

Old Testament

- Isa 48:1** Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and who came from the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of the LORD and confess the God of Israel, but not in truth or right.
- Isa 48:2** For they call themselves after the holy city, and stay themselves on the God of Israel; the LORD of hosts is his name.
- Isa 48:3** "The former things I declared of old; they went out from my mouth, and I announced them; then suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.
- Isa 48:4** Because I know that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew and your forehead brass,
- Isa 48:5** I declared them to you from of old, before they came to pass I announced them to you, lest you should say, 'My idol did them, my carved image and my metal image commanded them.'
- Isa 48:6** "You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forth I announce to you new things, hidden things that you have not known.
- Isa 48:7** They are created now, not long ago; before today you have never heard of them, lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'
- Isa 48:8** You have never heard, you have never known, from of old your ear has not been opened. For I knew that you would surely deal treacherously, and that from before birth you were called a rebel.
- Isa 48:9** "For my name's sake I defer my anger, for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off.
- Isa 48:10** Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.
- Isa 48:11** For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.
- Isa 48:12** "Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last.
- Isa 48:13** My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together.
- Isa 48:14** "Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The LORD loves him; he shall perform his purpose on Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans.
- Isa 48:15** I, even I, have spoken and called him; I have brought him, and he will prosper in his way.
- Isa 48:16** Draw near to me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there." And now the Lord GOD has sent me, and his Spirit.
- Isa 48:17** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.
- Isa 48:18** Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea;
- Isa 48:19** your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me."
- Isa 48:20** Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!"
- Isa 48:21** They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split the rock and the water gushed out.

Isa 48:22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

Isa 49:1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.

Isa 49:2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

Isa 49:3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

Isa 49:4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

Isa 49:5 And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him-- for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--

Isa 49:6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Isa 49:7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Isa 49:8 Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages,

Isa 49:9 saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture;

Isa 49:10 they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

Isa 49:11 And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up.

Isa 49:12 Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene."

Isa 49:13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Isa 49:14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

Isa 49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

Isa 49:16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Isa 49:17 Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you.

Isa 49:18 Lift up your eyes around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, declares the LORD, you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does.

Isa 49:19 "Surely your waste and your desolate places and your devastated land-- surely now you will be too narrow for your inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up will be far away.

Isa 49:20 The children of your bereavement will yet say in your ears: 'The place is too narrow for me; make room for me to dwell in.'

Isa 49:21 Then you will say in your heart: 'Who has borne me these? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away, but who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; from where have these come?'"

Isa 49:22 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.

Isa 49:23 Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame."

Isa 49:24 Can the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?

Isa 49:25 For thus says the LORD: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken, and the prey of the tyrant be rescued, for I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children.

Isa 49:26 I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am the LORD your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

New Testament

Col 4:1 Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Col 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Col 4:3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison--

Col 4:4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

Col 4:6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Col 4:7 Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.

Col 4:8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts,

Col 4:9 and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

Col 4:10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions--if he comes to you, welcome him),

Col 4:11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.

Col 4:13 For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.

Col 4:14 Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.

Col 4:15 Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

Col 4:16 And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.

Col 4:17 And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."

Col 4:18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.