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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

Isaiah 49

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Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth

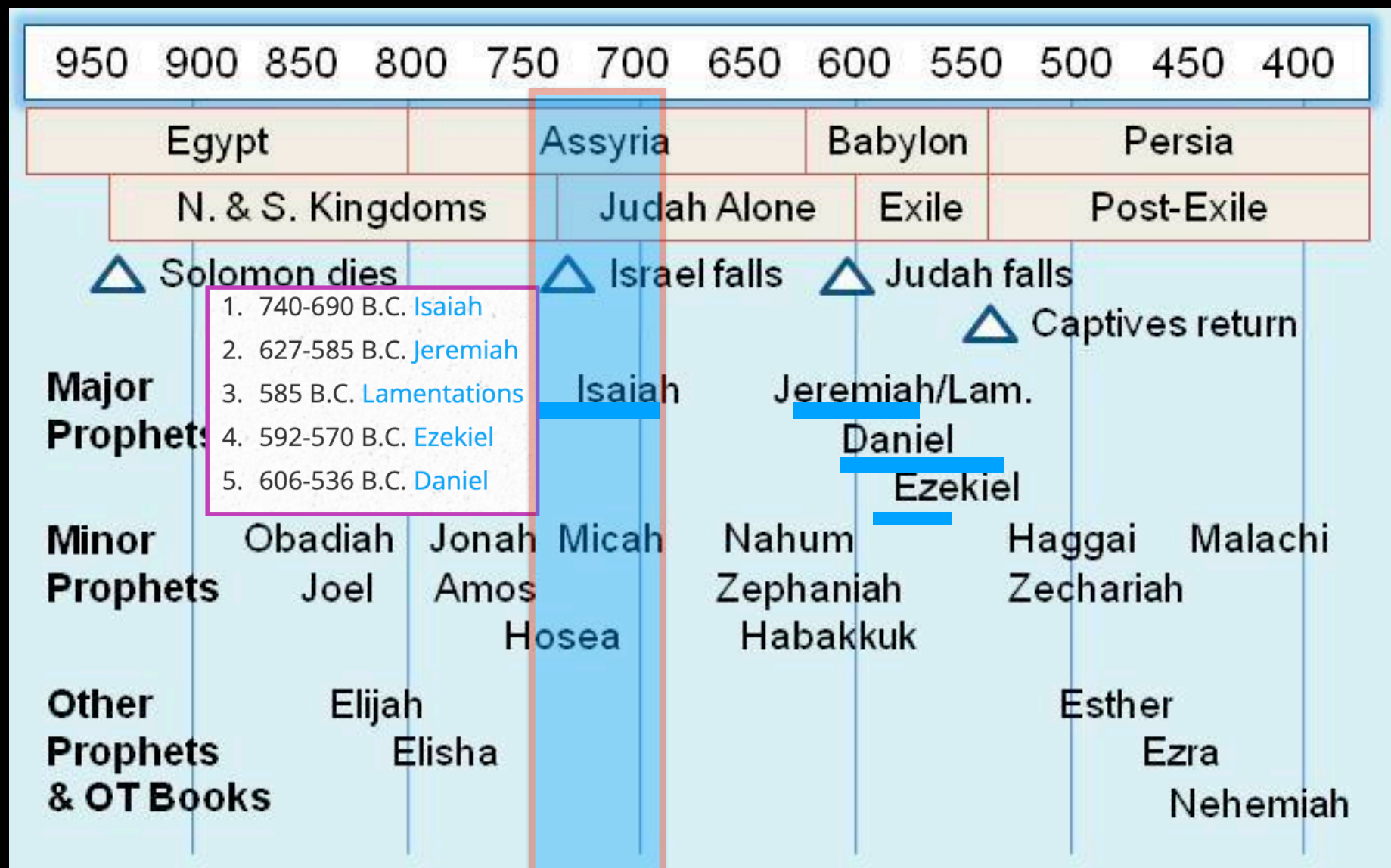


Continuing

**Now for the Redemption of
Israel, the Nations and all Creation**

Isaiah 49-66

**“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
Isaiah 65:17**



Explain the Structure of 49-55

The Home Stretch

- “.... the oracles in chaps. 49-55 are **not about**
- (a) the coming of a great **conqueror of the nations**,
- (b) the defeat of the Daughter of **Babylon** and her gods,
- (c) the **uselessness of constructing** and worshipping idols made of wood,
- (d) themes like the **former things** and the later things, or
- (e) descriptions of God as the **first** and the last; and
- (f) these messages are no longer addressed to the **blind and sinful** servant Jacob.”
- Smith, Gary U. *Isaiah 40-66: Volume 15 (The New American Commentary)* (p. 353). B&H Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

Explain the Structure of 49-55 In Terms of the Redeemer

- “These were very important issues that were central to the message in 40-48,
- “but chaps. 49-55 focus much more attention on the character, role, and difficult ministry of the **Servant of the Lord** (49:1-13; 50:4-11) and include a long discussion of the **suffering** and **victory** of this individual in 52:13-53:12”.
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Theme in this Section Isaiah 49-55

- ¹¹So will **My word be which goes forth from My mouth;** It will not return to Me empty, **Without accomplishing what I desire,** And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

- **In a chaotic and evil world we need to be reminded of this truth—**
- **It never is so dark that the Dawn cannot overcome it!**



The Restoration of Israel The Nations and the Creation

Isaiah 49-66

The Father Explains the Son's Mission

News flash!

We must assume that Jesus discovered His mission in the text of Scripture-Isaiah? ...he “emptied Himself (leaving divine prerogatives dormant, taking on active humanity), taking the form of a **bond-servant**, and being made in the **likeness of men**.
Philippians 2:7



The Restoration of all Things

Will depend on the Son

The Restoration—

Will be on the eternal earth in the Land of Promise
Jeremiah 4:27 in the end the world is “destroyed” * it is not annihilated.
* Destroyed as the earth was in the WW Flood

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²⁷For thus says the Lord, “The whole land shall be a desolation, Yet I will not execute a complete destruction.”

Jeremiah 4:26–27

The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow,
The sun forbear to shine;

A little bit of Augustine showing

Chris Tomlin 2006 added this verse
which continues to
perpetuate the wrong idea

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Jeremiah 4:26–27 Also Isaiah 45:18 “I did not create earth to be a waste place.”

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discovered His mission in the text
of Scripture!**

Reading the text with these eyes will help explain the literary style of
the text

The Beginning of the
Servant's Role

Isaiah 42:1-25

Remember Progressive Revelation?

The Redeemer is fully presented to the World

- Recap Chapter 42: 1“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; **He will bring forth justice** (not to correct a mistake but to keep the mistake from happening) **to the nations.**
 - **Justice is God's 1st quality. The first attribute of personage—not love.**
- 2“He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street.
- 3“A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; **He will faithfully bring forth justice.** Isaiah 42:1–3

Description of the Christ in the Kingdom.

Another Chapter in the Expanding Revelation of the Servant

We have ring side seats for this event

Another Wave of Revelation

The Personage here is the Servant the Son

- **1 Listen** to Me, O **islands**, [all people] And pay attention, you peoples from afar [not just the Jews]. The Lord **called Me from the womb [human];**
- From the **body of My mother He named Me** [Matt 1:21, Jesus]
- **2 He has made My mouth like a sharp sword,**
- In the shadow of His hand He has **concealed Me;**
- And He has also made Me a **select arrow,** He has **hidden Me in His quiver.** Isaiah 49:1–2

A person who is described as an enigma is a bit of a mystery.

Offensive Weapons

Words not Swords are the Greatest Threat

- Words (act as swords and arrows) convince and allows the person to live and have a productive life. But—
- The sword kills ends the person's contribution it is squashed even for "their cause."
- "But he who sins against me (wisdom) injures himself; All those who hate me (wisdom) love death." Proverbs 8:36
- Even killing the most helpless, the unborn infants because they pose a threat to a woman's freedom. But it is in motherhood they find their meaning. The Proverb is true—They do love death more than life! Even if it means the annihilation of humanity—it will be worth it!

The Servant

- From our perspective it is easy to see the Divine Person and His ministry in these verses.
 - Being hidden is of course relative—not hidden for the righteous.
- Yet to some He was revealed— but for most he was an enigma or a hidden “something foreign” that they could not explain—thus kill.
- Then, the **sharp sword and sharp arrows** are pictures of His mouth teaching truth—and it cuts across or pierces the conscience of the guilty.
- **Nothing is more sensitive and more protected than the conscience which stands as an internal unforgiving judge.**

The Son is Identified with Israel

Can we imagine this posture in Jesus' prayer in the Garden?

- **[DISCOVERY?]** ³He [Father] said to Me [Son], “You are My Servant, Israel, [Jesus is a Jew, thus a “perfect Israel” fits] In Whom I will show My glory.”
- **[Failure?]** ⁴But I [the Son could say] said, “I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; [In faith] Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the Lord, And My reward with My God.”
- **[Mission]** ⁵And now says the Lord, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the Lord, And My God is My strength,) Isaiah 49:3–5

The Father Explains the Son's Mission

- He says, [to the Son who could ask—] “It is too “small [light] 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 make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Isaiah 49:6
- Spoken from the most critical point of view to make the point of a comprehensive restoration.

“It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob...”

- “God indicates that the Servant's work **would not receive great worldwide honor if he just took on the "smaller, lighter, easier."**”
- The task of restoring the tribes of Israel (as a small percentage of the people on the earth).
- **“Therefore, God also gave him the task of reaching out to transform all the nations of the earth.**”
- “This should not be understood chronologically to suggest that the Servant got a revised job description at some point along the way, long after he received his first assignment.”
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- **“God's original plan always was to use the seed of Abram to bring his blessings on all the nations of the earth (Gen 12:3), and the earlier Servant poem already listed being a covenant to the nations as part of the Servant's purpose (42:6). Isaiah 2:1-5; 14:1-3; 19:18-25; and 45:18-25 already have confirmed that God desired to include the nations as eventual members of his kingdom, so this is not an adjustment in God's playbook to correct a defect in his strategic plan. God's desire was to greatly honor the Servant, so he gave him the tremendous responsibility of bringing God's salvation to the ends of the earth.”**

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The Pay Off of the Servant

- ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, To the despised One [Son], To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers,
 - “Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down,
 - Because of the Lord who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You.”
- ⁸Thus says the Lord, “In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, [the Son’s appearance guarantees the rest of the promises] To restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages; Isaiah 49:7–8



The Times of Refreshing

Acts 3:19, Restoration Act 3:21

- ⁹Saying to those who are [enslaved] bound, 'Go forth,'
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, Nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; **For He who has compassion on them will lead them And will guide them to springs of water.** Isaiah 49:9–10

Peter is preaching
To the Jews

Preparing for the Kingdom (Not the “Eternal State”)

- 19“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that **times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;** 20and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21**whom** heaven must receive **until the period of restoration of all things** about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. Acts 3:19–21

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Kingdom Conditions

- ¹¹“I will make all My mountains a road, And My highways will be raised up. (Flattened earth the recreation)
- ¹²“Behold, these will come from afar; And lo, these will come from the north and from the west, And these from the land of **Sinim.**” (Egypt or China)
- **Kingdom talk:** ¹³Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! **For the Lord has comforted His people** (Isa. 40:1-5 “all flesh will see it together”) And (the Lord) will have compassion on His afflicted. Isaiah 49:11-13

An Explanation of the Comparisons

This is true whenever there is Kingdom talk

- When Kingdom conditions are given as— “Nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down,” **we need not think that in the Kingdom the sun will send scorching heat.** The point is that—
- The comparison is between the “cursed earth condition” and the “restored earth condition.”
- In other words today you could be scorched by the sun but in the Kingdom the sun will not scorch.
- Comparisons are common contrasts between our day and that day.

But the Good News is Doubted
Rhetorically



Reassurances

- ¹⁴But Zion [faithful Israel] said, “The Lord has forsaken me, And the Lord has forgotten me.”
- The Lord says: ¹
- ⁵“Can a woman forget her nursing child And have no compassion on the son of her womb?
- Even these may forget, but **I will not forget you.** Isaiah 49:14–18

The contrast is between the past generations and the one to come!

The Kingdom a New Order Compared with the Old Order (our example)

- **16“Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.**
- **17“Your builders hurry; 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. As I live,” declares the Lord, “You will surely put on all of them as jewels and bind them on as a bride. Isaiah 49:14–18**

**The Kingdom a New Order
Ever Enlarging Family**

The Kingdom a New Order

Ever growing family of children

- Consider: ¹⁹“For your waste and desolate places and your destroyed land— Surely now you will be too cramped for the inhabitants, And those who swallowed you will be far away.
- ²⁰“The children of whom you were bereaved (stolen?) will yet say in your ears, ‘The place is too cramped for me; Make room for me that I may live here.’
- ²¹“Then you will say in your heart, ‘Who has begotten these for me, 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?’ ” Isaiah 49:19–21

Who are these Bereaved Children

- **Ed:** These comments may give us an idea about the children of Israel who have been living obscurely in the lands of the Gentiles—are there hidden Jews in Gentile nations?
- Does God keep track of the Jewish descendants in the nations that have been unidentified in the Diaspora?
- This is an interesting idea to contemplate. As least there is an abundance of these children, the fear is that they will not fit into the Land. Interesting. It could be figurative but to consider the literal is intriguing.

The Kingdom a New Order

- ²²Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations And set up My standard (impose My law) to the peoples; And they will bring your sons in their bosom, And your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. (Are these children the Jews that have been assimilated in the Gentile world?)
- ²³“Kings will be your guardians, And their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth 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.
- ²⁴“Can the prey be taken from the mighty man, Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?” (Surely they can be rescued!) Isaiah 49:22–25

The Kingdom a New Order

- ²⁵Surely, thus says the Lord, “Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued; For I will contend with the one who contends with you, And I will save your sons.
- ²⁶“I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, 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.” Isaiah 49:26 (Reminiscent of the Gog War and Armageddon clean up.)

The Genetic Code Revealed?

- The present day test to determine Jewish heritage is to follow the mother—since that cannot be contested.
- But God always followed the male line, only his DNA has the marker to determine heritage (we know that by the gene sequencing work.
- This means many who are considered Jews are not and may the are not considered Jews—are!

Science Magazine

Tracing the Roots of Jewishness
New study shows that Jews worldwide
are linked genetically

Thus far—

- As you can see the text takes on a very optimistic tone as it sprints to the finish line.
- The hope of Israel is in the Redeemer Who not only redeems Israel but the nations of the world are not cast off but will be served by the nations who have mistreated them.
- Which nations survive is another study—

Thus far—