

*KEY MOMENTS IN THE OT:  
ISAIAH'S MESSIAH*

# ASCENDING THE MOUNT



# SETTING A CONTEXT: THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

- Isaiah tells us the timeframe for his prophetic work — Isaiah 1.1
  - Reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah
  - Approximately 765-685BC
- Isaiah's book has 66 chapters.
  - Chapters 1-39 focus on Judah
  - Chapters 40-66 focus on Messiah and His Kingdom



# SETTING A CONTEXT: THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

- Judah is in a very dark period.
  - Isaiah warns of the impending judgment by the Babylonians.
    - The book begins in this manner - 1.2-8
    - A repeated concept - 39.6-7
- Judah's hope lies in God's Servant who will come in the future.
  - Beginning in Isaiah 42



# "MY SERVANT"

## THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

- Isaiah is called God's servant — Isaiah 20.3
- Eliakim was called God's servant — Isaiah 22.20
- David is identified as God's servant — Isaiah 37.35
- God's people are described as God's servant — Isaiah 41.8
- Cyrus is pictured as being God's servant — Isaiah 44.28
- Isaiah also talks about an unnamed Servant —

# **"MY SERVANT": CHRIST IN ISAIAH**

- "My Servant" in Isaiah 42:
  - Chosen and pleasing to God (1)
  - Filled with God's Spirit (1)
  - Bringer of justice to the nations (1,3)
  - Light, sight, and liberty (6,7)
- We can be confident this is Jesus:
  - Matthew 12.14-21; Luke 2.25-33



# **"MY SERVANT": CHRIST IN ISAIAH**

- "My Servant" in Isaiah 49:
  - He is called "Israel" (3)



“The use of Israel as a personal name should present no problem, for it was first given to Jacob, the father of the twelve-tribe nation, and later passed to the nation itself. The name signifies conquest by faith, one who wrestles and strives and prevails, but both the first Israel (Jacob) and the nation that carried his name had failed to strive and prevail. Calling the Servant Israel points to His victory: He will redeem both Jews and Gentiles and become the head of the new Israel. In Him, Jehovah’s ideal will be achieved and God glorified.”

# "MY SERVANT": CHRIST IN ISAIAH

- "My Servant" in Isaiah 49:
  - He is called "Israel" (3)
  - His purpose is God's work (1)
  - His mouth is like a sharp sword (2)
- Again, Isaiah speaks of Jesus:
  - John 12.28; 13.31f; Acts 13.47
  - Sword/mouth - a sword conquers. The Servant will conquer by His words/message (Isa. 2.3f).





# "MY SERVANT": CHRIST IN ISAIAH

- "My Servant" in Isaiah 53:
  - His appearance is not noteworthy (2)
  - He would experience grief and sorrow (3)
  - He was assumed to be smitten by God (4)
  - He suffered for our sins (5)
  - His death would justify many (11)
- We are correct to read Jesus into this text:
  - Acts 8.31-35



# **"MY SERVANT": CHRIST IN ISAIAH**

- Have I responded to Jesus, the Servant of God?
- Have I enjoyed the liberty and light available in Jesus?
- Have I come to Jesus for healing?
- Have I submitted to the King's message?

