

Isaiah

Part Eight

Greater Servant; Greater Deliverance (chapters 49-55)

Grater Servant; Greater Deliverance

- **Rescue from Babylon**
- **Return to Judah to be a nation once more**
- **Cyrus to be the deliverer**
- **An incredible thing in the history of the world**

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- The result?
 - She was not a servant
 - She didn't carry out her mission
 - She became corrupt
 - She had land yet became a worthless vineyard

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- **Their land may be restored, but what about...**
 - **The promise to Abraham?**
 - **Their mission as a nation?**
 - **Their own sins?**
- **Where will the salvation they need come from?**

Greater Servant; Greater Deliverer

- **PART ONE: 49:1 – 52:12**
 - Salvation is coming!
- **PART TWO: 52:13 – 53:12**
 - Well, this isn't quite what we expected.
- **PART THREE: 54 – 55**
 - Yes, but the results will be wonderful!

The Servant's Calling and Work – 49:1-13

- **The Servant in chapters 40-48**
 - Israel to bring light to the nations as God's witness
 - Cyrus, to restore the captives to Jerusalem
- **The Servant in chapters 49-55**
 - One who could bring hope to a hopeless nation
 - One who could bring light to people in darkness
 - This will require a greater servant than Israel

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The Servant's Evaluation...

I've worked hard, but come up empty. All I can do is trust in God.

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 - **The servant's success – 49:8-13**
 - **I will help you at the right time – 49:8**
 - **You will be a covenant to the people – 49:8**
 - **Shout for joy – the Lord comforts His people – 49:13**

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 - **Gentiles will honor Israel – 49:22-23**

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 - **I can do what I say – 50:1-3**
 - I didn't divorce your mother because I was unfaithful
 - I didn't sell you to Babylon to pay off my debts
 - When I called out, where were you?
 - I dried up the Nile and took care of Egypt; I can take care of Babylon!

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- **Listen to the Servant who Trusts in God – 50:4 – 51:8**
 - **The Servant: equipped, suffered, triumphed – 50:4-11**
 - **The Servant: equipped to teach – 50:4-5a**
 - **The Servant: experience of suffering – 50:5b-6**
 - **The Servant: triumph – 50:7-9**
 - **Responding to the Servant's message – 50:10-11**

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- **Listen to the Servant who Trusts in God – 50:4 – 51:8**
 - **1st call to attention: the Remnant – 51:1-3**
 - **Struggles being faithful? Remember Abraham and Sarah who lived like rocks.**
 - **Abraham was just one man when I called him; I blessed him and he became many.**
 - **The Lord will surely comfort Zion**

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- Listen to the Servant who Trusts in God – 50:4 – 51:8
 - 2nd call to attention: the Nation – 51:4-6
 - Salvation is on the way
 - The heavens may vanish, but God's righteousness and salvation never will

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- Listen to the Servant who Trusts in God –
50:4 – 51:8

- 3rd call to attention: the Remnant – 51:7-8

- Don't fear the reproach of men
- Don't be terrified by insults
- They won't last – God's righteousness and salvation will -- FOREVER

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Assignment

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