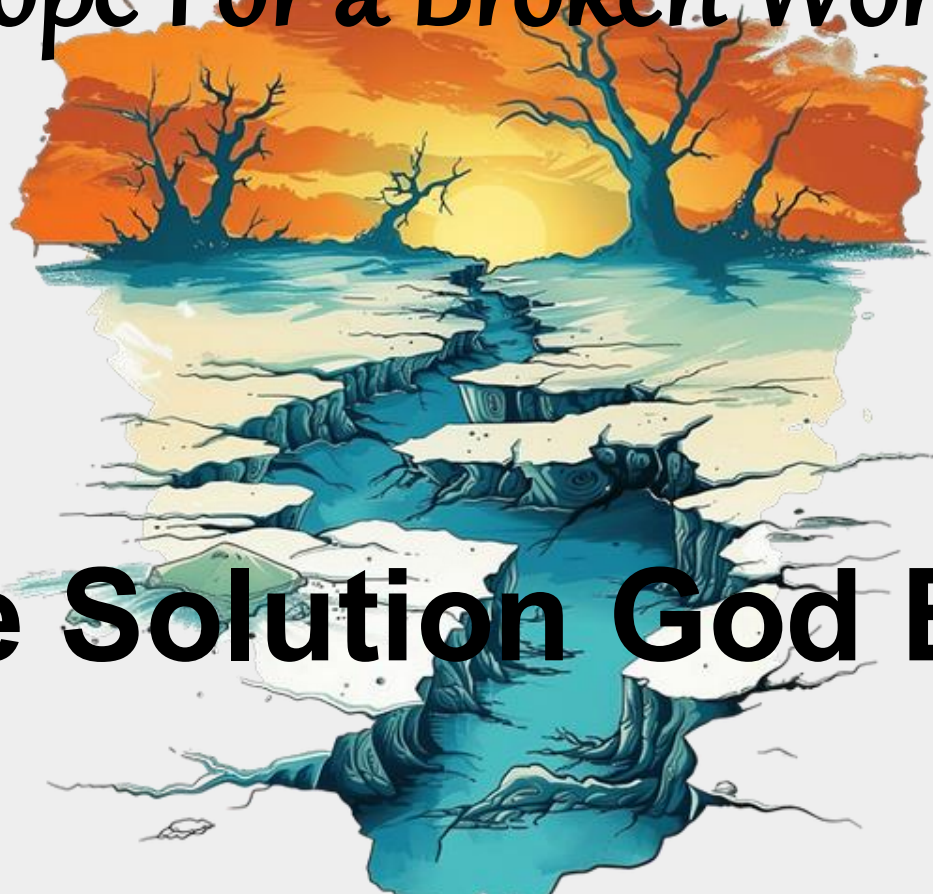


Hope For a Broken World



The Solution God Brings

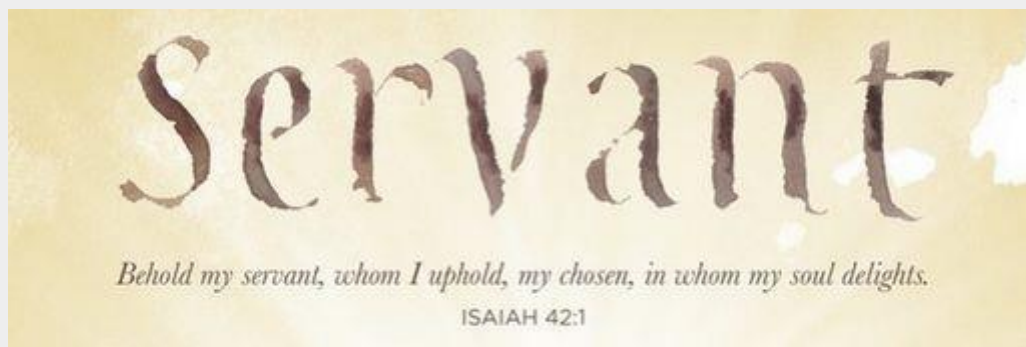
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*What more was there to do
for my vineyard that I
have not done in it?
When I looked for it to
yield grapes why did it
yield wild grapes?*

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*How do you get a
sinful people back into
a right relationship
with the Holy God?*



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Historical Context – All about trust !

- Uzziah death 740bc
- Jotham 750bc to 732bc
- King Ahaz 732bc to 716bc
 - Wicked, idolatrous, faithless
 - God's message to Ahaz "be careful, be quiet do not fear" 7 v 4
- King Hezekiah 716bc to 687bc
 - Prayer for deliverance 37v14-20 "O Lord now save us from his hand"



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Messages from God for the Nations Chap 13 - 23



- To Babylon the Medes are coming.
- The Nile will be dried up
- The Nations will be struck and laid waste
- God's reach goes out across the sea to shake Kingdoms.
- "The nations roar but he will rebuke them and they will flee away" (17 v 13)

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Isaiah's "Little Apocalypse" Chapters 24 - 27

- The earth's judgement and destruction "earth will be utterly empty" (24 v 3)

Because

- The earth is utterly broken (24 v 19)

But

- God will swallow up death and wipe tears away, the reproach of His people he will take away (25 v 8)

So

- Sing the song of the God of perfect peace (26 v 3)

Because

- In that day a pleasant vineyard, I the Lord am its keeper (27 v2)

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Reversal & Restoration

And a great road will go through that once deserted land.

It will be named the Highway of Holiness.

Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; fools will never walk there. Lions will not lurk along its course, nor any other ferocious beasts.

There will be no other dangers. Only the **redeemed** will walk on it. Those who have been **ransomed** by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.

NLT Isaiah 35 v 8-10

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Reconciliation

Isaiah 19 v 23-25

in that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.

Eph 2 v 14-16

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

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Portraits of God's Answer

- Sign of Immanuel (chap 7)
- The Child who is King (chap 9)
- Shoot from the stump of Jesse (chap 11)
- Precious Cornerstone (chap 28)
- Reigning Righteous King (chap 32)
- The Redeemer/ransom payer (chap 35)

Leading onto

- The Lord's chosen Servant (Chap 42-53)
- The Lord's Anointed (Chap 61)
- The Divine Warrior (chap 63)
- The Potter (chap 64)
- The Builder of the new creation (chap 65)



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The Portrait of the Servant who is Coming

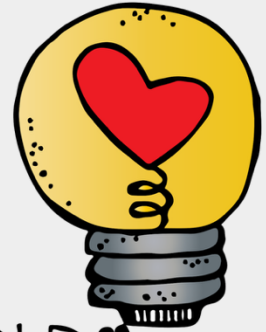
- Song 1 – Chap 42 v 1-9:
 - God's chosen spirit filled agent of justice.
- Song 2 – Chap 49 v 1-13:
 - Servant called from birth to be the light to the nations.
- Song 3 – Chap 50 v 4-11:
 - The obedient servant facing rejection and suffering
- Song 4 – Chap 52 v 13 to 53 v 12:
 - The suffering servant bearing the transgressions of others.

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The Word to the Nations

- A Human Picture
- A Divine Picture
- A transformational picture

“YE ARE
the LIGHT
OF THE WORLD”
MATTHEW 5:14



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