

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

Arm of the Lord	51:9-16	52:10-12
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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

Two Women

49:14-50:3

49:17 **Thy children** shall make haste

49:20 The **children** which thou shalt have, after **thou hast lost** the other,

49:21 I have lost my **children**

49:22 they shall bring thy **sons** ... and thy **daughters** shall be carried ...

50:1 for your transgressions is **your mother** put away.

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54:1 Sing, O **barren**, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* **didst not travail** with child:

How Paul Quotes Isa 54:1

Gal 4:22-27 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons,

the one by a bondmaid,

the other by a freewoman.

23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh;

but he of the freewoman *was* by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants;

the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written [Isa 54:1]

Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children

than she which hath an husband.

Who is the woman of Isa 54:1?

Isa 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear

Gen 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child.

Dead people as witnesses to later events:

Jer 31:15 A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; **Rachel** weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.

Previous Hints in Isaiah 50:10-51:2

Need: 50:10 Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh *in* darkness, and hath no light?

True Solution: let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

False Solution: 11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

True Solution: 51:1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

Reconsidering 53:10

“If thou shalt make his soul a reparation offering, **he shall see a seed**”

Of whose seed does Isaiah speak?

- The Servant’s seed?
- God’s children?

Gen 22:16-18 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply **thy seed** as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and **thy seed** shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in **thy seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Contrasts between the Women

49:14-50:3	54:1-4
Called "Zion"	Unnamed, but Gen 11:30 suggests Sarah
Mourning for her lost children	Shamed because she never had children
Comfort: wait for reversal of her own fortunes Will have many children	Comfort: comparison with another woman (Zion of ch. 49?) Will have even more children
Lives in a walled city (49:16)	Lives in tents (54:2)



Isa 49:16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; **thy walls** are continually before me.

Dan 9:25 ... the street shall be built again, and **the wall**, even in troublous times.

<http://www.beembee.com/2010/10-facts-about-the-walls-of-jerusalem>

54:2 Enlarge the place of **thy tent**, and let them stretch forth the **curtains** of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen **thy cords**, and strengthen **thy stakes**;



<http://tent-designs.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/bedouin-tent-hire-collection-foto.jpg>

Barren Sarah's Twofold Hope

Isa 54:3 For thou shalt break forth on **the right hand** and on **the left**;
and thy seed shall **inherit the Gentiles**,
and make **the desolate cities** to be inhabited.

Gen 12:3 in thee shall **all families of the earth** be blessed.

Rom 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the **heir of the world**, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

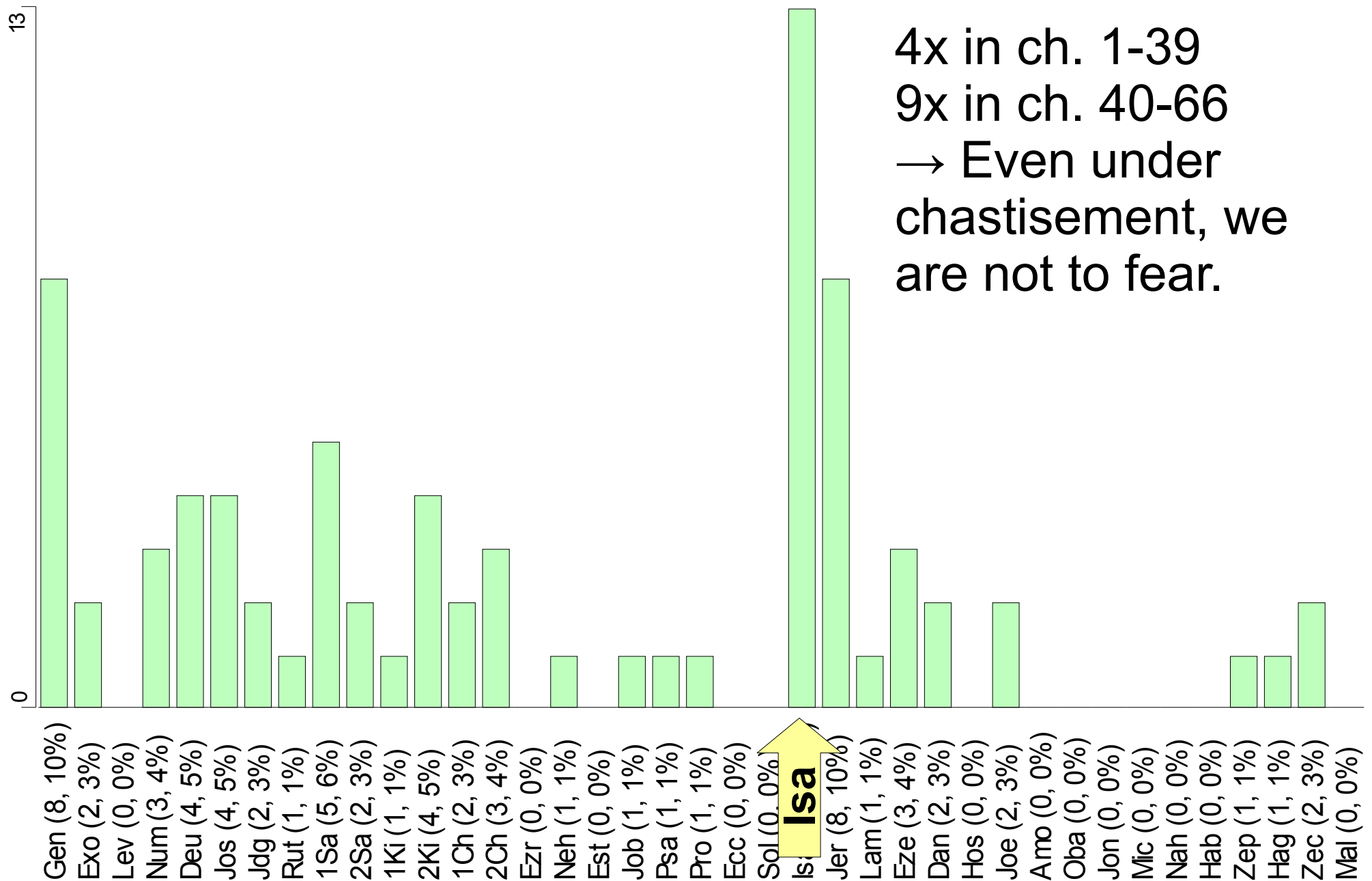
Isa 1:7 Your country *is* **desolate**, your **cities** are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* **desolate**, as overthrown by strangers.

Isa 6:11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the **cities** be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly **desolate**,

What Isaiah did NOT Anticipate

Eph 3:3-6 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages **was not made known unto the sons of men**, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

“Fear Not” in the OT



4x in ch. 1-39
 9x in ch. 40-66
 → Even under chastisement, we are not to fear.

Echoes of David

54:4 **Fear ירא** not; for thou shalt not be **ashamed בוש**:
neither be thou **confounded כלם**; for thou shalt not be **put
to shame חפר**

Psa 35:4 Let them be **confounded בוש** and **put to shame
כלם** that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and
brought to confusion חפר that devise my hurt.

Psa 40:14 Let them be **ashamed בוש** and **confounded
חפר** together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them
be driven backward and **put to shame כלם** that wish me
evil.

Psa 70:2 Let them be **ashamed בוש** and **confounded חפר**
that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and
put to confusion כלם, that desire my hurt.

So who *is* put to shame?

Isa 1:29 For they shall be **ashamed בוש** of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be **confounded חפר** for the gardens that ye have chosen.

Isa 41:11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be **ashamed בוש** and **confounded כלם**:

Isa 45:16 They shall be **ashamed בוש**, and also **confounded כלם**, all of them: they shall go to **confusion כלמה** together *that are* makers of idols.