

**Series: Isaiah 40-66**  
**Lesson: Isaiah 41-42 - Hallmark Cards and Jury Duty**  
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Theme: The God of Hope and History Sends a Servant

Isaiah 41 & 42 - Isaiah continues his presentation of God's ability to bring the exiles home. His presentation includes

1. The metaphor of a courtroom (41:1-7; 21-29)
  - a. These courtroom scenes stress how history verifies God's power and existence.
  - b. What evidence does God present?
  - c. What does God challenge Babylonian gods to do?
2. Words of hope (41:8-20)
  - a. 8-13 - Salvation in the past. Because God has chosen them there is no reason to fear.
  - b. 14-16 - Salvation in the present. God will enable them to face the Babylonians.
  - c. 17-20 - Salvation in the future. God will take care of them.
3. God promises a servant (42:1-9)
  - a. Who might the servant be? (give at least 3 possibilities)
  - b. Are multiple fulfillments possible? Explain.
4. Isaiah responds to the God of hope and history with praise (42:10-13)
5. Israel does not understand the reason for captivity of the potential of return. (42:14-25)
  - a. The sin of idolatry sent them into exile (17)
  - b. Israel is not listening (23)