

Behold, Mission Impossible Accomplished!

Servant Song 2 • Isaiah 49:1-13



Servants of the Lord can relate to “Mission Impossible” but sometimes “Missions Accomplished” seems out of reach or less than reality.



- In the 1st Servant Song (Isaiah 42:1-13) we met the Suffering Servant and saw the focus was the **MANNER** of His service.
- In the 2nd Servant Song (49:1-13) the focus is on the **MISSION** of the Suffering Servant.

The Servant Is Telling Us

How to **ACCOMPLISH** the impossible for the LORD!

No Matter What Season of Advent You Are in Right Now: Listen to the Servant! Pay Attention to Him!
He is telling us how to persevere from Mission Impossible to Mission Accomplished!

Behold, the Mission Is Impossible!

1. The Nation of Israel **FAILED** to Fulfill Their Mission as the Servant of the LORD.

Israel's Mission Was Two-fold

- Israel was to **REVEAL** the “Glory of the Holy One of Israel” to the surrounding Nations.
- Nations were to **REALIZE** the “Holy One of Israel” was the one true God and worthy of worship.

*But Unfaithful Israel failed to fulfill their mission as the Servant of the LORD and instead **FOLLOWED** the Unbelieving Nations into the **DARKNESS** of rejecting the Holy One of Israel! Isaiah 41:8-10; 42:18-25; 48:1*

2. The Holy One of Israel Will Commission His Own Ideal **ISRAEL** [of His Own Choosing].

He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel, in Whom I will show My glory.” (49:3)

The Mission of His Servant, the Ideal Israel

- Calls for a prophetic **MESSENGER** with a powerful message. 49:1-2
 1. The Servant is **PREDESTINED** by the LORD to be a prophet **for** the LORD. (1b, 5, 7)
 2. The Servant has a **POWERFUL** message **from** the LORD that is prepared **by** the LORD. (2)
- Requires **RESTORING** Israel to **REACH** the Nations. 49:5-6

A Great Honor: Restoring Unfaithful Israel to Covenant Blessings in Eight Ways

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| 1. Repenting to turn Israel back to the Lord. | “To bring Jacob back to Him,” 5a |
| 2. Regathering Israel from being scattered. | “so that Israel might be gathered to Him” 5b |
| 3. Resurrecting the Tribes of Jacob from spiritual death. | “To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel;” 6a |
| 4. Restoring the protected elect ones of Israel. | “and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; 6a |
| 5. Redeeming the sinful hearts of Israel. | “Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One,” 7 |
| 6. Rebuilding the ruins in the Promised Land. | “To restore the land” 8 |
| 7. Repossessing the inheritances in the Promised Land. | “to make them inherit the desolate heritages;” 8 |
| 8. Receiving the Suffering Servant as their New Covenant. | “I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people” 8 |

Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:25-27

- Seems to be so impossible that it has **FAILED**. 49:4, 7
1. In terms of **results** the Servant fears His Mission is **UNFRUITFUL**. (4)
 2. In terms of **response** the Servant is extremely **UNPOPULAR**. (7)
 3. In terms of **respect** the Servant is treated by Israel and the Nations as **UNWORTHY**. (7)

Behold, Mission Impossible Is Accomplished!

1. The LORD Is TRUSTWORTHY to Accomplish His Impossible Mission.

Why? Because the LORD Is the **HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL** and He Alone Is Trust Worthy!

He Alone Is Able to Accomplish the Impossible Mission

- His **predestination** of His Servant is trustworthy. (1, 3, 5-7)
- His **preparation** of His Servant is trustworthy. (2)
- His **protection** of His Servant is trustworthy. (2, 8)
 - His **power** for His Servant is trustworthy. (2, 5-7)
 - His **promises** to His Servant are trustworthy. (7-8)
 - His **proclamation & prophecies** through His Servant are trustworthy. (1-2, 6, 9-12)
 - His **provision** of His Servant as the New Covenant is trustworthy. (8)

2. The Suffering Servant TRUSTED the One Who Is Trustworthy in His Trials and Temptations.

Isaiah 49:3-4	He said to Me, But I said,	<i>"You are My Servant, Israel, in Whom I will show My glory." "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."</i>
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Isaiah 49:8	Thus says the LORD,	<i>"In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You; and I will keep [protect/preserve] You and give You for a covenant of the people..."</i>
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3. Like Israel and the Nations, We Must TURN BACK to Trust the One Who Is Trustworthy!

*"Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.
I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and **will not turn back**,
that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance. Isaiah 45:22*

*For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "**In repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength.**"
But you were not willing, Isaiah 30:15*

What About the Prophecies Concerning Israel's Restoration in Light of the 1st Advent of the Suffering Servant?

- **After the Suffering Servant's resurrection, the disciples ask this Davidic Shepherd-King if He will now restore the kingdom to Israel (Isa 49:5, 7-9).**
So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6
- **The vindicated Suffering Servant does not rebuke them for being mistaken in asking the question about the restoration of national Israel or correct them for being misguided in their expectation of such a restoration for the nation. Instead, He says the timing of this coming age is not for them to know even though it is certain to occur since the Father Himself has established it by His own authority.**
"He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority...' " Acts 1:7
- **Instead, they are to focus on the greater honor of being His New Covenant witnesses to all the nations, even to the end of the earth (Isa 49:6).**
"...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.'" Acts 1:8
- **The Apostles continued to preach the hope of this kingdom restoration of Israel even after the Church was birthed in Acts 2.**
"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time." Acts 3:19-21
- **Paul – part of the saved Jewish Remnant and the Apostle to the Gentiles – explains that the full restoration and final salvation of national Israel occurs after the full number of Gentiles have been saved and the time of the Gentiles has been fulfilled.**

*For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery — so that you will not be wise in your own estimation — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written (see Isa 59:20-21; 27:9),
"The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. "This is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." Rom 11:25-27*