

# The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at  
the Old Testament

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# Isaiah at a Glance

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# The “Gospel” in the NT

- ❖ **NT usage:**
  - ❖ Verb 54x: “proclaim the gospel” (*euangelizo*)
  - ❖ Noun 76x: “gospel, good news” (*euangelion*)
- ❖ **The gospel was the essence of Jesus’ teaching.**
  - ❖ Matt 4:23. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the *gospel* of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.
  - ❖ Luke 4:43. [Jesus] said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.

❖ The gospel is about what Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection.

❖ 1 Cor 15:1–8. Now I would remind you, brothers, of *the gospel I preached* to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

- ❖ **The gospel finds its source in God, was anticipated by the OT prophets, and concerns Jesus Christ as son of David and son of God.**
- ❖ **Rom 1:1–4. Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

- ❖ **The gospel is the means by which Jew and Gentile are to persevere unto salvation.**
- ❖ **Rom 1:16–17. For I am not ashamed of the *gospel*, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”**

- ❖ **The end will come after the gospel is preached to all nations.**
- ❖ **Matt 24:14. And this *gospel* of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.**

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Universal consolation for Israel and the nations	40:1–42:17
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Agents of redemption <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cyrus: liberation</li><li>• Servant: atonement</li></ul>	44:24–53:12 44:24–48:22 49:1–53:12
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		Gospel (61:1–3)

# Isaiah's Good News of the Servant

- ❖ **A Walk-Through:**
  - ❖ **40:9–11 – Good News!**
  - ❖ **42:1–9 – Song 1: The Servant's Ministry (biographical)**
  - ❖ **49:1–7 – Song 2: The Servant's Mission (autobiographical)**
  - ❖ **50:4–11 – Song 3: The Servant's Obedient Suffering (autobiographical)**
  - ❖ **52:7–10 – Good News!**
  - ❖ **52:13–53:12 – Song 4: The Servant's Substitutionary Atonement (biographical)**
  - ❖ **61:1–4 – Good News!**

## ❖ **Conclusion:**

- ❖ **What is the Gospel?**
- ❖ **Jesus is Israel, Isaiah's Servant:**
  - ❖ **Isaiah's Perspective**
  - ❖ **NT Perspective**
- ❖ **The Church in Messiah is Israel, Isaiah's Servant**