The Servant-King Who Sacrifices Himself to Redeem His Bride (Isaiah 49-54)

1 The Promise: A Servant Will Restore Mother Jerusalem and Her Children (49:1-26)

49:1-7 - The LORD's Servant (Yahweh says, vv. 5, 7)

49:8–13 – The Fruit of the Covenant (Yahweh says, v. 8)

49:14 - Zion Speaks - "The LORD has forsaken!"

49:15–21 – The Promise of Restoration (Yahweh still speaks)

49:22-26 - The LORD Saves (Yahweh says, vv. 22, 25)

- Two servants Israel (3) + Savior-King (5ff)
- Zion cries out (14); Isa 50–54 will resolve
- The solution to Zion's problem includes the inclusion of the nations (49:6–7, 15–21)
- True servant brings peace (cf. 48:22; 54:10)

2 The Servant Who Listens, Suffers, and Begins a New Israel (50:1–51:11)

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50:1–3 – The LORD is leading a new exodus to comfort his people 50:4–6 – The LORD awakens the Servant to listen 50:7–11 – The LORD vindicates his Servant

51:1-3 - The Lord Begins With One

51:4–8 – Give Attention to My Salvation (Servant) 50:7–8 – Listen to me, I will vindicate you

51:9-11 - Awake, Awake, put on strength, a new exodus has come

- This sections begins and ends with exodus imagery (50:1–3 | 51:9–11)
- The LORD awakens the servant (50:4–6) and later the people (51:4–8)
- The awakening theme has an Edenic background (see Gen. 2:18–25)

3 Jerusalem, O Jerusalem: The LORD Will Rescue His People (51:12–52:12)

51:12–16 – Wake yourself . . . Stand up Jerusalem 51:17–20 – Wake Jerusalem from drunkenness

51:21–23 – THE LORD: Jerusalem's Cup

52:1–6 – Wake Jerusalem, get ready for marriage 52:7–12 – Hear the Good News and Sing for Joy, Jerusalem . .

- It's all about Jerusalem
- Jerusalem's condition is about the change
- The awakening theme is like that of Eve, when Adam was put to sleep
- The result of God's salvation is singing at the foot of Mount Zion (Heb 12:22–24)

2' The Servant Who Suffers, Dies, and Rises Again to Establish a New Covenant (52:13–53:12)

52:13–53:12 – Servant-King introduced among kings of the nations 53:1–3 – Humble origins of the Servant-King

53:4-6 - Sacrifice of the Servant-King

53:7–9 – Obedience of the Servant-King

53:10–12 – The posterity of the Servant-King are here

- This section, which focuses on the Servant, matches Isa 50:1–51:11
- The movement goes from high (13–15), to low (1–9), to higher (10–12)
- The center is a great exchange (4–6)
- The sacrifice results in a new cov.

1' The Completion: A New Covenant Restores Children to Mother Jerusalem (54:1–17)

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54:1–3 – Zion will no longer be barren

54:4–8 – Zion as a bride will be married

54:9-10 - YHWH: "I have sworn to you a new covenant"

54:11–14 – Zion as a city will be secure

54:15–17 – The LORD will defend Zion with her 'servants'

- The movement is from desolation to defense, danger to security
- Zion is a bride and a city (cf. Rev. 21)
- The LORD's covenant promise (9–10) responds to Zion's concern (49:14, cf. Song of Songs)