

## ISAIAH 49

All Poetry

Servant Song #2 - Vs. 1-12 - Israel as Servant of God vs. 3 (King Cyrus /Davidic King Figure/ Millennial Messiah could also have these qualities)

A Verse 1

(and)

Listen, O Isles, unto me,  
Hearken, ye people, from far.

The Lord hath called me from the womb,  
From the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my  
name.

B Verse 2

(And)

A He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
B In the shadow of his hand he hid me. (Guise – [ultimate safety Is. 51:16](#))

A He hath made me a polished shaft in his quiver,

B He hath hid me. (Kept me secret)

(Joseph Smith referred to this prophecy in relation to himself: "I am like a huge, rough stone rolling down from a high mountain; and the only polishing I get is when some corner gets rubbed off by coming in contact with something else, striking with accelerated force against religious bigotry, priestcraft, corrupt men and women – all hell knocking off a corner here and a corner there. Thus, I will become a smooth and polished shaft in the quiver of the Almighty." TOPJS, Pg. 304)

C Verse 3

(And)

**The Lord said unto me:**

Thou art my servant, O Israel,  
Thou art my servant, in whom I will be glorified.

D Verse 4

**Then I said:**

I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nought and in vain.

(Yet)

(and)

Surely my judgment is with the Lord, (my cause)  
Surely my work is with my God. (my recompense)

D Verse 5

**And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb:**

To be his servant,  
To bring Jacob again to him,

(Jacob being: Jews, Lamanites, 10 Tribes - Israel being: Ephraim)

"Though Israel be not gathered, yet I shall be glorious in the  
eyes of the Lord."

(and)

"My God shall be my strength."

C Verse 6 (And)

**He (The Lord) said:**

**It is a light thing** that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel,

**I will also** give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

B Verse 7

**Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and (the) Holy One (of Israel),**

**To him whom man despiseth,  
To him whom the nation abhorreth,  
To a servant of rulers:**

“Kings shall see and arise,”  
“Princes also shall worship.”

(and) Because of the Lord that is faithful,  
Because the Holy One of Israel shall choose thee.

A Verse 8

**Thus saith the Lord:**

(and) In an acceptable time have I heard thee, (See 2 Cor. 6:2)  
In a day of salvation have I helped thee.

(and) I will preserve thee,  
(and) I will give thee for a covenant of the people.

To establish the earth,  
To cause thee to inherit the desolate heritages.

Verse 9

**That thou mayest say:**

To the prisoners, “Go Forth!”  
To them that are in darkness, “Shew Yourselves!”

(See D&C 128:22, 1 Ne. 22:12, Ps. 146:7-8)

(and) **A** They shall feed in the ways,  
**B** Their pastures shall be in all high places.

Verse 10

**A** They shall not hunger nor thirst,  
**B** Neither shall the heat nor sun smite them.

- (for) He that hath mercy on them shall lead them,  
Even by the springs of water shall he guide them.
- Verse 11 (And) I will make all my mountains a way,  
(and) My highways shall be exalted.
- Verse 12 **Behold, these shall come from far:**
- (and) Lo, these from the Northwest!  
(and) Lo, these from the land of Sinim! (Asian lands – Towards Southeast - China)
- Verse 13 Sing, O Heavens!  
(and) Be joyful, O Earth!  
(and) Break forth into singing, O Mountains!
- (and) For the Lord hath comforted his people,  
He will have mercy upon his afflicted.
- Verse 14 **But Zion said:**
- (and) “The Lord hath forsaken me.”  
“My Lord hath forgotten me.”
- Verse 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child that she should not have  
compassion on the son of her womb?  
Yea, they (she) may forget,  
**Yet, I will not forget thee.**
- Verse 16 **Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands,  
Thy walls are continually before me.**  
(I have sealed you to be continually before me.)  
(See similar examples of this type of Hebrew Expression – Is. 40: 30-31, Is. 51: 6, 8)
- Verse 17 Thy children shall make haste,  
Thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of  
thee.
- Verse 18 **Lift up thine eyes round about and behold!:**
- (and) All these gather themselves together  
All these come to thee.
- As I live, saith the Lord:** (The Lord here is making an oath)
- Thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament,  
Thou shalt surely bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.



(For) I will contend with him that contendeth with thee,  
(and) I will save thy children.

Verse 26 (And) I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh,  
(and) They shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet  
wine.

(and) All flesh shall know that I, the Lord, am thy Saviour,  
(and) All flesh shall know that, Thy Redeemer, <sup>(is)</sup> the Mighty One of  
Jacob.

(President Wilford Woodruff said of Isaiah 49: "The revelations that are in the Bible, the predictions of the Patriarch and Prophets who saw by vision and revelation the last dispensation and fullness of times, plainly tell us what is to come to pass. The 49<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah is having its fulfillment." UI Pg. 424)