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# A Call to Rejoice

The Lord  
and His  
People

51:3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; **joy** and **gladness** shall be found therein, **thanksgiving**, and the **voice of melody**.

55:12 For ye shall go out with **joy**, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into **singing**, and all the trees of the field shall **clap their hands**

The  
Watchman's  
Cry: Third  
"Awake,  
Awake"

52:1-2 put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy **beautiful garments**, O Jerusalem, the holy city: ... 2 ... arise, *and* **sit down**, O Jerusalem

<<Lord's Response>>

# 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**.”

# Symmetry in the Third Cry

Isa 52:1-2 Awake, awake;

**put on** thy strength, **O Zion**;

**put on** thy beautiful garments, **O Jerusalem**, the holy city:

for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2 **Shake thyself** from the dust; **arise**, and **sit down**, **O Jerusalem**:  
**loose thyself** from the bands of thy neck, **O captive daughter of Zion**.

## Note

- Broad chiasm in imperative (outside) and indicative (inside)
- Refined with Zion-Jerusalem-Jerusalem-Zion

# “The Holy City” in Isa 48

How Judah thought of herself:

2 For they call themselves of **the holy city**, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel;

Their character then as God knew it:

1 [they] swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, *but not in truth, nor in righteousness.*

4 I knew that thou *art* **obstinate**, and thy neck *is* an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

8 Yea, thou **hardest not**; yea, thou **knewest not**; yea, from that time *that* thine **ear was not opened**: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very **treacherously**, and wast called a **transgressor** from the womb.

# Chiasm in 52:3-6

**Remedy 1:** 3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye ~~have sold yourselves~~ were sold for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

**Problem 1**, Detail: 4 For thus saith the Lord GOD,  
My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there;  
and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.  
5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my  
people is taken away for nought?

**Problem 1**, Summary: they that rule over them make them to  
howl, saith the LORD;

**Problem 2:** and my name continually every day *is*  
blasphemed.

**Remedy 2:** 6 Therefore my people shall know my name:  
therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak:  
behold, *it is* I.

# 52:3 “sold ... redeemed ... for nothing”

## **Sold for nothing:**

Psa 44:12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

Jer 15:13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

## **Redeemed without money:**

Isa 45:13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isa 55:1-2 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

## **The fine print:**

Isa 43:3-4 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. 4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

# 52:5b God's Name is Blasphemed

Ps 74, Asaph, David's seer → **Nebuchadnezzar, Antiochus, Titus**

Psa 74:10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy **blaspheme thy name** for ever?

Psa 74:18 Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have **blasphemed thy name**.

## **Purpose of the sanctuary:**

Deu 12:10-11 But *when* ye go over Jordan, ... 11 Then there shall be **a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there**; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

1Ki 8:29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, **My name shall be there**: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.