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## The God Who Saves

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# Isaiah at a Glance

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- ◆ **Isaiah's 40-year ministry (1:1)**
- ◆ **Problems and anticipated solutions**

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God will work righteousness and justice for them through his messianic Servant-King (1:26–27; 33:5–6; 59:16–18, 20).

# Punishment and Hope for Judah and the World (chs. 2–39)

## ◆ Concerning Judah and Zion (2:1–12:26)

- ❖ Zion's future exaltation (2:1–4)
- ❖ The punishment and transformation of Zion (2:5–4:6)
  - ❖ 4:2–6
- ❖ The punishment of the vineyard and the coming child-king (5:1–12:6)
  - ❖ 6:8–13
  - ❖ 9:1–7

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- ❖ 11:1–12:6
  - ❖ The promise of the king's rise (11:1–5)
  - ❖ The impact of the king's rise (11:6–9)
  - ❖ The world's deliverance and delight at the king's rise (11:10–12:6)

## Exod 15:1–18

1 I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Ex. 15:3 The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. 5 The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. 6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. 7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. 8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them." 10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? 12 You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

13 You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. 14 The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. 16 Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. 17 You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. 18 The LORD will reign forever and ever.

# ◆ Concerning All the World's Nations (13:1–39:8)

- ❖ Oracles against the nations (13:1–23:18)
  - ❖ 19:24–25
  - ❖ 24:4–6
- ❖ Yahweh's future victory and salvation (24:1–27:13)
  - ❖ 25:6–9; 26:1–4
  - ❖ 27:1
  - ❖ 27:12–13
- ❖ Woes against evil doers mixed with hope for a remnant (28:1–35:10).
- ❖ An example of hope mixed with caution (36:1–39:8).



# Global Salvation and New Creation (chs. 40–66)

## ◆ Comfort and Redemption for Zion and her Multi-Ethnic Offspring (40:1–55:13)

- ❖ Universal consolation (40:1–42:17)

- ❖ Of Zion (40:1–41:20)

- ❖ 40:1–6

- ❖ 40:9–11

- ❖ 41:8–10

- ❖ Of the whole world (41:21–42:17)

- ❖ 42:1–9

- ❖ 42:10–17

- ❖ A promise of two-stage redemption (42:18–53:12)
  - ❖ The two stages (42:18–44:23):
    - ❖ Release from exilic imprisonment (42:18–43:21)
      - ❖ 42:18–25
      - ❖ 43:1–7
    - ❖ Reconciliation with God (43:22–44:23)
      - ❖ 43:25; 44:22
      - ❖ 44:3–5

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  - ❖ The two agents (44:24–53:12)
    - ❖ Cyrus: liberation (44:24–48:22)
      - ❖ 44:28
      - ❖ 45:23–25
    - ❖ The Servant: atonement (49:1–53:12)
      - ❖ 49:1–6
      - ❖ 49:7–12
      - ❖ 50:4–9
      - ❖ 50:10–11
      - ❖ 52:7–12

❖ 52:13–53:12

- Yahweh foresees his Servant-person's global exaltation through substitutionary suffering (52:13–15)
- The prophet describes the Servant-person's substitutionary suffering (53:1–10)
- Yahweh's promise to reward his Servant-person's substitutionary suffering with the prize of a global people (53:11–12)

- ❖ Charges for redeemed Zion to celebrate and for her future multi-ethnic offspring/servants to seek the Lord (54:1–55:13)
  - ❖ The charge for the redeemed to celebrate (54:1–17)
    - ❖ 54:1–3
    - ❖ 54:14, 17
  - ❖ The charge for her future multi-ethnic offspring to seek the Lord (55:1–13)
    - ❖ 55:3–5

## ◆ **The Multi-Ethnic Offspring Serve Yahweh at His New Creational Zion (56:1–66:24)**

- ❖ Multi-ethnic servants as priests at Yahweh's mountain (56:1–8)
- ❖ Yahweh's deliverance of Zion from sin through his Redeemer (56:9–59:21)
  - ❖ 59:16–20
  - ❖ 59:21
- ❖ Zion's good news and coming glory (60:1–62:12)
  - ❖ 61:1–3
- ❖ Yahweh's day of vengeance against sin and his new creation of Zion (63:1–66:17)
  - ❖ 65:13–25; cf. 11:9
- ❖ Multi-ethnic offspring as priests at Yahweh's new creational mountain (66:18–24)

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# The Messiah in Isaiah

- ◆ **26 Different Descriptions of the Messiah in Isaiah**
- ◆ **Synthesis of Isaiah's Portrayal of the Messiah**

# Summary

**Into a world where the curse devastates through darkness and imprisons through spiritual inability, the good news is that Yahweh reigns through his messianic Servant-person's victory over sin and death and newly creates and saves an international offspring of believing servants.**