

Second Servant Song – Light to the Nations (Isaiah 49:1-6) Part I

A Magnificent/glorious servant of the Lord: a light for the nations (49:1-6)

1. A new beginning, a discouraging effort (49:1-4)
2. A divine purpose, worldwide impact (49:5, 6)

A The despised servant of rulers: a covenant to the people (49:7-13)

1. Worldly rejection reversed by divine choice (49:7)
2. Divine favor through worldwide ingathering (49:8-12)
3. Cosmic delight unleashed by divine comfort (49:13)

B. The despondent people: kept by the power of God (49:14-50:3)

1. The despondent people (49:14)
2. The mindful Lord (49:15-21)
3. The triumphant Lord (49:22-26)
4. The powerful Lord (50:1-3)

I. The Glorious/ Magnificent Servant: A Light For the Nations (49:1-4)

A New Beginning: A Discouraging Effort

- Unlike Cyrus whom God used, Servant's weapons: divine (2 Cor 10:4)
- His word is a sharp sword. He himself is a polished arrow. (v.2)
- Dread weapon God's hands: Gospel, God's improbable strategies
- Hidden until the time is right, He emerges to defeat by force of truth (2)
- Vs 3 He is the true Servant Israel who arises to deliver God's people

II. A Divine Purpose, Worldwide Impact (49:5, 6)

- The Servant saves the elect of Israel and the Gentiles, too (Acts 13:47)
- The Servant alone, is appointed as the light for the nations (John 8:12; 2 Cor 4:6)