

ISAIAH 52

All Poetry

Servant Song #4: Vs. 13 – 15 – Suffering Servant (Moses Figure, Hezekiah Figure – marred with illness and later victory over Assyria, Christ in the Meridian of Time)

Verse 1 Awake, Awake! Put on thy strength, O Zion.
Awake, Awake! Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the
 Holy City.

(For) **Hence forth:**

(and) There shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised,
 There shall no more come into thee the unclean.

Verse 2 A Shake thyself from the dust, arise!
 (and) B Sit down (enthroned), O Jerusalem.

A Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, arise!
B Sit down (enthroned), O Captive Daughter of Zion.

Verse 3 **For thus saith the Lord:**

(and) Ye have sold yourselves for nought,
 Ye shall be redeemed without money.

Verse 4 **Now, therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord:**

(that) My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there,
(and) The Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

Verse 5 **Now, therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord:**

(that) My people is taken away for nought,
 They that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord,
 and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

Pulpit Commentary

Verse 4. - My people went down... into Egypt ... the Assyrian oppressed them. Israel had experienced three captivities. They "went down" voluntarily into Egypt, on invitation, to sojourn, and were there cruelly and unjustly reduced to a servile condition (Exodus 1:13, 14). They (or a great part of them) were violently carried into captivity by the Assyrian kings, Tiglath-Pileser (2 Kings 15:29), Sargon (2 Kings 17:6), and Sennacherib (2 Kings 18:13; 'Eponym Canon,' p. 134), who, without cause, grievously "oppressed" them. Now they are suffering under a third captivity in Babylonia. What is to be the Divine action under these circumstances?

- Verse 6 (Therefore) **My people shall** (come to) **know my name:**
 (therefore) They shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak,
 My people shall know it is I.
- Verse 7 (Then shall they say:)
 “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that
 bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, (and) that
 publisheth salvation.”
 “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that
 saith unto Zion, “Thy God reigneth!”
 (Feet – represent the whole body of those who travel about preaching the Gospel –
 Rom. 10:14-15)
- Verse 8 (Hark!) **thy watchmen shall lift up the voice:**
 (For) With the voice together shall they sing,
 They shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again
 Zion.
- Verse 10 (and) The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations.
 (Per Prof. Gileadi verse transposed) All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- Verse 9 **Break forth into joy and sing together, ye waste places of
 Jerusalem:**
 (For) The Lord hath comforted his people,
 He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- Verse 11 **Depart ye** (Turn away), **depart ye:**
 Go ye out from thence,
 Touch no unclean thing. (as you leave Babylon)
 Go ye out of the midst of her,
 Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.
- Verse 12 (For) **Ye shall not go out with haste nor go by flight:**
 (for) The Lord will go before you, (Pillar of Smoke/Cloud by Day)
 (and) The God of Israel will be your rereward. (Pillar of Fire at Night)
- Verse 13 (Behold) My servant shall deal prudently; he shall be exalted,
 (and) (He) shall be extolled and be very high. (eminent)

Verse 14

As many were astonished (appalled) at thee:

(and)

His visage was marred more than any man,
His form was marred more than the sons of men.

(See 3 Nephi 21: 10-11)

Verse 15

So shall he sprinkle (gather) many nations:

(for)

The kings shall shut their mouths at him,
That which had not been told them shall they see and that
which they had not heard shall they consider.

(Verses 10-15 – Exodus Theme – Moses and the Children of Israel - did not need to leave in panic – See Is. 58:8 - Vessels – Posterity/offspring – See Isaiah 66:20, Isaiah 22:24 – Also see – 1 Thess. 4:4; Ps. 31:12; Dan. 1:2, Chapter 5; 2 Chr. 4:7; Romans 9: 21-24; Acts 9:15-16; 2 Tim. 2: 19-21; 1 Pet. 3:7)

(Isaiah 52 is a chapter often quoted by the Lord’s prophets. Jacob (Brother of Nephi), Abinadi, Moroni, John the Revelator, Paul, and Joseph Smith all quoted from it – as did the Lord himself in his visit to the Nephites. When Jesus recited these writings, he rearranged the order of the verses, quoting them in this order: 8-10, 1-3, 6-7, 11-15 (3 Ne. 20:32-44). Verse 4 and 5 were not quoted at all. UI Pg. 461)

