

# Isaiah 49:1-26

1 Listen to Me, O islands, — *the gentile nations*

*don't just listen but focus on nothing but what is being said*  
*the messiah is speaking*  
*his name shall be called "Jesus"*

And pay attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called Me from the womb;

*5 things concerning Messiah being a divinely sent agent*  
*so "pay attention" to what He says...*

From the body of My mother He named Me.

2 He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, — *Hebrew 4:12*

*a divine messenger*

In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; *God will protect this servant*  
*"concealed"*  
*"hidden"*

And He has also made Me a select arrow,

He has hidden Me in His quiver.

*sword: enemies near*  
*arrow: enemies far away*

*Here is what God said to the Messiah*

3 He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory." *John 1:14*

*Christ was "Israel" The model Jew*  
*The chosen "seed" of Abraham through whom the world would be blessed..*

*Messiah will be rejected by the nation*

4 But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity;

Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD,

*But He is faithful to God and thus will be honored by God...*

And My reward with My God."

5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,

*because of His faithfulness God will honor Christ greatly*

*the Lord from whom the Messiah received a task... a task to gather Israel*

To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him

*... a task to which Messiah was faithful...*

(For I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

*... and was helped by God.*

And My God is My strength),

*here is Messiah's reward from God,*

6 He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant

*- to be the savior of Israel*

To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of

*and light to all the world*

Israel;

I will also make You a light of the nations

*Acts 13:47 Paul's first message to the synagogue*

salvation brings light

So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, *YHWH is Israel's Redeemer and Holy One... who is faithful to His promises*

He speaks to Messiah

To the despised One,

each term is about the nation's insult to Christ

To the One abhorred by the nation, *✡*

To the Servant of rulers, *i.e. the Sanhedrin, Pharisees, Caiaphas, Annas*

Gentiles will honor whom the nation rejected

"Kings will see and arise, *in honor of the King of kings*

Princes will also bow down, *in honor of the Lord of lords*

the nations will recognize who He truly is...

Because of the Lord who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has

chosen You." *see also Philippians 2:5-11*

8 Thus says the LORD,

lit. "a time of good pleasure"

"In a favorable time I have answered You, *As Christ trusted and obeyed God*

And in a day of salvation I have helped You;

God would intervene in Christ's rejection with a time of reconciliation for man and a day of salvation

And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, *and after a day of salvation to all men - Messiah will restore Israel to the land in the Kingdom of God*

*in 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 This is explained... The DAY of SALVATION is "Now"*

To restore the land, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages;

Saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,'

*vv 8b-12 like a 2nd Moses Israel will be led back home.*

To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'

Along the roads they will feed,

And their pasture *will be* on all bare heights.

10 "They will not hunger or thirst, *manna, water from the rock*

Nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; a cloud by day

For He who has compassion on them will lead them

And will guide them to springs of water. *as in Numbers "Spring up 'O well"*

11 "I will make all My mountains a road, *brought down*

And My highways will be raised up. *raised up before the King*

12 "Behold, these will come from afar;

And lo, these *will come* from the north and from the west, *re-gathered nation*

And these from the land of Sinim." *Some feel "China"*

13 Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth!  
Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains!

*all of nature will rejoice  
Rom. 8:18-22*

For the LORD has comforted His people *☆*

And will have compassion on His afflicted.

14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,  
And the Lord has forgotten me." *But such a miracle will sound  
unimaginable to Israel...  
How they shall feel*

15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child

*But God loves this nation with  
an everlasting love*

And have no compassion on the son of her womb?

Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.

16 "Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands;

*never to be forgotten*

Your walls are continually before Me. *Jerusalem*

17 "Your builders hurry;

*a bold contrast*

Your destroyers and devastators

Will depart from you.

18 "Lift up your eyes and look around;

All of them gather together, they come to you. *the nation gathers like doves to roost*

As I live," declares the LORD,

"You will surely put on all of them as jewels and bind them on as a

bride. *newly returned to God like Gomer*

*the beauty of the  
nation will be  
a gathered obedient  
people*

19 "For your waste and desolate places and your destroyed land—

Surely now you will be too cramped for the inhabitants, *noisy with children*

And those who swallowed you will be far away. *but safe from the oppressors*

20 "The children of whom you were bereaved will yet say in your ears,

'The place is too cramped for me;

Genesis 12:1-3

Make room for me that I may live *here*.'

21 "Then you will say in your heart,

'Who has begotten these for me,

Miraculous!

Since I have been bereaved of my children

And am barren, an exile and a wanderer?

And who has reared these?

Behold, I was left alone;

From where did these come?"

22 Thus says the Lord GOD,

"Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations

And set up My standard to the peoples;

And they will bring your sons in *their* bosom,

And your daughters will be carried on *their* shoulders.

A world of believers in  
God as the Kingdom age  
begins...

brought back as treasure  
occupants

23 "Kings will be your guardians,

And their princesses your nurses.

They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth

as to Joseph

And lick the dust of your feet;

And *you* will know that I am the LORD;

Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.

God will not disappoint  
in accomplishing His  
purposes..

24 "Can the prey be taken from the mighty man,

Jesus would answer  
this in Luke 11:20-23

Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?"

impossible with men

25 Surely, thus says the LORD,

But possible with God

"Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away,

And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued;

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For I will contend with the one who contends with you,

And I will save your sons.

<sup>26</sup> "I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh,

*And Justice to  
evil men*

And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet

wine;

And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior

And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."