

The Hidden Messiah, Isaiah Ch. 49

In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and He has also made Me a select arrow; He has hidden Me in His quiver. Is. 49:2

Textual highlights

- *Listen to Me, O islands, vs.1:* The message shifts focus from the isolated issues of Israel to the rest of the world.

- *He has hidden Me in His quiver, vs.2:* The enigmatic voice of the redeemer speaks, having emerged in 48:16.

- *You are My servant, Israel, in Whom I will show My glory, vs.2:* The emphasis is on the name “Israel, “ meaning “one who contends with God (for the souls of humanity.) It’s meaning is much less adversarial, more advocacy.

- *But I said, “I have toiled in vain . . .” vs.4:* expressing the frustration of history over the human condition.

- *For I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and My God is My strength, vs.5:* Almost a secret message, in that this phrase is the meaning of the name Joshua, or Yeshua.

- *I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth, vs.6* A preview of the role of the coming Messiah.

- *To the despised One, to the One abhorred by the nation, vs.7,* a prediction to the status allotted to him by his own people. _____

The Messianic Context

- Jewish expectations: false notions.
 - To rescue them from outside powers: _____
 - To establish them as supreme: _____
 - To give them “justice:” _____
 - To bring forced peace to the world: _____

- Jewish expectations: Two Messiahs:
 - *Meshiah ben Joseph:* _____

 - *Meshiah ben David:* _____

- Messianic types
 - Israel: “contender with God.” _____
 - Cyrus: God’s anointed (45:1). _____
 - Consider the uniqueness of both of these individuals: one was yet a stranger in a strange land (Canaan), and the other was a foreign conquering king.

Isaiah, a sneak preview of the “real” Messiah

- The context of Biblical prophecy and reality.
 - Concealed. _____
 - Revealed. _____
 - Israel’s redeemer. _____
 - The world’s redeemer. _____
 - Light of the World. _____
 - Despised and rejected. _____
 - Sacrificed for our redemption. _____

Do not mistake the real nature and purpose of redemption

- It is *not* to:
 - Elevate one race or ethnicity over another.
 - Give anyone a reason for gloating.
 - Wag a finger in judgment.
- In one sense, redemption *is* the purpose. It is the purpose for
 - Creation, _____
 - The Law (Torah), _____
 - The life of the Son of God, _____
- Redemption itself exists solely
 - Because of *Love*, _____
 - Through *Love*, _____
 - By way of a sacrifice of *Love*, _____

God loved the world to such a degree that He sacrificed His only genetic Son, in order that all those having faith in Him might not be destroyed but should live eternally. _____