



Isaiah Servant Songs Poetic Outline NASB

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Isaiah 40:1-11

1 Comfort, O comfort My people, says your God.
2 Speak to the heart of Jerusalem;
And call out to her,
That her hard service has ended,
That her punishment is accepted;
For she has received of the Lord's hand,
double for all her sins.

3 A voice is calling,
In the wilderness; clear the way of the Lord
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.
4 Let every valley be lifted up
and every mountain and hill be made low
And let the rough ground become a plain,
And the rugged terrain a broad valley
5 Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed;
And all flesh will see it together (as one);
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

6 A voice says, "Call out."
Then he answered "What shall I call out?
All flesh is grass
And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
7 The grass withers
the flower fades
Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass."
8 The grass withers
the flower fades
But the word of our God stands forever.

9 Get yourself up on a high mountain,
O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily,
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear
Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

10 Behold, The Lord God will come with might
with His arm ruling for Him
His reward is with Him
His recompense before Him.

11 Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,
In his arm He will gather the lambs,
And carry them in His bosom;
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

Isaiah 40:12-31

- 12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,
And marked off the heavens by the span,
And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure,
And weighed the mountains in a balance,
And the hills in a pair of scales?
- 13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD
Or as His counselor has informed Him?
- 14 With whom did He consult
who gave Him understanding?
And who taught Him in the path of justice and
taught Him knowledge,
And inform Him of the way of understanding?
- 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales;
Behold, the islands He lifts up like fine dust.
- 16 Even Lebanon is not enough to burn,
Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.
- 17 All the nations are as nothing before Him
They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.
- 18 To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?
- 19 As for the idol, a craftsman casts it,
a goldsmith plates it with gold
And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.
- 20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering
Selects a tree that does not rot;
He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman
To prepare an idol that will not totter.

40:21 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He who sits above the vault of the earth,
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing
who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

24 Scarcely have then been planted,
Scarcely have they been sown,
Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,
Then He merely blows on them, and they wither,
And the storm carries them away like stubble.

25 To whom then will you liken Me
That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high,
And see who has created these stars,
the One who leads forth their host by number,
He calls them all by name
Because of the greatness of His might and
the strength of His power,
Not one of them is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and assert O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
And the justice due me escapes the notice of My God?"

28 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth
Does not become weary or tired His understanding is inscrutable.

29 He gives strength to the weary
And to him who lacks might He increases power,

30 Though youths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous young men stumble badly,

31 Yet those who wait for the LORD
will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 42:1-4

- 1 Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold
My chosen one, (in whom) My soul delights;
I have put My Spirit upon Him,
He will bring forth **justice** to the nations
- 2 He will not cry out or raise (His voice)
Nor make His voice heard in the street.
- 3 A **bruised** reed He will not break,
And a **dimly** burning wick He will not extinguish;
He will faithfully bring forth **justice**.
- 4 He will not grow **dim** or be **crushed**
Until He has established **justice** in the earth;
And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His instruction.

Isaiah 49:1-13

- 49:1 Listen to Me, O islands,
And pay attention you peoples from afar;
From the womb the LORD called Me
From the body of My Mother He named Me.
- 2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword
In the shadow of His Hand He has concealed Me;
And He has also made Me a sharpened arrow,
He has hidden Me in His quiver.
- 3 And He said to Me,
"You are My servant, Israel,
In whom I will show My glory."
- 4 But I said,
"I have toiled in vain,
I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity;
Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the Lord
And My reward with My God."
- 5 But now says the LORD,
Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,
To bring Jacob back to Him,
In order that Israel might be gathered to Him;
(For I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
And My God is My strength.)
- 6 He says,
"It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant,
To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
And to restore the preserved ones of Israel;
I will also make You a light to the nations
So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- 7 Thus says the LORD
the Redeemer of Israel,
and its Holy One,
To the despised One,
To the One abhorred by the nation,
To the Servant of rulers,
"Kings shall see and arise,
Princes shall also bow down;
Because of the LORD who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Isaiah 50:4-11

- 50:4 The Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned one,
That I may know how to sustain the weary with a word
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear to listen as a learned one,
- 5 The Lord God has opened My ear
And I was not disobedient,
Nor did I turn back.
- 6 I gave My back to those who strike Me,
And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard
I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.
- 7 For the Lord God helps Me
Therefore I am not humiliated;
Therefore I have set My face like flint,
And I know that I shall not be ashamed.
- 8 He who vindicates Me is near;
Who will contend with Me?
Let us stand up to each other;
Who has a case against Me?
Let him draw near to Me.
- 9 Behold, the Lord God helps Me,
Who is he who condemns Me?
Behold, they will all wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them.
- 10 Who is among you
fearing the LORD,
obeying the voice of His Servant,
that walks in darkness, and has no light?
Let him trust in the name of the Lord and
rely on his God.
- 11 Behold, all you
who kindle a fire
who gird yourselves with firebrands,
walk in the light of our fire.
And among the brands you have set ablaze.
This you will have from My hand;
And you will lie down in torment.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

53:13 Behold My Servant will prosper
He will be high
and lifted up
and greatly exalted.

14 Just as many were astonished at you
So His appearance was marred more than any man
And His form more than the sons of men

15 Thus He will startle/sprinkle many nations
Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him
For what had not been told them they will see,
And what they had not heard, they will understand.

53:1 Who has believed our message?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
And like a root out of parched ground;
He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him
Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

3 He was despised and forsaken of men,
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
And like one from whom men hide their face
He was despised and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely *our* griefs *He* Himself bore,
And *our* sorrows *He* carried
Yet *we* ourselves esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten of God and afflicted.
5 But *He* was pierced through for *our* transgressions,
He was crushed for *our* iniquities
The chastening of *our* well-being fell upon Him
And by *His* scourging *we* are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the LORD has caused to fall upon Him
The iniquity of us all.

53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted
Yet He did not open His mouth
 Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,
 And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,
So He did not open His mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away;
 And as for His generation, who considered
 That He was cut off out of the land of the living,
 For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?

9 His grave was assigned with wicked men
 Yet He was with a rich man in His death,
 Because He had done no violence,
 Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

10 But the LORD was pleased to crush him
 He made him sick
 If He would render Himself as a guilt offering
 (then) He will see His seed,
 (then) He will prolong His days
 And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

11 As a result of the anguish of His soul,
 He will see it and be satisfied;
 By the knowledge of the Righteous One,
 My Servant will justify the many
 And He will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will allot Him a portion with the great,
 [Alt: Therefore I will allot to him the many]
 And He will divide the booty with the strong;
 [Alt: and the strong He will allocate as spoil]
 Because He poured Himself to death
 And was numbered with the transgressors;
 Yet He himself bore the sins of many
 And interceded for the transgressors.

Isaiah 54:1-10

- 54:1 "Shout for joy," O barren one,
You who have borne no child
Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud,
You who have not travailed.
For the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous
Than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD.
- 2 Enlarge the place of your tent;
Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not;
Lengthen your cords,
And strengthen your pegs.
- 3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,
And your seed will possess nations,
And they will resettle the desolate cities.
- 4 Fear not, for you will not be put to shame;
Neither feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;
For the shame of your youth you will forget,
And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
- 5 For your husband is your Maker,
Whose name is the LORD of hosts;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,
Who is called the God of all the earth.
- 6 For the LORD has called you
like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected,
says your God.
- 7 For a brief moment I forsook you
But with great compassion I will gather you.
- 8 In an outburst of anger,
I hid my face from you for a moment.
But with everlasting loyal-love,
I will have compassion on you,
Declares the LORD your Redeemer.
- 9 For this is like the days of Noah to me:
When I swore that the waters of Noah should not flood the earth again.
So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you
Nor will I rebuke you.
- 10 For the mountains may be removed,
And the hill may shake,
But my loyal-love will not be removed from you.
And My covenant of peace will not be shaken,
Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:11-17

54:11 "O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted

Behold I will set your stones in antimony
And I will lay your foundations in sapphires.
12 Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies,
And your gates of crystal,
And your entire wall of precious stones.

13 And all your sons will be taught of the LORD
And the well-being of your sons will be great.

14 In righteousness you will be established,
You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear;
And from terror for it will not come near you.

15 If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me,
Whoever assails you will fall because of you.

16 Behold, I Myself have created the smith
Who blows the fire of coals,
And brings out a weapon for its work;
And I have created the destroyer to ruin.

17 No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;
And every tongue that accuse you in judgment you will condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 55:1-13

1 Ho! Everyone who thirst, come to the waters;
And you who have no money come buy and eat,
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

2 Why do you weigh out silver for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me and eat what is good,
And delight yourself in abundance.

3 Incline your ear and come to Me.
Listen, that you may live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
According to the faithful mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
A leader and commander for the peoples.

5 Behold, You will call a nation you do not know,
And a nation which knows you not will run to you,
Because of the LORD your God,
Even the Holy One of Israel
For He has glorified you.

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found;
Call upon Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
And let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him;
And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
And do not return there without watering the earth,
And making it bear and sprout,
And furnishing seed to the sower
And bread to the eater;

11 So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me empty,
Without accomplishing what I desire,
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out with joy,
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

13: Instead of the thornbush the cypress will come up,
And instead of the nettle, the myrtle will come up,
And it will be a memorial to the LORD,
For an everlasting sign which will not be cut off.