

Day 1 - Three Servants of the LORD – Isaiah 40-48

Nestled within Isaiah chapters 40-48 are references to three servants of the LORD. Today, your assignment is to read through all nine chapters and mark references to each of the servants. Two of the servants are described as servants; one is not. I mark my references to “servant” with a brown colored in box with a 1, 2, or a 3 above the brown box.

Who are the three servants? Where do the references start for each of the three servants? Please write chapter and verse.

Messiah – “My Servant” - Isaiah 42:1

Jacob (Israel) – My servant – Isaiah 41:8

Cyrus – My shepherd – Isaiah 44:28

Days 2-4– Attributes of God’s Three Servants

As you reread chapters 41-48, place a list of attributes and anything else that you find in the margin of your corresponding double-spaced worksheets for each of the servants 1, 2, and 3. If you do this correctly, you will have a lot more to list than space in the margins. After you have completed this task, write your lists below in the respective spaces. You will find more information about these three servants dispersed throughout your reading of Isaiah 40-48. However, they will not be as easily connected to the individual servants as those verses that actually have the word “servant” in them. If you are sure the passage of Scripture you are reading is a reference to one of the three servants, include those in your list below, citing chapter and verse.

Servant of the LORD No. 1 – the Messiah

“My Servant” – Isaiah 42:1-9, 13-16

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is called the Servant of Jehovah. What does Mark say about this Jesus in Mark 10:45?

What does Matthew say about Jesus in chapter 12:17-21?

Servant of the LORD No. 2 – Israel or Jacob - my servant

“But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen” -Isaiah 41:8-20

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What contrast do you see between the coastlands or the ends of the earth in 41:5 and the servant of the LORD or Israel in 41:8-10?

What timeframe do you see surrounding Israel, God's servant, in 41:9?

Again, what timeframe do you see surrounding Israel, God's servant in 41:11-12?

Have these things ultimately come to pass for Israel at the present time?

What obvious comparison between Israel and God is God making by calling Israel, "you worm Jacob" in 41:14?

Again, what time frame do we see surrounding Israel, in Isaiah 41:18-19?

Isaiah 41:18-19 is beginning to happen in Israel today. Since Israel's return to the land in 1948, the desert has become a garden, and both the spring and fall rains have returned to the land. Israel will begin to see the hand of the LORD in all of this. And as this transformation of the land becomes more complete, those who are His will have to see His workmanship in all of it and they will return to Him in obedience (Isaiah 41:20).

"Who is blind but My servant?" - 42:18-25

"O Jacob," "O Israel," "My sons," "My daughters," "Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made," "You are My witnesses" "and My servant," "My chosen people" - 43:1-28

"O Jacob, My servant and you Israel, whom I have chosen," "My witnesses" - 44:1-8

"O Jacob," "Israel," "My servant," "My servant O Israel," "His servant" - 44:21-22, 26

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How does God contrast the idols and Himself in these verses 44:1-20?

“Jacob My servant and Israel My chosen one” - 45:4

“His servant Jacob” - 48:20

Servant of the LORD No. 3 – Cyrus – My shepherd

“Cyrus His Anointed” - Isaiah 44:28 - 45:13

Does someone have to be saved to be God’s servant?

Do you think Cyrus was saved?

What does the phrase “by a way he had not been traversing with his feet” mean in Isaiah 41:3? Does this verse refer to Cyrus?

Day 5 – Which Servant of the LORD has these Attributes? – Isaiah 52:13 through 53

Please read Isaiah 52:13 - Isaiah 53 at this time. I realize that this is outside the boundaries of this section of chapters 40-48. However, you do have double-spaced worksheets for chapters 52 and 53 in the appendix and for the sake of the theme of these three servants, please do this exercise here and now.

Which Servant of the LORD is Isaiah 53 referring to: Israel, Cyrus, or the Messiah? Some of the Jews today believe that their nation, is the Servant of the LORD spoken about here in these verses. Is there any evidence in the Scripture that these Jews are correct in their interpretation?

Do the same with this passage of Scripture as you have done for chapters 40-48. Make a list of the attributes of this Servant of the LORD found in chapter 52:13 through to the end of chapter 53.

Isaiah 48:22 and **Isaiah 57:21**

Please read these two verses. Again, you have the double-spaced worksheet for chapter 57, so do this exercise here and now. Why do you think the first verse in **48:22** is repeated in **57:21**?

This verse, **Isaiah 48:22** can act as a bookend for the end of this first division and the beginning of the next division of nine chapters. This verse is repeated in **Isaiah 57:21**, possibly again acting as a bookend for the end of the second division and the beginning of the final division of nine chapters.

Are we Gentile or Jewish Believers called to be God's servants in this generation? If so, which attributes are we to display in our lives? Will He have to put us into the crucible in order to refine us?

GOD'S SHEPHERD CYRUS AND GOD'S SERVANT ISRAEL

God's Shepherd Cyrus	God's Servant Israel - spiritual heritage, they were sinners, but they did believe, they struggled, but they were His saints
Isaiah 44:28 - 45:4	Isaiah 42-48
<p>-called My shepherd 44:28</p> <p>-he will perform all that God desires him to perform 44:28</p> <p>-he will declare that Jerusalem will be rebuilt 44:28</p> <p>-he will declare that the temple will be rebuilt 44:28</p> <p>-he has been given his authority by God to subdue nations and loose the loins of kings and to open doors and these doors will not be shut 45:1</p> <p>-his way has been made smooth by the LORD 45:2</p> <p>-is called by name by God 45:3</p> <p>-God will cause him to know that He is God and He is calling him by giving Cyrus treasures of darkness and hidden wealth of secret places 45:3</p> <p>-he has been called by name by God for the sake of Jacob 45:3-4</p> <p>-he has been given a title of honor by God though he has not known God (in the past? but now will?) 45:4</p> <p>-he will be girded by God although Cyrus does not know Him 45:5</p> <p>-he will build God's city for Him and will let His exiles go free without any payment or reward 45:13</p> <p>-Cyrus did not have to be saved to be God's servant; reference "though you have not known Me." -45:5</p> <p>-However, if Cyrus did come to know Him in his lifetime, then, we will see Cyrus in heaven</p>	<p>-all those who have placed their trust in Him are the blind (the Remnant) who He will do all of these things for 42:19</p> <p>-was formed by God 43:1</p> <p>-Israel is called by name by God 43:1</p> <p>-they will pass thru the waters and the rivers and God will be with them 43:2</p> <p>-they will not be scorched when they walk thru the fire nor will the flame burn them - Reference to Daniel's three companions in Babylon</p> <p>-the Lord is the Holy One of Israel and their Savior and God 43:3</p> <p>-they are precious in God's sight, honored, and loved by Him 43:4</p> <p>-other nations will be given in their place, other men will be given in exchange for their lives 43:3-4</p> <p>-they are not to fear for God is with them 43:5</p> <p>-God will gather them from all the places He has sent them 43:5-6</p> <p>-they are God's witnesses and His servant whom He has chosen so that they may know and believe Him and understand that He is God - ref 144,000 of Revelation, 43:10</p> <p>-they were formed for God Himself and will declare His praise 43:21</p> <p>-they have not brought God what is truly an offering 43:24</p> <p>-they have burdened Him with their sin 43:24</p> <p>-even so God wipes out their transgressions and will not remember their sins- 43:25</p> <p>-God formed them from the womb and He will help them - 43:2</p> <p>-God will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground, His Spirit on their offspring and blessings on their descendants - 43:3-4</p> <p>-they will spring among the grass like poplars by streams of water 44:4</p> <p>-they will say, they are the LORD's, will call on the name of Jacob, will write on their hand, 'belonging to the LORD' -43:5</p> <p>-God will not forget them - 44:21 & has wiped out their transgressions and their sins - 44:22</p> <p>-God pleads with them to return to Him for He has redeemed them Himself 44:22</p> <p>-in Israel, God will show forth His glory 44:23</p> <p>-Jerusalem will be inhabited and the cities of Judah will be rebuilt 44:28</p> <p>-for the sake of the Remnant, Cyrus was called out by God</p> <p>-Israel has been saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation; they will not be put to shame or humiliated to all eternity 43:17</p> <p>-the offspring of Israel will be justified, will glory (and in all the nations their descendants will be blessed- includes the Gentiles as well as the Remnant of Israel. 45:22,25</p> <p>-they have been borne of God from birth, carried in the womb by God; He will carry, bear, & deliver them 46:4</p> <p>-He will be the same always 46:3</p> <p>-He proclaimed the future to them in ages past so when He acted in hx the Jews would know Him as the only One 48:3-5</p>

GOD'S SERVANT - THE MESSIAH

Isaiah 41	Isaiah 42 - 46	Matthew 12:17-21 & Mark 10:45	Isaiah 53
<p>-God arouses and calls the one from the east in righteousness to God's feet 41:2</p> <p>-God will deliver up nations before this servant 41:2</p> <p>-God will subdue kings before this servant 41:2</p> <p>-God makes the nations like dust w/ the sword of the One from the east 41:2</p> <p>-God makes the nations like wind-driven chaff w/ the bow of the One from the east 41:2</p> <p>-God will cause this servant to pursue the nations and the kings 41:3 & to pass by the nations and the kings in safety by a way he had not been traversing with his feet 41:3</p> <p>-God has already planned for this servant before the foundations of the earth 41:4</p>	<p>-is God's Servant whom God will uphold 42:1</p> <p>- will have God's Spirit upon Him 42:1</p> <p>- will bring forth justice to the nations & faithfully 42:1, 3</p> <p>-will not cry out, raise voice, or make voice heard in street 42:2</p> <p>-will not break bruised reed nor extinguish dimly burning wick 42:3</p> <p>-will not be disheartened or crushed til has est'd justice on earth 42:4</p> <p>-His law will be expectantly awaited by Gentiles 42:4</p> <p>-God has called Him in righteousness 42:5-6</p> <p>-God will hold His hand & watch over Him 42:6</p> <p>-God has appointed Him as a covenant to the people & a light to nations to open blind eyes, bring out prisoners fr. dungeon & those who live in darkness 42:6-7</p> <p>-go forth as a warrior 42:13</p> <p>-arouse His zeal like a man of war 42:13</p> <p>-will prevail agst. His enemies 42:13</p> <p>-will dry up rivers, ponds and make them coastlands 42:16</p> <p>-will make darkness into light before blind (remnant) 42:16</p> <p>-will not leave anything undone; all will be accomplished 42:16</p> <p>-put idolators to shame 42:17</p> <p>-called the Holy One of Israel, Savior, their only Savior, their God, their redeemer 43:3,11,14</p> <p>-is the LORD, Israel's Holy One, the Creator of Israel, their King 43:14</p> <p>-will give drink to His holy people 43:20</p> <p>-will wipe out the Israelites iniquities, remember sins no more 43:25</p> <p>-is the LORD of Hosts 44:6</p> <p>-the first and the last 44:6</p> <p>- is the Rock 44:8</p> <p>-the maker of all things 44:24</p> <p>-He says Jerusalem will be inhabited and cities of Judah rebuilt 44:26</p> <p>- is the One who forms light and creates darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity 45:7</p> <p>-tells all earth, not just Jews to turn to Him and be saved 45:22</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Matthew 12:17-21</p> <p>Mark 10:45</p>	<p>-will prosper, will be high & lifted up, greatly exalted 52:13</p> <p>52:14</p> <p>52:15</p> <p>53:2</p> <p>53:3</p> <p>53:4</p> <p>53:5</p> <p>53:6</p> <p>53:7</p> <p>53:8</p> <p>53:9</p> <p>53:10</p> <p>53:11</p>