

# ISAIAH ♦ Rescued & Renewed



**“Unforgettable”**

**Isaiah 49**

**October 6, 2019**

# The Servant Songs

This passage is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 “Servant Songs”

Song #1  
Isaiah 42:1-9

## *Jesus Overjoys*

42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; <sup>9</sup> ...new things I now declare...

*(During Advent)*

Song #2  
Isaiah 49:1-13

## *Jesus Remembers*

49:16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands

Song #3  
Isaiah 50:4-11

## *Jesus Disgraced*

50:6 *I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.*

Song #4  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

## *Jesus Triumphs*

53:5b upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

## Isaiah 49:1-16

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.

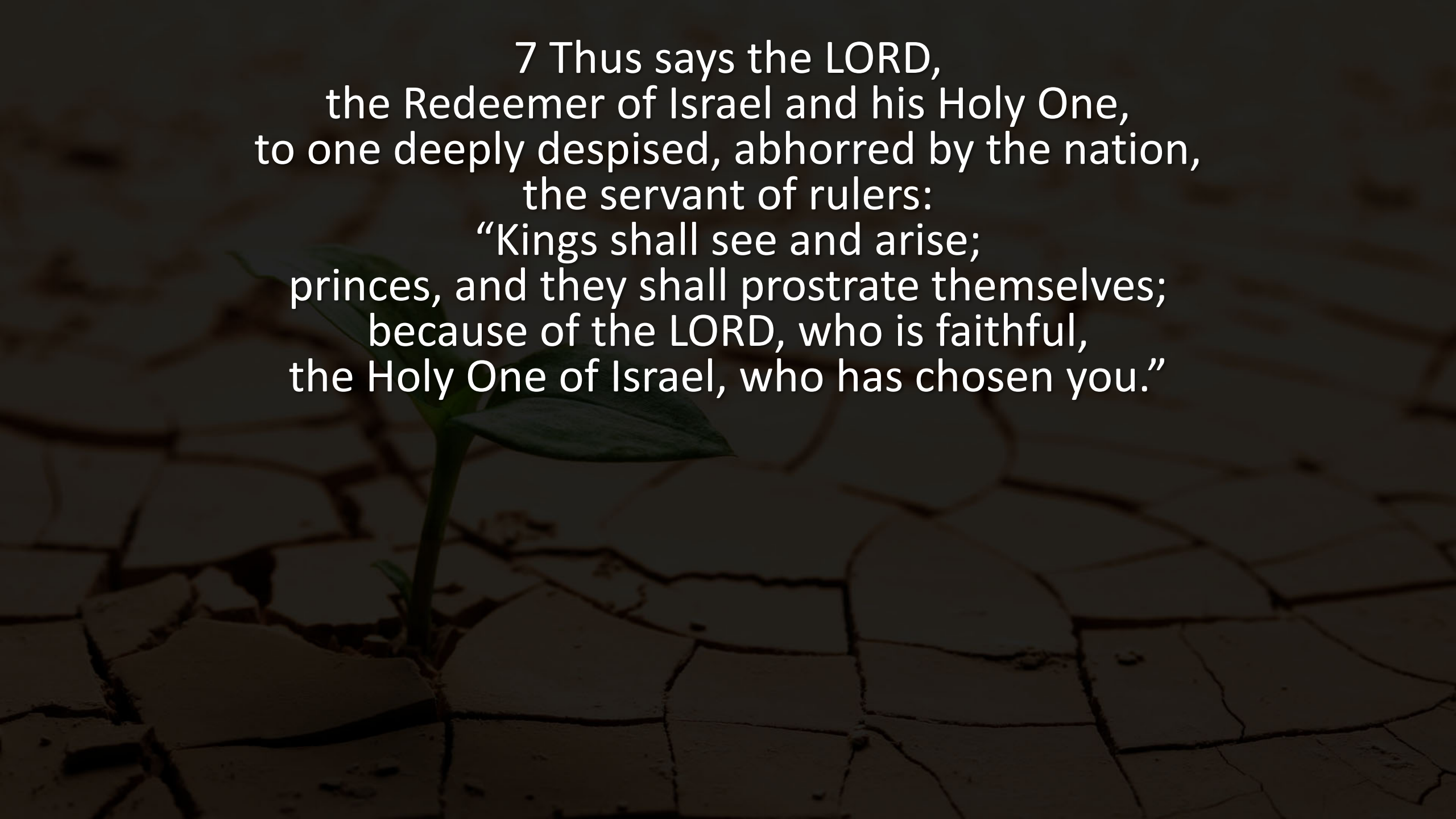
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

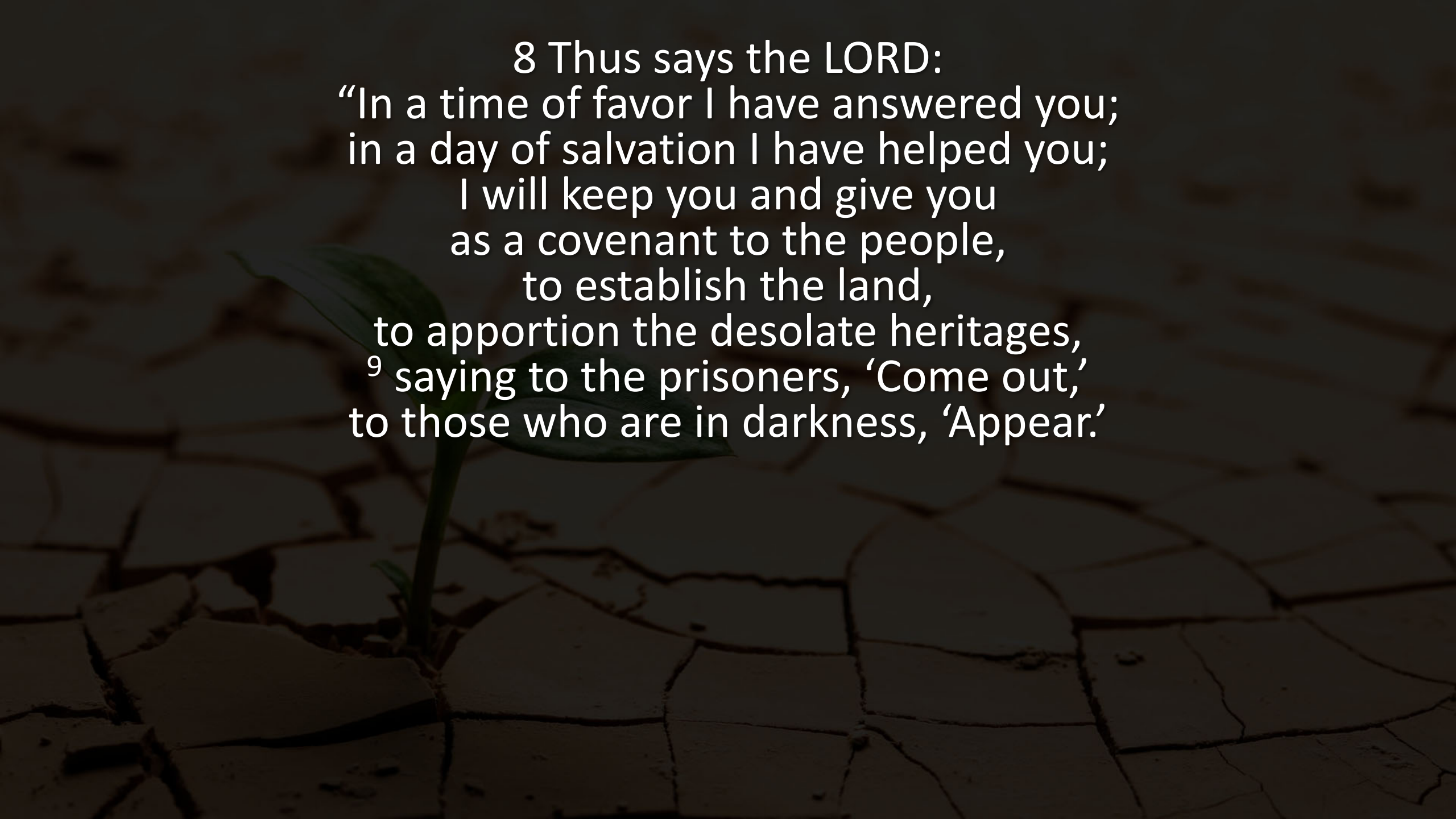
<sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God.”

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—

<sup>6</sup> he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

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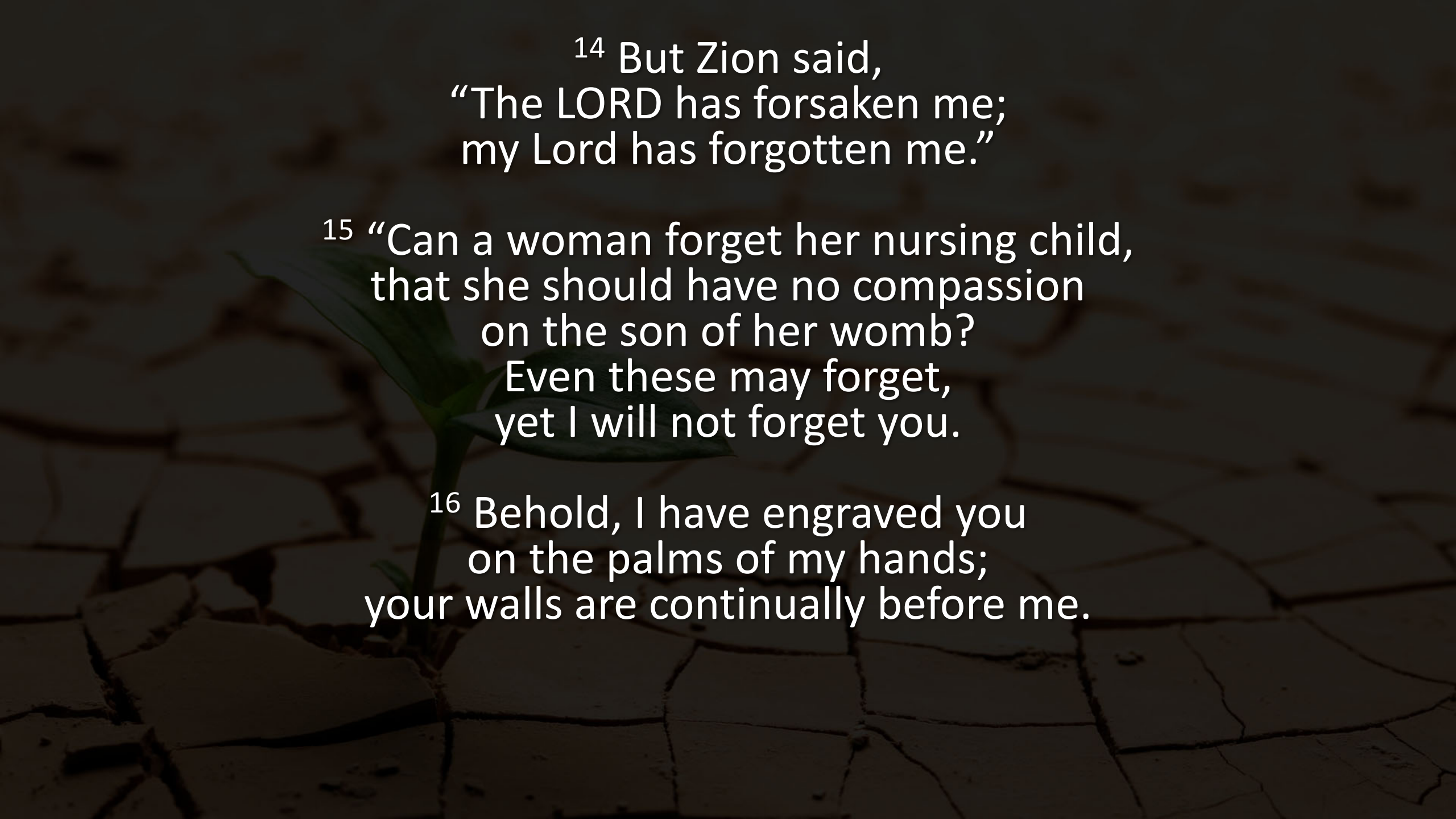
7 Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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to establish the land,  
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<sup>9</sup> saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’  
to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’

<sup>10</sup> they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,  
for he who has pity (“compassion”) on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them.

<sup>13</sup> Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the LORD has comforted his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted.



<sup>14</sup> But Zion said,  
“The LORD has forsaken me;  
my Lord has forgotten me.”

<sup>15</sup> “Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
that she should have no compassion  
on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you.

<sup>16</sup> Behold, I have engraved you  
on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are continually before me.



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God (and others) are against me  
I've been betrayed

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*Revelation 2:4*

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## To Forsake God

Betrayal / Treason

*Luke 13:34*

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that  
kills the prophets and stones those  
who are sent to it! How often would I  
have gathered your children together  
as a hen gathers her brood under her  
wings, and you were not willing!*

49:6 It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob...I will make you as a light for the nations,

God has a MUCH bigger rescue in mind:

Bigger than bringing Israel back from Exile.

Bigger than making our life more comfortable.

Bigger than rescuing those in our immediate circle.

# The Unforgetting Rescuer

## The Servant: At Just The Right Time

2 Corinthians 6:2

For he says (quoting Isaiah 49:8),  
“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, **now** is the favorable time;  
behold, **now** is the day of salvation.

# The Servant: Fully God and Fully Man

*49:1 The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.*



## Galatians 4

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

# The Life-Giving Voice of The Servant

*49:2 He made my mouth  
like a sharp sword;*



John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Revelation 1:16

In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.



## The Humble Faith of The Servant

*49:4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."*



Luke 22:42  
"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

# The Servant Betrayed

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Matthew 27:46  
And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a  
loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that  
is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

# The Engraved Servant

*<sup>16</sup> Behold, I have engraved you  
on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are continually  
before me.*



John 20:27  
Then he said to Thomas, "Put  
your finger here, and see my  
hands; and put out your hand,  
and place it in my side. Do not  
disbelieve, but believe."

# The Global Glorification of The Servant

*49:7 "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;"*



*49:3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."*

## Philippians 2

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# The Unforgettable Rescue

<sup>13</sup> For the LORD has comforted his people  
and will have “compassion-compassion” on his afflicted.

**Has Comforted**  
(Nacham)

God relieving our exile-burden  
(by taking it on himself)

**Will Have Compassion**  
(Racham)

”to be soft”  
tender, passionate affection

## Has Rescued

Galatians 4:7

So you are no longer a slave,  
but a son, and if a son, then  
an heir through God.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no  
condemnation for those who  
are in Christ Jesus.

## Is Rescuing

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:14

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.



## Will Rescue

*<sup>10</sup> they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity (“compassion”) on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.*



### Revelation 7:16-17

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

# Remembering The Rescuer

## Upward in Worship

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## Outward on Mission

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Matthew 28  
<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe  
all that I have commanded you.  
And behold, I am with you always,  
to the end of the age."