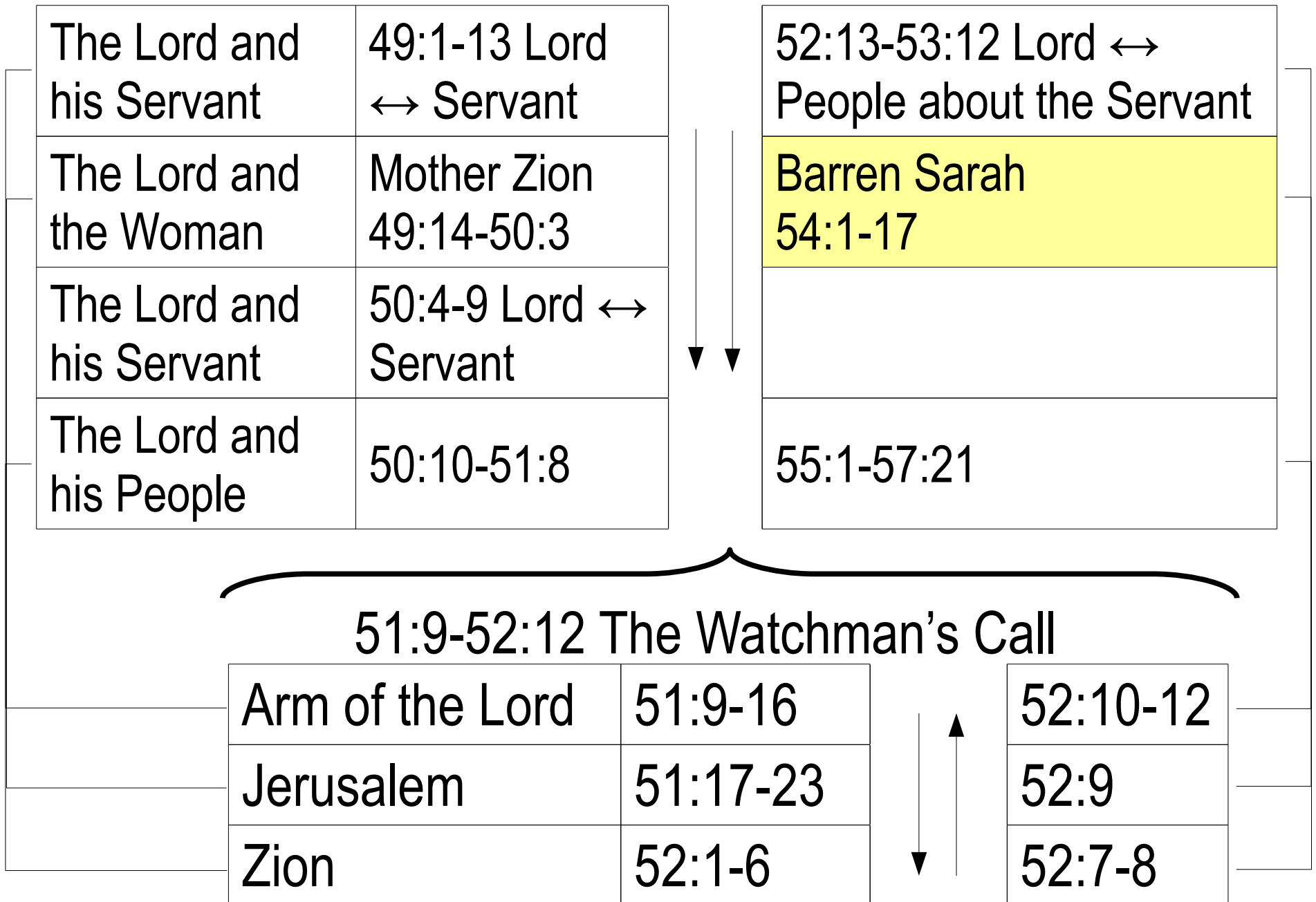


Overview of ch. 49-57



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

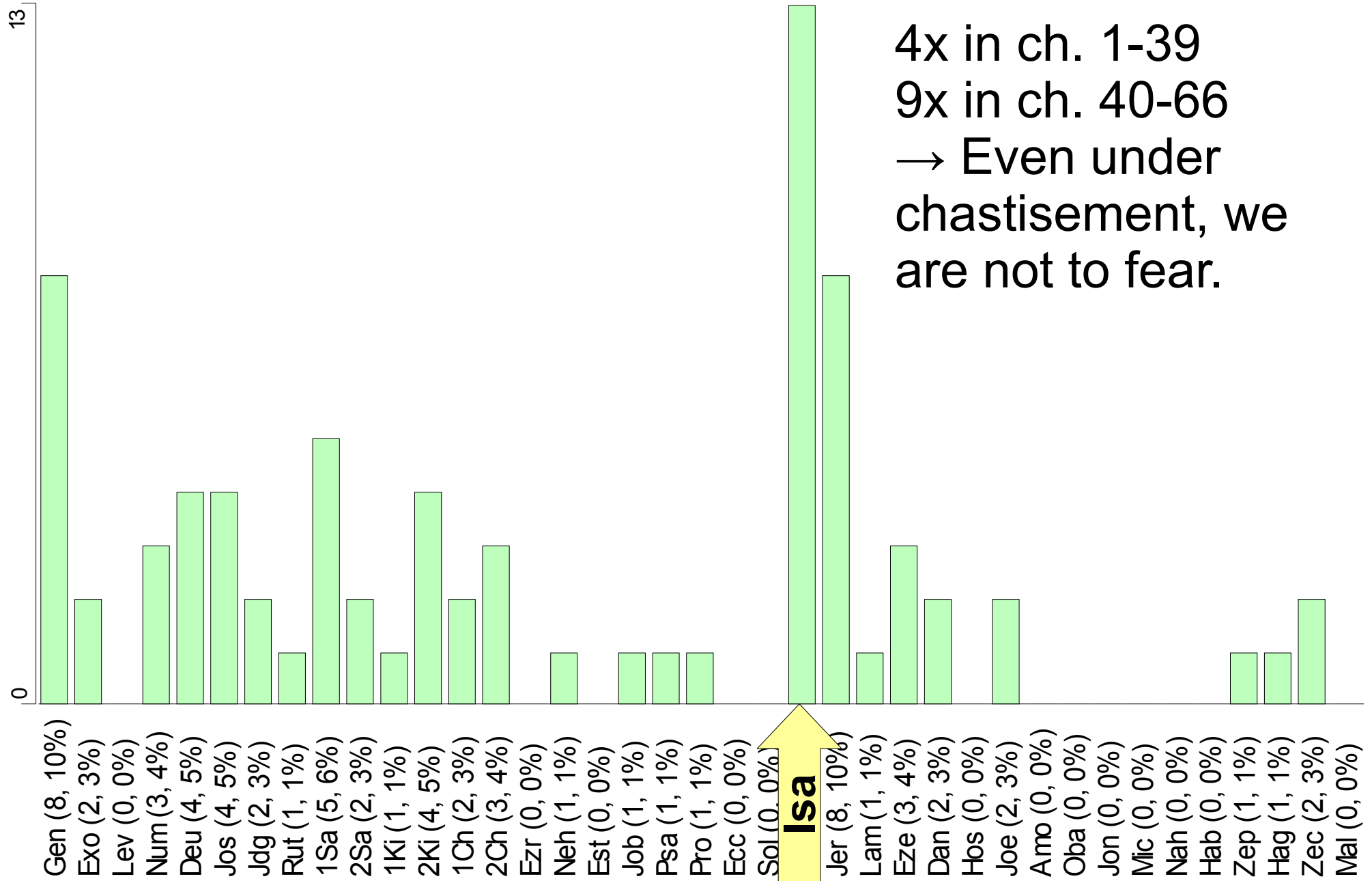
16-17a **Behold**, God owns the armorer

Three Joyful
Observations

17b Summary

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

“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.

Unpacking 54:4

49:14-50:3	54:1-3
Mother Zion Divorced, children killed City dweller	(Sarah) Barren Tent dweller
Gal 4: Hagar	Gal 4: Sarah
54:4d thou ... shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more	54:4c thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth

54:5-10, The Lord Repeats Himself

vv. 5-6		vv. 7-8		vv. 9-10	
5a For thy husband	5b and thy Redeemer	7 For a small moment	8a In a little wrath I hid my face from thee	9a For this is as the waters of Noah unto me:	
is thy Maker ;	the Holy One of Israel;	have I forsaken thee;	for a moment ;	9b for as I have sworn	9c so have I sworn
the LORD of hosts	The God of the whole earth			that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth;	that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.
is his name;	shall he be called.	but with great mercies	but with everlasting kindness	10a For the mountains	10b and the hills
6a For the LORD hath called thee				shall depart,	be removed;
6b as a woman	6c and a wife of youth,	will I gather thee.	will I have mercy on thee,	10c but my kindness	10c the covenant of my peace
forsaken and grieved in spirit,	when thou wast refused,			shall not depart from thee,	neither shall ... be removed,
saith thy God .		saith the LORD thy Redeemer .		saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.	

Unpacking 54:4-6

49:14-50:3	54:1-3
Mother Zion Divorced, children killed City dweller	(Sarah) Barren Tent dweller
Gal 4: Hagar	Gal 4: Sarah
54:4d thou ... shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more	54:4c thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth
54:5a Thy Husband is thy Maker The Lord of Hosts is his name (Epoch: Exodus)	54:5b Thy Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel The God of the Whole Earth shall he be called (Epoch: future)
54:6a For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, ...	54:6b ... and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused
Naomi, the bitter Israelite	Ruth, the believing Gentile

“Thy Husband”

Origin: at Sinai (ca. 1400 BC)

Exo 34:13-16 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: 14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: 15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a **whoring** after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; 16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a **whoring** after their gods, and make thy sons go a **whoring** after their gods.

Elaboration: Hosea (contemporary of Isaiah, ca. 700 BC)

Hos 2:2-20 Plead with your mother, plead: for **she is not my wife, neither am I her husband**: ... 7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and **return to my first husband**; for then was it better with me than now. ... 16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. ... 19 And **I will betroth thee unto me for ever**; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

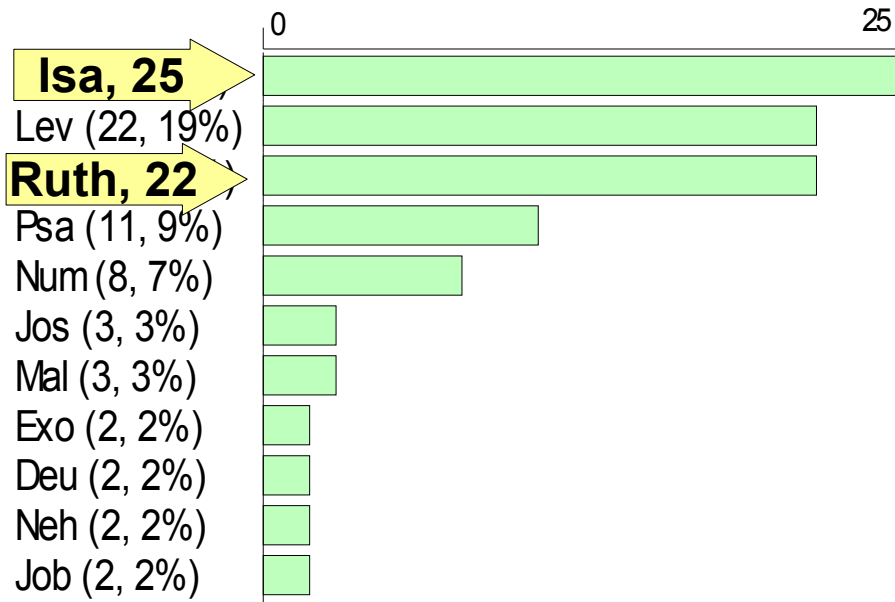
Application: Isaiah 49-50

49:14 But Zion said, The LORD hath **forsaken** me

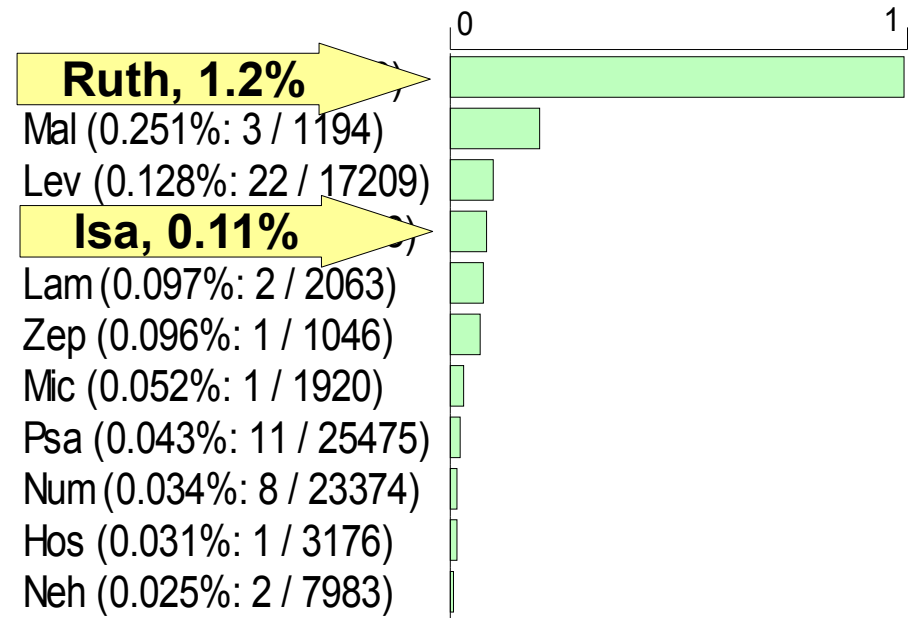
50:1 Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's **divorcement**, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and **for your transgressions is your mother put away**.

“Thy Redeemer”

Total Occurrences of גאל



% of Words in Book



What does Redeemer deliver from?

- Land sold through poverty (Leviticus, Ruth)
- Slavery from poverty (Leviticus)
- Murder (avenger of blood), Numbers
- Childlessness via levirate marriage (Ruth)

“Thy Maker”

When did God make Israel? Consider Isaiah’s use of the expression...

44:2 Thus saith the LORD **that made thee** [Heb “thy maker”], and **formed thee** from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

44:21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: **I have formed thee**; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that **created thee**, O Jacob, and he that **formed thee**, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have **created him** for my glory, I have **formed him**; yea, I have **made him**.

43:21 This people have I **formed** for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

Reference is to the people, or to the Servant. Isaiah draws these notions from Deut 32, Moses’ valedictory song exhorting the new nation:

Deu 32:6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is* not he thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not **made thee**, and **established thee**?

Deu 32:18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that **formed thee**.

→ **The Exodus, not Gen 1**

“The Holy One of Israel”

“The Holy One...”

- Originates in psalms by David’s contemporaries (Ps 71:22; 78:41; 89:19)
- Isaiah’s favorite title for the Lord
- cf. 6:2-3 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

“...of Israel”

- Even the Gentiles must recognize that the God who saves them is first of all Israel’s God
- Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and **thy God my God**:
- Ruth 2:11-12 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. 12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, **under whose wings thou art come to trust**.
- Compare Paul’s exhortation to the Romans (11:18): **Boast not against the branches**. But if thou boast, **thou bearest not the root, but the root thee**.