

Series: Isaiah 40-66
Lesson: Isaiah 49:14-52:12 - God and Zion - Q & A
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Theme: The God of hope and history sends a servant.

- A. Zion complains - Isaiah 49:14-50:3
 - a. Zion represents those returning from exile.
 - b. Complaints about God's response:
 - i. Isaiah 49:14-23 - God has forgotten. God denies the charge.
 - ii. Isaiah 49:24-26 - God is helpless to free the captives from Babylon. God says he will use Cyrus to defeat the Babylonians.
 - iii. Isaiah 50:1-3 - We are being punished unjustly. God is punishing the exiles for their own sins.
- B. The Servant Song - Isaiah 50:4-9
 - a. The servant ultimately comes in Jesus Christ. Here it refers to God's hope that Israel will see him. List the three descriptions of the servant's work:

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C. God and Zion Dialogue - Isaiah 50:10-52:2

- a. The two groups in exile are the obedient and the disobedient (50:10, 11).
- b. God tells Zion to listen three times.
- c. Zion responds by complaining. (51:9-11)
- d. God sends reassurance. This is referred to as a salvation oracle.
- e. Who complains in Isaiah 51:17-20?
- f. What good news is found in 52:3-12?