

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹In that day you will say: "I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Isaiah 40:1-5

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 40:9-11

⁹You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 41:8-12

⁸"But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend,

⁹I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

¹⁰So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

¹¹"All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.

¹²Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.

Isaiah 42:1-4+6-7

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁶“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 43:1-4

¹But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Isaiah 44:1-5

¹“But now listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen.

²This is what the Lord says—he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

³For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

⁴They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams.

⁵Some will say, ‘I belong to the Lord’; others will call themselves by the name of Jacob; still others will write on their hand, ‘The Lord’s,’ and will take the name Israel.

Isaiah 44:21-24

²¹“Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you.

²²I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me,

for I have redeemed you.”

²³Sing for joy, you heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, you earth beneath.

Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.

²⁴“This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord,

the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself,

Isaiah 45:2-8

2I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.

3I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

4For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.

5I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me,

6so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other.

7I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

8“You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the Lord, have created it.

Isaiah 45:21-25

²¹Declare what is to be, present it— let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago,

who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me,

a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

²²“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

²³By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked:

Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

²⁴They will say of me, ‘In the Lord alone are deliverance and strength.’” All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.

²⁵But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the Lord and will make their boast in him.

Isaiah 48:17-19

¹⁷This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God,

who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

¹⁸If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea.

¹⁹Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains;

their name would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me.”

Isaiah 49:1-6

¹Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the Lord says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."