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The Watchman's Calls and the Lord's Responses

Addressee	Call	Response
Arm of the Lord	Impv: Deliver God's people	In spite of their fear, the Lord will deliver his people
Jerusalem	Ind: Her suffering is terrible	The Lord will bring an end to her suffering, and turn it on those who oppress her
Zion	Impv: Rejoice and arise	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**.”

Mining Previous Scripture

What are “the ancient days” ימי קדם?

Psa 44:1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in **the times of old ימי קדם**.

When in the past did God exert his arm?

Exo 6:6 I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, ... and I will redeem you **with a stretched out arm**, and with great judgments:

Exo 15:16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; **by the greatness of thine arm** they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, *which* thou hast purchased.

God's Past Mighty Acts in Isa 51:9-10

9 Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, <i>and</i> wounded the dragon?	?
10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?	?

Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, *and* wounded the dragon? 51:9

רהב, not רחב (of Jericho)

Allusion: Psa 89:10 Thou hast broken **Rahab** in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy **strong arm**. (Ethan, of time of David, 1 Chr 15:19)

Who is Rahab?

Psa 87:4 I will make mention of **Rahab** and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there. (date uncertain)

Isa 30:7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I called this one, “They are Sedentary **Rahab**.”

Eze 29:3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great **dragon** that lieth in the midst of his **rivers**, which hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for myself.

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9 Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, <i>and</i> wounded the dragon?	Rahab = Egypt, wounded in the plagues
10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?	Division of the Red Sea

God's past acts assure us of his future care:
Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

The Arm of the Lord and the Servant

Only other OT reference to “the arm of the Lord”:

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

What weapons does the arm wield?

Isa 49:2 And he hath made my mouth like a **sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft;** in his quiver hath he hid me;

Cf. the Lord’s response in 51:16,

16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and **I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand**

The Setting of 35:10 = 51:11

13-27, All Nations

13-23, The Burdens

13:1-12,	Babylon	21:1-10,	Desert of the Sea
13:24-32,	Philistia	21:11-12,	Dumah
15:1-16:14,	Moab	21:13-17,	Arabia
17:1-18:7,	Damascus	22:1-25,	Valley of Vision
19:1-20:6,	Egypt	23:1-18,	Tyre

24-27, Summary

24:1-23, **Judgment** on the earth (but 13-16a, 23)

25:1-12, Isaiah's **Song** and Expectation
26:1-27:1, Judah's **Song** and Expectation
27:2-13, The Lord's **Song** and Expectation

28-35, Israel

28-33, The Woes

28:1-29,	The Crown of Pride
29:1-14,	Ariel
29:15-24,	Them that ... Hide their Counsel
30:1-33,	The Rebellious Children
31:1-32:20,	Them that go down to Egypt for Help
33:1-24,	Thee that Spoilest

34-35, Summary

34:1-17, **Judgment** on the Nations

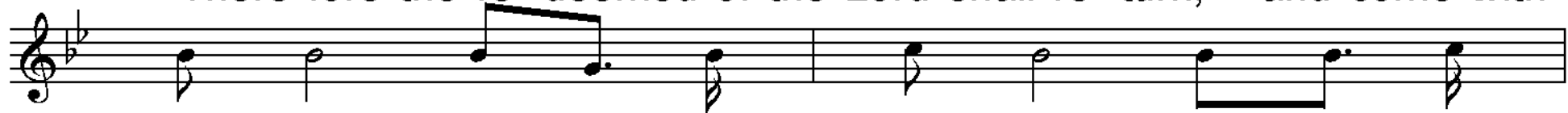
35:1-**10**, Restoration of God's Land with **Singing**

Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

A Scripture Song



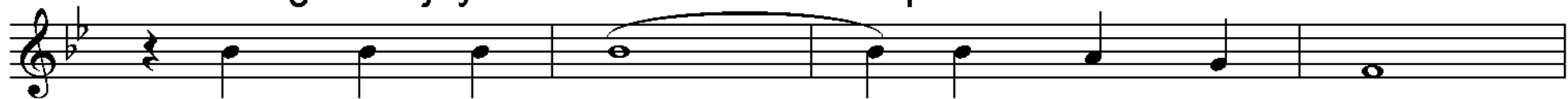
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