ISAIAH –Lesson 49

Learn: I am the LORD: that is my name: my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. Isaiah 42:8, 9

Read: Isaiah 42:1-25

- 1. This section Isaiah 42:1-25 speaks of God's protection for Israel. What is that protection based upon? v 6
- 2. Verse one speaks of the LORD'S servant. What is the first characteristic of this servant given in verse 1? Also see Psalm 17:5; 41:12; 63:8.
- 3. What is God's feeling toward His "servant?" v 1

The phrase "Mine elect in Who, my soul delighteth" "elect" –Hebrew: bachiyr- used 13 times- refers to Israel in Isaiah 43:20; 45:4; 65:9, 15, 22 and Psalm 105:6, 43: 106:8 – to Moses in Psalm 106:23 and to the Messiah in this verse and Psalm 89:1-3 -Dr. David Hocking

- 4. What did the LORD do for His servant so that he is able to accomplish great things? v 1 Also see Isaiah 61:1.
- 5. What is the purpose of His "servant?" vv 1, 3, 4
- 6. What will be the characteristic of the LORD'S "servant's" work? v 2 Also see John 14:27.

How does this make this "servant" different from many in the world who come with a mission to accomplish some goal?

- 7. What is the great concern and passion of the LORD'S "servant?" v 3 Also see Matthew 12:14-21.
- 8. What is the outcome of the "servant's" work? v 4

NOTE: The word "servant" appears in the English Bible 491 times of which 409 usages are in the OT. 19 of these usages are in the last 27 chapters of Isaiah. However, the Hebrew word translated "servant" is the word "ebed" which is found 801 times in the OT.

The word "servant" refers to Israel in Isaiah 41:8-9; 43:10; 41:1, 2, 21 (twice); 48:20; 49:3, 5, 6, 7 – a total of 15 times in the last 27 chapters.

The word is used of Cyrus in Isaiah 44:6, and three usages refer to the Messiah-Isaiah 42:1; 52:13; 53:11.

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9. Who is calling His "servant?" v 5

"God the Lord" – Hebrew : "ha'el" – the God Yahveh!

10. Where did the heavens and earth come from? v 5

- 11. For what purpose was the earth created and made productive by God? Isaiah 45:18
- 12. According to verse five, what relationship does God have to all the people of the earth? Also see Daniel 5:23; Acts 17:25
- 13. According to verse 6, what are three purposes of the calling of the "Servant?" 1-
 - 2-
 - 3-

- 14. Who are the people who are touched by this "Servant?" v 7
- 15. Who are the "blind" and the "prisoners?" Mark 8:17, 18; II Corinthians 3:14-16; Romans 6:16 blind-

prisoners-

- 16. In verses 8, 9, what are two things to praise the LORD for? 1-
 - 2-
- 17. Who is to sing praise to the LORD? vv 10-12

NOTE: Kedar was the second son of Ishmael, and is the tribe from which Mohammed came. Psalm 120:5-7 speaks of Kedar as hostile to His people and Isaiah 21:13-17 the Lord predicts the defeat of Kedar.

The Bible presents Kedar as connected to Arabia and as merchants of flocks (Ezekiel 27:21). Isaiah 60:1-7 predicts a change in the heart of Kedar that the messiah will bring. Dr. David Hocking

- 18. The LORD shall bring conquest. What are the four parts of that conquest as recorded in verses 13-16?
 - 1-2-
 - 3-

4-

19. What will happen to those who trust in idols? v 17

- 20. Verse 19 speaks of "my servant." Is this the same "servant" as in verse 1-7? Explain your answer. vv 1-20, 22-23. Also refer to Isaiah chapter 1.
- 21. What pleases the LORD? v 21
- 22. What does the LORD want Israel to know? vv 22-24a
- 23. Why did the LORD bring evil to Israel? vv 24
- 24. Even though the LORD brought all this evil on Israel, what did not happen in their hearts? v 25
- 25. What application can be made to America from this passage?