

# THE SERVANT SONGS OF ISAIAH – BEHOLD, MY SERVANT!

FOUR SONGS	<b>42:1-9 / 9 Verses</b>	<b>49:1-7 / 7 Verses</b>	<b>50:4-11 / 8 Verses</b>	<b>52:13 – 53:12 / 15 Verses</b>
MAIN FOCUS	<b>MANNER</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>	<b>MISSION</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>	<b>MINISTRY</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>	<b>MEANING &amp; MEANS</b> <i>of the Suffering Servant</i>
SPEAKERS  The 4th Song is BRACKETED by the Lord's DECLARATION of His Servant's Exaltation But it is Uniquely CENTERED on the WITNESS of a Responsive, Repenting People.	<b>THE LORD DECLARES</b> <i>Provision of the Ideal Servant</i>  "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights!" <b>42:1</b>	<b>THE SERVANT TESTIFIES</b> <i>Confession of Trust in Yahweh</i>  "But I said, 'I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity, yet surely the justice due Me is with the Lord and My reward is with My God.'" <b>49:4</b>	<b>THE SERVANT TESTIFIES</b> <i>Confession of Obedience to Yahweh</i>  "For the Lord God helps Me, therefore I am not disgraced; therefore, I have set My face like a flint...Behold, the Lord God helps Me; who is he who condemns Me?" <b>50:7-9</b>	<b>THE LORD DECLARES</b> <i>Exaltation of the Ideal Servant</i>  "Behold, My Servant, will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted." <b>52:13</b>  <b>REPENTANT SERVANTS TESTIFY</b> <i>Recognition of the Servant's Substitution</i>  "Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." <b>53:1-6</b>
Increasing SUFFERING	<b>INITIAL OPPOSITION</b> <b>42:4</b>	<b>VERBAL HUMILIATION</b> <b>49:4, 7</b>	<b>PHYSICAL PERSECUTION</b> <b>50:6</b>	<b>BRUTAL EXECUTION</b> <b>SPIRITUAL PROPITIATION</b> <b>52:14; 53:1-9</b>
Faith RESPONSE	<b>UNIVERSAL PRAISE</b> <i>Sing a New Song to the Lord</i> <b>42:10-13</b>	<b>UNIVERSAL PRAISE</b> <i>All Creation Shout for Joy</i> <b>49:8-13</b>	<b>OBEDIENT TRUST</b> <i>Obey the Voice of His Servant</i> <b>51:1–52:12</b>	<b>ETERNAL SALVATION</b> <b>UNIVERSAL INVITATION</b> <i>Sing for Joy and Seek the LORD</i> <b>54:1-17; 55:1-13</b>
Unfaithful ISRAEL Unbelieving NATIONS VS Unlikely SERVANT	<b>UNBELIEVING NATIONS</b> <b>UNFAITHFUL ISRAEL</b> <i>False Gods and Worthless Idols</i> <b>41:8-10, 21-29; 42:18-25</b>	<b>UNFAITHFUL ISRAEL</b> <i>The Unfaithful Servant Claims to Have Been Forsaken and Forgotten by the LORD</i> <b>48:1-22; 49:14-16</b>	<b>UNREPENTANT ISRAEL</b> <i>The Blame Actually Lies with the Depravity of Their Rebel Hearts and Their Inability to Repent</i> <b>50:1-3</b>	<b>UNDESERVING HUMANITY</b> <i>Sins of the Unbelieving Are Born by the Suffering Servant within the Song Itself!</i>  "BEHOLD, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" <b>John 1:29</b>
Ultimate SUCCESS  Due to Faithful PERSEVERANCE and Divine PROVISION	<b>HIS PERSEVERING and DIVINE PROTECTION</b> <i>"He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth...I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations,"</i> <b>42:4-9</b>	<b>HIS PRAYING and DIVINE POWER</b> <i>"Surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, and My reward with My God'...'For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and My God is My strength'...Thus says the LORD, 'In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You; and I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, to restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;"</i> <b>49:4-8</b>	<b>HIS PROCLAIMING and DIVINE PRESENCE</b> <i>"The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word...For the Lord GOD helps Me, therefore I am not disgraced...He who vindicates Me is near; who will contend with Me?...Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; who is he who condemns Me?"</i> <b>50:7-11</b>	<b>HIS PUNISHMENT and DIVINE PROSPERING</b> <b>Resurrection Ascension, Exaltation, Consummation as Prophet-Priest-King of the New Covenant</b> <i>"Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted...Thus He will sprinkle many nations...If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,"</i> <b>52:13, 15; 53:10-12</b>

**INCREASING OPPOSITION Results in HIS EXECUTION Followed by HIS EXALTATION Due to HIS SUBSTITUTION for Sinners and HIS PROPITIATION of Wrath for HIS JUSTIFICATION of Many!**