

# THE OLD TESTAMENT IN SEVEN SENTENCES

## Gospel

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the One who brings good news - Isaiah 52:7*

**Main Idea: The Gospel isn't only a New Testament truth; though fulfilled in Christ, it was foreseen and proclaimed in the Old Testament.**

### Isaiah 52:7

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### Isaiah 52:7–10 (NIV)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings good tidings, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

### Acts 13:32-33 (NLT)

"And now we are here to bring you this Good News. The promise was made to our ancestors, and God has now fulfilled it for us, their descendants, by raising Jesus."

### Romans 10:15 (NIV)

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

## THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS PROCLAIMED THE GOSPEL!

### OLD TESTAMENT GOSPEL CONTEXT

The Old Testament prophet's role during times of judgment was basically twofold:

- Clarify why the nation was being judged.
- Bring the good news of a future hope.
  - Even God's judgment flows from His grace.

As the prophets clarified and evangelized, this reality became clear:

- God's judgment is not only *logical* (within the covenant between God and Israel) but also *limited*.

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NLT)**

"The day is coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife," says the Lord.

33 "But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days," says the Lord. "I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

34 And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already," says the Lord. "And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

## **ISAIAH'S GOSPEL**

### **God promises...**

- A new future
- A new deliverance
- A new revelation of God
- A new hope for the nations
- A new figure to embody Israel

## **THE SERVANT OF THE LORD**

### **Isaiah 41:8-9 (NIV)**

"But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you."

### **Isaiah 42:1-9 (NIV)**

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

5 This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

8 “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

### **THREE HORIZONS**

- 1. Horizon One: The Old Testament Era.**
- 2. Horizon Two: The New Testament Era.**
- 3. Horizon Three: The New Creation.**

1. Good News For The Exiles: Horizon One.
2. Good News In Christ: Horizon Two.
3. Good News For The World: Horizon Three.

### **WAITING ON GOD**

#### **Matthew 3:1-3 (NIV)**

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

#### **Mark 1:15**

“The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”