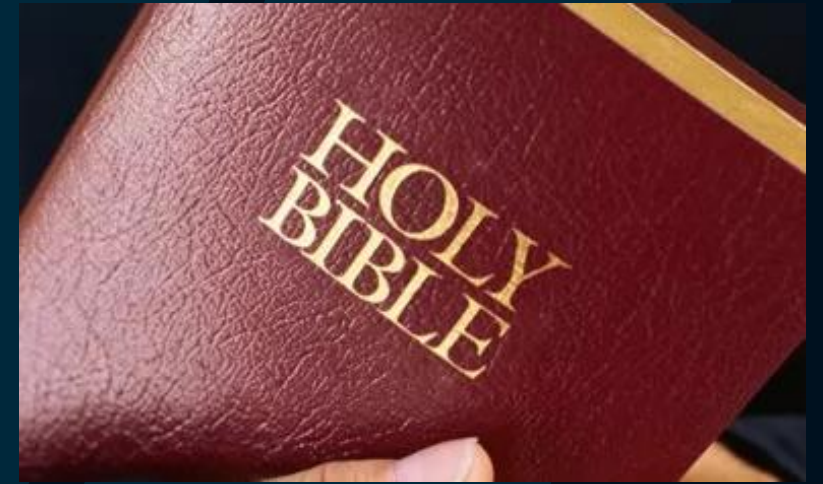


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Promises of Israel's Restoration

ISAIAH 49:12 – 13 (NKJV)

¹² Surely these shall come from afar; Look! Those from the north and the west, And these from the land of Sinim.” ¹³ Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, And will have mercy on His afflicted.



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Commentary: Filled in Christ

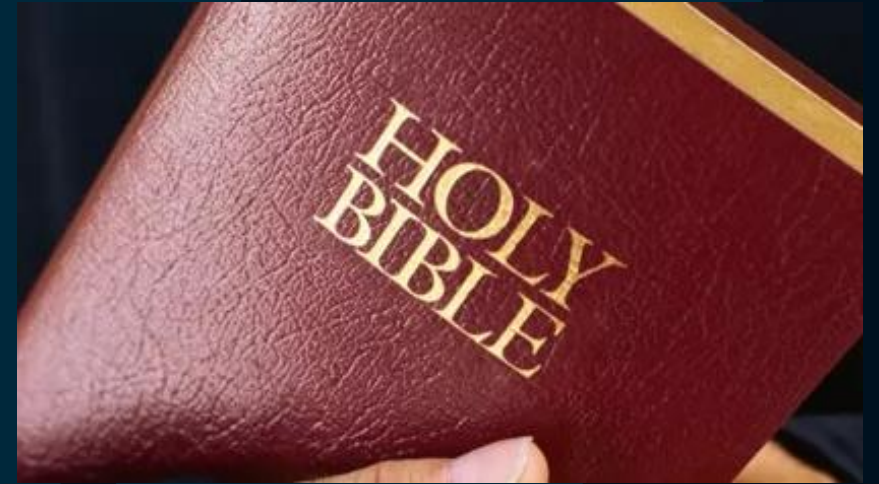
- In Christ, there is no thirst because of the Living Waters He provides (**John 4:10-14; 6:35**)
- In Christ, there is no hunger because of the Bread of Life He provides (**John 6:35; 48-59**)
- In Christ, there is comfort, for He sends the Comforter (**John 14:15-18**)
- In Christ there is mercy for the afflicted, because He bore our afflictions (**Isaiah 53**)

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CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a **Christian**
Every Christian a **worker**
Every worker **trained**
A worker that **will not be ashamed**
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

BENEDICTION

We have come
We have studied
We have learned
So until our next coming together
To study God's word
May His rich blessings reside with you
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN