

# Treasure Hunt

- What are the three main topics that run through these nine chapters?
- What questions can you ask as you read the Bible to help you discover practical applications?

# Overview of Isaiah

## 1-37, Assyria

1-35, **Oracles** of Assurance

36-37, **History**: Assyria Destroyed

## 38-66, Babylon

38-39, **History**: Babylon Tempted

40-66, **Oracles** of Comfort

# Isa 40-66

## Three Themes

**YHWH  
vs. the  
Idols**

**Servant's  
Suffering  
& Glory**

**Sinful vs.  
Faithful  
Israel**

48:22 *There is no peace*, saith the LORD, unto the **wicked**.

57:21 *There is no peace*, saith my God, to the **wicked**.

66:23-24 the men that have **transgressed** against me: ...  
their worm **shall not die**, **neither** shall their fire be  
**quenched**

Progress of the Text



# Overview of ch. 49-57

The Lord and his Servant	49:1-13 Lord ↔ Servant	52:13-53:12 Lord ↔ People about the Servant
The Lord and the Woman	Mother Zion 49:14-50:3	Barren Sarah 54:1-17
The Lord and his Servant	50:4-9 Servant → People	
The Lord and his People	50:10-51:8	55:1-57:21

## 51:9-52:12 The Watchman's Call

Arm of the Lord	51:9-16	52:10-12
Jerusalem	51:17-23	52:9
Zion	52:1-6	52:7-8

# The Application Questions

What is the

- Example to Follow
- Sin to Avoid
- Command to Obey
- Promise to Claim
- Truth to Believe
- Prayer to Echo

(Not all six may appear in every passage)

# 49:1-13, The Lord Commissions His Servant

	1-3, Call	4-12, Confidence
<b>The Servant Speaks</b>	1-2 Listen, O Isles; the Lord hath called me	4-5 I have labored in vain ... yet my judgment is with my God
<b>The Lord Speaks</b>	3 <b>[he] said</b> unto me, “Thou art my Servant”	6 <b>and he said</b> ... Light to the Gentiles 7 <b>thus saith the Lord</b> ... (despised yet revered) 8 <b>thus saith the Lord</b> ... (delivers the prisoners)

v. 13 (Call on all creation to praise the Lord for his work with his servant—cf. 44:21-23)

# 49:14-26, The Lord Comforts Zion & Rebukes her Children

## Mother Zion (Feminine)

Speaker	vv. 14-20	vv. 21-26	
Zion	14 The Lord hath forsaken me...	21 Where did these come from?	
The Lord	17a <b>Children</b> return 17b <b>Enemies</b> leave 18-19a <b>Children</b> return 19b <b>Enemies</b> leave 20 <b>Children</b> return	22-23 <b>Thus saith the Lord GOD</b> <<Gentiles will bring thy <b>children</b> >>  <b>Thou shalt know that I am the LORD</b>	24-26 <b>Thus saith the Lord ...</b> I will contend with <b>him that contendeth with thee ...</b> <b>All flesh shall know that I am the LORD</b>

## Children (Masculine)

Question	1 Where is the bill of divorce?	2 Wherefore ... was there no man?	Is my hand shortened ...?
Answer	<b>Behold</b> , for your iniquities ...	<<lacking>>	<b>Behold</b> , I dry up the sea ...

# 50:4-9, The Lord's Past and Future Care for the Servant

4 **The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue** of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is weary*: ...

5 **The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear**, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. ...

7 For **the Lord GOD will help me**; therefore shall I not be confounded: ...

9 Behold, **the Lord GOD will help me**; who *is he that shall condemn me?* ...



# 51:1-8, Finding Righteousness and Salvation

Invitation	Addressees	Advice	Theme
1 Listen to me	Ye that follow after righteousness Ye that seek the Lord	Look unto Abraham	Righteousness by Faith
4 Hearken to me ... give ear to me	My people ... my nation	God's R&S are for all people (4-5) and all time (6)	Gospel Outreach
7 Listen to me	Ye that know righteousness The people in whose heart is my law	Do not fear opposition	Patience under Persecution

# The Watchman's Calls and the Lord's Responses

Addressee	Call	Response
Arm of the Lord	Impv: <b>Deliver</b> God's people Ind: You have done it before	In spite of their fear, the Lord will deliver his people
Jerusalem	Impv: Stand to hear the Lord. Ind: Your <b>suffering</b> is terrible	The Lord will end the suffering he has brought her, and turn it on those who oppress her
Zion	Impv: <b>Rejoice</b> and arise Ind: The Gentiles will no more defile you	The Lord's motive: restore the reputation of his name

“The Lord’s people are to **rejoice** because the promised Servant will **deliver** Zion from her **suffering**.”

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# Changes of Speaker in Isa 53

Speaker:

52:13-53:12

The Lord

52:13-15 The Lord: **My** Servant, sprinkle, many, kings

Israel

53:1-6 Israel: **Our** rejection and recognition

1-3 Our **rejection** of him

4 Hinge: He hath **borne our griefs**, we did **esteem** him ...

5-6 Our **recognition** of his sacrifice

Isaiah

53:7-11a Isaiah: **His** sufferings and vindication

7-9 His sufferings

10-11a His vindication

The Lord

53:11b-12 The Lord: **My** Servant, justify, many, strong

# Structure of Isa 54

## 1-17 The Lord comforts his Bride

### 1-4 Change in her attitude

1 **Sing**, **for** thou shalt have many children

2-3 **Enlarge**, **for** thou shalt inherit the Gentiles

4 **Fear not**, **for** thou shalt not be ashamed

Three  
Motivated  
Promises

### 5-10 Change in the Lord's attitude

5-6 God is thy husband and redeemer, **saith** thy God

7-8 God's wrath turns to mercy, **saith** the Lord thy Redeemer

9-10 The Lord promises peace, **saith** the Lord that hath mercy

Three  
Encouraging  
Quotations

### 11-17a Prosperity and Victory

11-14 **Behold**, prosperity and peace

15 **Behold**, adversaries fall

16-17a **Behold**, God owns the armorer

Three Joyful  
Observations

### 17b Summary

This is the heritage of the Servants of the Lord  
And their righteousness is of me

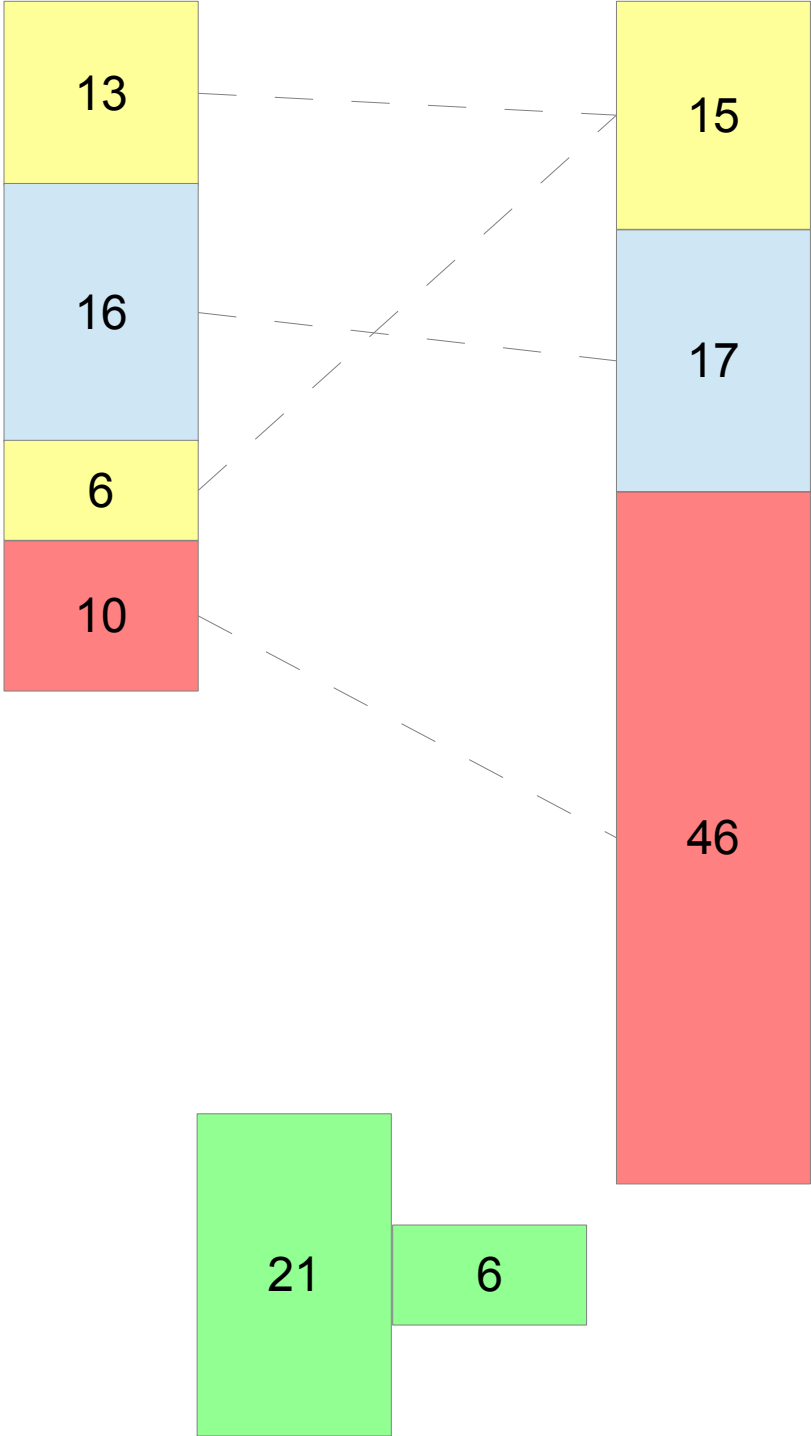
# Observing Proportion

The Lord and his Servant

The Lord Comforts His People

The Lord Challenges his People

The Watchman's Call



# Invitations in ch. 55-57: Salvation & Judgment

## 55-57, Invitations

### 55:1-56:8, Invitation to the **Receptive**

55:1-5 “Come **ye** to the waters”: **Davidic Leader**  
4 “I have given **him** ...”

55:6-13 “Seek **ye** the Lord”: **Forgiveness & Restoration**  
7 “Let the wicked forsake **his** way ...”

56:1-8, “Keep ye judgment and do justice”: **Reward to Obedient**  
2 “Blessed is the man ...”

### 56:9-57:14, Summons to the **Wicked**

56:9-57:2 “All **ye** beasts ... come to devour”: **Judgment Prepared**  
10 “**His** watchmen are blind ...”

57:3-14 “Draw near ..., ye sons of the sorceress”: **Defendant Summoned**  
6 “Among the smooth stones ... is **thy** portion ...”

### 57:15-21, **The Choice**

15-16 “**I dwell** ... with him that is of a humble and contrite spirit”

17 “**I was wroth** ... and smote him”

18-19 “I have seen his ways, and **will heal him**”

20-21 “There is **no peace**, saith my God, to the wicked”

# Summary of ch. 49-57

God sends his **suffering Servant** to deliver **Daughter Zion** from her humiliation, and challenges her to **receive the blessing** that he has purchased for her and for all nations, lest his judgment fall upon her.