

ISAIAH 49 vs 1

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The book of Isaiah has two great divisions; **first:** chapters 1–39; God's Criticism of both rebel houses **Israel** and **Judah**, thereby affecting all the local neighbors in the hood; and **second:** chapters 40–66; God's Consolation to both houses who have separate histories. The great Isaiah scroll found in the Qumran caves, dated from the 2nd century BC has put to rest many wild speculations about prophet Isaiah. **In Isaiah chapters 45, 46, 49, 51, & 52 we hear lots of talk about salvation and being saved by the Holy One of Israel, the Savior, leading up to the chapter that orthodox Jewish leaders still love to hide from the great people of Judah, from whom would come Messiah.**



In chapter 41... the LORD (YAHWAH) is speaking... to His servants, **the Isles at the end of the earth**. In chapter 42, the Lord GOD is speaking. He is introducing His Servant, who is the delight of His heart; and He is one that will come... so be looking for Him because He is doing something new. It appears people throughout the whole world are going to want to boast about Him and sing His praises. This Servant of servants speaks; and you get the impression that one day He will come as Lord of lords and King of kings. **Where is Israel?** **Jeremiah in Ireland** **EMERALD ISLE**

1 Listen, O Isles, to Me; and pay attention you people from afar / and you may ask: Where are these Isles? And, who are these people living far away? Obviously, the LORD knows since He is talking to them;

for the LORD called Me from the womb from the painful passion of my mother He mentioned My name. / this plan was designed and birthed long ago, from the womb of the divine councils in eternity. Before the worlds were created, He was called into this service.

2 And He made My mouth like a sharp sword; and in the shadow of His hand has He hid Me and made Me a smooth arrow and in His quiver, He hid Me / the Lord God made his mouth like a sharp sword, He rightly divides God's truth; so He is more precise than any laser-guided missile, able to reach its target; and twice we learn, the LORD likes keeping secrets. He has some things hid because He works on a need-to-know basis. And He told us all we need to know... not all He knows. Later Isaiah will say, Eye has not seen; ear has not heard; all He has planned for those who wait on Him -- **Isaiah 64**;

So it sounds like He is ready to battle... and the target is already in His sight line... when the time is revealed. Doesn't it?

3 and said to Me, You are My servant, O Israel / remember: **Isra** = **the one ruled** + **EI** = **by GOD**. A Teacher of teachers; A Servant of servants.

You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified / so, if ever there was somebody living up to the name Israel; if ever there was somebody literally ruled by God..., from this chapter you get the impression it's this Guy! Whatever the name Israel... may mean to you or me, if this Guy doesn't come to mind, then we might have missed the point, and might be a little confused; and might need to think correctly.

4 Then I said, I thought I labored in vain and spent My strength for nothing, and in vain. / He thought He toiled for nothing; And we understand: this Servant of the LORD... obviously, approaching His assignment as a hilarious giver -- God loves the hilarious giver. He says, having given His all... until He dropped. He thought the results would have produced... something -- at least some simple thanks; and not an empty response. Occasionally the servant of the Lord has a valid complaint. This blessed Servant says, I thought I spent My strength for nothing. Jesus, knowing us better than anyone, said: When I return, will I find faith? And somehow, those words don't sound too hopeful, do they? Oh, He will find lots of churchy things going on; **but will He find faith?**

But notice: His focus is really fixed on the LORD...

surely the LORD will judge Me; and My God will reward Me.

5 And now, says the LORD who purposed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob again to Him / previously planned from eternity past, to fetch rebellious Jacob again to Him. This Servant says though the House of Israel still be scattered... this great Shepherd, this Servant has done His best to gather God's people. Just an interesting aside: the name for the American flag is: **Old Glory**. Why is the name for the flag of the United Kingdom... **the Union Jack? Who is Jack?**

and now, says the LORD; yet I will be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God will be My strength / you know, some people will read through this phrase so fast... and not pay attention to what is said. The LORD is calling the LORD, My God. And someone said, I will be glorified in the eyes of the LORD, and my God will be My strength. And who said that? I don't know. I've tried to figure it out 100 times. It was either the Servant or the LORD. Honestly, I don't know. But you definitely get the impression they like each other... and neither of them are confused.

6 And the Lord God said, Is it too light a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob / is it complicated; is it insignificant; for rebellious Jacob: it shouldn't be difficult. **Where is Israel?**

and to restore the remnant of Israel / those of Ephraim who would become a grand community of nations, at the center of the earth, where they were scattered; it's a light thing. Now, we might talk to Moses. Moses used to argue with God and say, They are YOUR people. Occasionally, God would say, No, they're YOURS! But here, you get the impression: God swears it is a light assignment.

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And speaking of light...

I will also give You **for a light to the Gentiles** / a light to the nations, that You may be My **salvation** My **Yeshua**, meaning: My **Jesus...** to the end of the **earth**.

⁷ Thus says the LORD to the **Redeemer** to **His Holy One**, to Him who man despises, to Him who the nation abhors, yet to a **Servant of rulers**, / the only One who could pay the ransom price that we could not pay in a million years,

when kings see this Servant of the LORD, **they will arise** to stand at attention, **also princes will worship**, because of the LORD who is faithful, and the **Holy One of Israel**; He chooses **You** / the great Servant; the Redeemer of Israel; the great Shepherd of our souls the One who wears many hats.

⁸ Thus says the LORD, In an acceptable time I heard You; and in a **Day of salvation** / it's the **Day of Yeshua**; literally, the **Day of Jesus**, I helped **You**: and I preserve **You**, and give **You** for a **covenant of the people** / He is given for the covenant; this **Servant Israel** – the **definitive One** ruled by God; this Servant is the pledge of God's blessings to all His people and is better than a rainbow, **to establish righteousness in the earth** / not lawlessness, and **cause to inherit the wasted heritages**;

⁹ That You may invite the prisoners, **Go forth**; and to those in darkness, **Show yourselves** / be set free; not only see; but be seen. **Enter the light**.

And now, Dr. Moffatt adds this little phrase **...on the road home**

They will feed in the ways, and their pastures will even be in all the high places ... on the road home / with this great Shepherd leading, in the way they are going, there will be provision, where you least expect it.

¹⁰ They will not hunger nor thirst; nor will the heat or sun smite them: for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water will guide them **...on the road home**.

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11 And I will make all My mountains a way / now, what does that mean? What are the Lord's mountains? Well, here are eight of them to consider:

1. **Mount Ararat** - Noah's mountain of God's faithfulness among the great devastation.
2. **Mount Moriah** – Abraham's mountain of faith and faithfulness; God will provide.
3. **Mount Sinai** – where the uncompromising law of 10 for life on earth, was engraved.
4. **Matthew's Sermon on the Mount** – where the Word was made flesh.
5. **The Mount of Transfiguration** – where the glorious Son appeared briefly in His true nature; clothed in light.
6. **Mount Calvary** – where Christ, the Messiah, our Redeemer paid the ransom price we could not pay.
7. **The Mount of Olives** – looking forward to that blessed hope when Jesus will return.
8. **And Mount Zion** – the City of God... where we hope to have our names found written.

The LORD says...

And I will make all My mountains a way, and My highways will be exalted / they will be lifted up. They would sing: Moses came to know His ways; His very high ways. The ways of the LORD... will not be hid; they will be high and lifted up – **Psalm 103**.

12 Look, these will come from afar: and, lo from these the north and from the west / these people in the Islands... including where they resettled from those islands; these people listening and responding... to this message; **mark this**; highlight and circle this part,

/ so, did you mark it? Did you circle it? You know, where this prophecy was given, the prophet Isaiah looked to the north and to the west. And just take a map, and you come to the leader of the great Commonwealth; **Israel in the Islands**.



and these from the land of Sinim.

Whereas no one really knows where Sinim is; still, we understand from these words that people will come... from many other places – like from every nation tribe and language group; And if you think about it, there are many good reasons why some religious leaders do not want their people to pay attention to the bible -- without their help, simply because it bypasses them... and moves people beyond their ability to control. You know, a first grader can understand what Isaiah wrote: there is no confusion about... **those who will come from the north and from the west... in the Isles at the end of the earth.**



To God Be The Glory! Be faithful!

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