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ISAIAH'S CALL AND OURS

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Shalom in His grace,
We live in turbulent times, which is why it is so important that we put our trust in the Lord and make ourselves available for service. We have an inspiring example of this in the ancient Hebrew prophet Isaiah. There is no place where the character and commitment of the prophet are more clearly seen than when God Himself called him to ministry (Isaiah 6).

Isaiah's call came around 740 BCE, when the kingdom of Judah stood at a crossroads. King Uzziah, who had reigned for fifty-two years, was dead. With his passing came uncertainty, fear, and the looming shadow of Assyrian aggression on the horizon.

For Isaiah, this was not just a national crisis—it was personal. He had lived and prophesied during Uzziah's reign, warning of God's judgment upon a people whose hearts had grown cold. Now, as political stability crumbled, so did any illusion that his words had made a difference. As Isaiah described it, God was about to trample His vineyard and lay it waste (Isaiah 5:5–6).

In this moment of profound despair and seeming failure, God revealed Himself to Isaiah in a way that would forever transform the prophet's life.

A Vision of Glory

Isaiah portrayed his extraordinary divine encounter as follows: *"In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple"* (Isaiah 6:1).

Amid earthly loss and uncertainty, Isaiah was granted a glimpse of the true King who would never die, seated on His eternal throne, lifted above all others in the heavens.

The terms used to describe God's posture are "high and lifted up," which also match the prophet's description of the Messiah in Isaiah 52:13, *"Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted."* These words offer a further hint of the divine nature of the coming Servant of the Lord.

The imagery is striking as the train of God's robe filled the entire Temple. This vision provides our first glimpse into the heart of Isaiah's message—amid human frailty and failing kingdoms, **God's sovereign rule remains unshaken and all-encompassing.**

Above this throne were the seraphim, fiery angelic beings whose very name recalls the "fiery serpents" of

Israel's wilderness wanderings (Numbers 21:4–9). Their thunderous chorus echoed through the Temple, *"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory"* (Isaiah 6:3).

The Hebrew word for "holy" (*kadosh*) means set apart. Three times, the seraphim declared God's utter otherness—His complete separation from sin and creation. This repetition is not mere poetry but a profound expression of God's triune nature, although Isaiah himself may not have fully comprehended this mystery. As the seraphim proclaimed God's holiness, the very foundations of the Temple thresholds trembled, and smoke filled the sanctuary.

The Cleansing of a Prophet

In the presence of this overwhelming holiness, Isaiah could only see one thing clearly—his own unworthiness, *"Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts"* (Isaiah 6:5). The Hebrew word for "ruined" (*damah*) means utterly destroyed. Isaiah recognized that his prophetic lips were unclean (*tamey*), the same term used throughout Leviticus to describe ritual impurity.

Isaiah may have wondered how a man with unclean lips and an unclean heart could speak God's holy word. How could he condemn Israel's sin when he himself was so deeply flawed? Yet, God's response to Isaiah's confession reveals the core of the gospel message:

Then one of the seraphim flew to me [Isaiah] with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven." (Isaiah 6:6–7)



The coal was not just any coal, but one taken from the altar of sacrifice—drenched in the blood of atonement. The seraph's touch did not just cleanse Isaiah's lips for prophetic speech; it provided comprehensive forgiveness. Isaiah's iniquity was taken away and his sin atoned for by the shed blood of the sacrifice (Leviticus 17:11).

Again, we see a foreshadowing of the Messiah. Just as Isaiah received cleansing through sacrificial blood, we receive forgiveness through the ultimate sacrifice of Yeshua (Jesus). Additionally, like Isaiah, our cleansing is not just a one-time event from years ago but a daily reality that enables us to be intimate with God and prepares us for service.

Saying Yes to God

Encountering God's holiness and experiencing His cleansing grace positioned Isaiah to hear God's call: *"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"* (Isaiah 6:8).

The Hebrew meaning of the English phrase "Here am I" (*hineni*) is far more than a statement of physical presence. It is a declaration of complete availability and readiness to follow orders. Throughout Scripture, this response marks moments of profound encounter with God: Abraham said, *"Hineni!"* when God called him to sacrifice Isaac (Genesis 22:1); Moses said it when God spoke from the burning bush (Exodus 3:4); and Samuel said it when God called him as a boy in the Temple (1 Samuel 3:4).

Each of these instances represented a turning point—a moment when ordinary people made themselves fully available to an extraordinary God.

The Challenge of Faith

What makes Isaiah's story so remarkable is what happened after he said, *"Hineni."* Isaiah received perhaps the most discouraging commission in Scripture:

Go, and tell this people: "Keep on listening, but do not perceive; keep on looking, but do not understand." Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed. (Isaiah 6:9–10)

God was essentially telling Isaiah he would preach, but the people would not listen, and his preaching would make their hearts harder. No wonder Isaiah responded with the anguished question: *"Lord, how long?"* The answer was equally devastating: *"Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant, houses are without people and the land is utterly desolate"* (Isaiah 6:11).

The Hebrew prophet teaches us some great lessons in evangelistic patience, which is what many of us who serve with Chosen People Ministries have learned. We know that the day is coming when the Lord will turn the hearts of the Jewish nation to Jesus (Romans 11:25–29), even though we are eager and pray for our Jewish people to come to know their Messiah right now.

The Promise of the Remnant

Even amid this dire commissioning, God offered Isaiah a glimmer of hope about a faithful remnant, *"Yet there will be a tenth portion in it, and it will again be subject to burning, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump"* (Isaiah 6:13).

This doctrine of a remnant runs throughout Scripture. The prophet predicts that even though Israel might be cut down like a tree, the stump—a faithful remnant—would remain, preserving the possibility of new growth. The apostle Paul would also later write, *"In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice"* (Romans 11:5).

This remnant doctrine allows us to redefine success in evangelism. *We are called to faithfulness, not visible results.* We proclaim the gospel to all, knowing some will reject it while others—the remnant God has prepared—will receive it. The Lord has called us to faithfully proclaim the good news and let Him bring the good result!

Our Hineni Moment

What does Isaiah's experience mean for us today? Like him, we live in uncertain times. Like him, we may feel our witness falls on deaf ears. Like him, we are painfully aware of our own unworthiness.

Yet Isaiah's vision offers us hope. The same commission—difficult though it may be—comes with the same promise of a remnant who will believe.

Therefore, knowing His forgiveness and in obedience to His call:

- We preach whether people respond positively or not.
- We preach until the opportunity is no longer available.
- We preach, confident in God's promise to preserve a faithful remnant for Yeshua.

We do not measure our success by visible results but by our faithfulness to the gospel. Our motivation comes not from confidence in our own abilities but from a vision of God's glory and grace through Jesus.

Are we ready to say *hineni*—to be available to God and to serve Him in bringing the message of Yeshua to the Jew first and also to the Gentiles (Romans 1:16)? May we, like Isaiah, be transformed by a vision of God's holiness, cleansed by His grace, and compelled by His call to say with sincere hearts, *"Hineni, send me."*

Thank you for your love, faithful support, and prayers for our UK and global staff who call on the Lord for His holy purposes while reaching Jewish people for the Messiah.

Your brother,



Mitch Glaser
International Director

SUMMER OUTREACH

We are so excited to share this report with you! For a week in early June, Mitch Forman (Vice President of US Ministries) led a team from Chosen People Ministries US on an outreach campaign in London. Since most of the team had never been to the UK, the first point of call was on making them familiar with Jewish areas in London, such as Stamford Hill and Golders Green.

From the second day of the outreach they then proceeded to go on street engagement with both the Jewish people and Christians.

The majority of engagement within the Jewish community were with Orthodox Jews, where discussions were engaging but sensitive. There was a great attempt to engage secular Jewish people throughout the week and many tracts were given out. The team were also instructed to note evangelical churches spotted in neighbourhoods for follow-up.



This trip reflected a season of openness, a deep spiritual hunger in the UK, and clearly orchestrated encounters that are evidence of your prayers and of seeds being planted and hearts being stirred across London.



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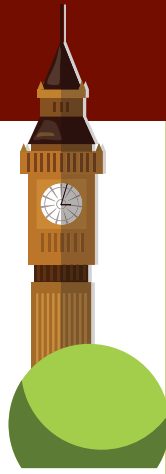
Team Member Reflections:

During the outreach the team experienced a powerful series of spiritual conversations across a wide range of backgrounds and faiths. A Muslim couple from Kuwait, in London for medical treatment, openly received prayer and expressed interest in learning more about Jesus through **I Found Shalom** videos. One team member saw a clear example of divine timing when a Gospel booklet specifically aimed at Jewish readers was gratefully accepted by a Jewish man after a spontaneous encounter in the park. Despite the cold weather and challenging locations, many tracts were handed out and meaningful dialogues took place with individuals from various faiths—including Orthodox Jews, non-practicing Catholics, and former Muslims now following Jesus.

Several participants had the opportunity to pray for people facing serious health issues, with one particularly touching street encounter ending in joy

Places Visited:

- The team visited central London sites such as Leicester Square, Covent Garden, Trafalgar Square, and others.
- During Shabbat, one team member stayed local and engaged with visitors in Regent's Park, many of whom were Jewish.
- On the eve of Shavuot, visits were to neighbourhoods including Hampstead, Golders Green, Hendon, and Edgware.
- Half the team distributed plenty of literature in central London areas while others engaged with locals in Regent's Park.
- Evening activities included outreach in the West End theatre district and in Hampstead.
- Outreach in major shopping areas like Oxford Street and Bond Street.
- University areas were also explored. A team set up a book table in Oxford and continued outreach in Stamford Hill and Golders Green despite challenges, including a recent anti-Semitic incident. Conversations with Orthodox Jews were cautious but some meaningful connections were made.



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and a mutual blessing. One powerful bookend to the trip began with Iranian citizens who passionately supported Israel and were eager to receive prayer, and ended with Israeli seekers deeply engaged in conversation about the Messiah, even exchanging contact information for continued dialogue. While street outreach was a major focus, fruitful ministry also happened through phone calls, with many answering and receiving encouragement and prayer, something not often seen in other regions.

Other highlights included a Jewish man unexpectedly sharing his deep personal struggles and opening up to the message of Yeshua, and a young Christian couple being empowered to engage more confidently in outreach to Jewish friends. Even outside of the scheduled outreach times, conversations about the Messiah continued naturally and warmly in personal settings.

OPPORTUNITY AT INTERFAITH EVENT

Our staff member in Atlanta, Georgia (USA) is blessed to live in a city full of opportunities to mingle with Jewish community members. Recently, a Conservative synagogue in the area hosted a "Jewish+" event, welcoming couples and families from intermarried backgrounds. On the drive to the synagogue, our staff member and his wife prayed for God's guidance and presence. They were welcomed into a beautiful Friday night service where they were able to participate in the traditional liturgy alongside Jewish brothers and sisters.

At dinner, our staff member and his wife sat with a friendly family who asked what brought them to the event. They explained that they both came from families with one Jewish parent and one non-Jewish parent, and that their parents had raised them in Messianic Judaism—Jewish people who follow Jesus as the Messiah. Although the response from the others at the table was a simple, "Oh, that's interesting," followed by a shift in conversation, our staff member was grateful for the opportunity to explain how it is possible to be Jewish and follow the Messiah. We trust that God will use that small seed; please pray that He will water it.

ISRAELI MAN LEARNS ABOUT MESSIAH IN GERMANY

"That is about Jesus!" Doron,* an Israeli man, exclaimed after reading Isaiah 53 in Hebrew with one of our staff members at a Messianic congregation in Munich, Germany. A Christian friend had invited Doron, who had never visited a Messianic congregation before. Doron enjoyed the service very much, especially since many of the songs and prayers were in Hebrew. He was astonished to learn that Jesus (Yeshua) is the greatest and most righteous Jewish person who has ever lived, that the word "christ" is from the Greek translation of the Hebrew word *mashiach* ("anointed one"), and that the Old Testament (*Tanach*) prophesies about Yeshua. After explaining that it is difficult in Israel to say you believe in Yeshua, he was pleased to find out that there are many Messianic Jewish congregations there. Our staff member exchanged contact information with Doron, and he left feeling amazed and grateful, with a desire to return. Please pray for Doron to accept his Messiah and to read the Hebrew New Testament our staff member gave him.

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES ASSISTS THE ELDERLY IN ISRAEL

Our staff in Israel often help the elderly. Erica* is a Holocaust survivor whom they have known and supported for nearly twenty years. She believes in Messiah and attends our meetings in her area. Erica is almost ninety years old and lives alone, but our staff stay in constant touch with her. She remains very active and continues to volunteer at

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*Names changed



the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Recently, our staff received a call from the museum informing them that something had happened to Erica; she was not answering her phone or opening the door for the social worker. Our team began searching for her and even contacted the police to gain entry to her apartment. After some time, she finally showed up and explained that her phone was broken and she had gone to try to get it fixed. This experience made our staff realize the vital importance of a working telephone for elderly individuals like Erica. Many of them have old phones that frequently break, and it is not easy for them to afford new ones. As a result, our ministry decided to start a unique project to provide new phones for those in need.

Another elderly woman recently moved from Russia to Israel. Someone gave her our Israel ministry's phone number, and she called to request a meeting. Masha* turned out to be a fascinating woman in a challenging situation. She brought her twelve-year-old dog, which has complicated her search for social housing since many facilities do not allow pets. She cannot part with her dog, and most of her income goes toward rent and bills, leaving her with little left for food. Our staff began to help her and invited her to their events. Masha turned out to be very open and eager to seek God. Although she initially came to our ministry for financial assistance, she found spiritual support and is very grateful. She mentioned that, after connecting with our staff, she no longer feels lonely and believes God's hand has guided her through this situation.

We are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to help people like Masha and Erica and show them the way to salvation.

I was recently in Israel for the Chosen People Ministries' 'Dedication Tour'. The plan was to dedicate the new CPM centre in Tel Aviv which has been years in the making. However the actual dedication day was curtailed due to Iran's missile attacks on Israel. It brought home to us in a very powerful way what Israelis are going through on a daily basis. We, like them, ran down the stairs to the underground bomb shelters two and three times a night. To me, at least, it seemed that this is, for Israelis, just life as it is, and they are resigned to it. But there is a marked difference for those of us who know and love the Messiah and who trust in God for our safety.

On the second night of the war, as we were having our Friday night Shabbat meal, the sirens rang out and we left the tables and headed for the underground parking garage. This is where our group broke into song, worshipped the Lord, and prayed for the safety of Israel.

It brought home to me the vital importance of encouraging the church to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. While I believe that true peace is only found in the Messiah, at this time Israel has a deep need not only for the spiritual peace that faith in the Messiah brings, but also physical peace and an end to the war in Gaza. The war with Iran, even though it was short, has brought a new level of fear and trauma because, for the first time, ballistic missiles capable of massive destruction were being used against them. People began to feel that the Iron Dome was not enough to protect them.

Many of us had opportunities to share our faith. I had a long conversation with one of the kitchen staff and was able to share with him about Yeshua and the *shalom* that He alone can give. Our Israeli staff are working tirelessly to support the displaced and continue to minister to Holocaust survivors.

As I write, I am in Latvia. I arrived last week to lead a workshop on Jewish evangelism and to lead a team in Riga, which will go out to share the Gospel with Jewish people.

Our team led two Jewish girls to pray to receive Jesus as their personal Saviour. One of them was eager to take the Jewish New Testament in Hebrew and Russian.

At my seminar, I met a young man from Germany who has been feeling a call from God to Jewish ministry. He signed up for the Estonia team and went for a couple of days, but returned to join our Jewish outreach team. We have been praying that while he is here, and after he returns to Germany, he will hear the voice of the Lord.

The 4th of July is Holocaust Remembrance Day in Latvia, and at the site of the former Jewish cemetery, the March of the Living started its walk to the ruins of the Great Choral Synagogue. It began with speeches from dignitaries, and I was invited to say a few words on behalf of our outreach team. Our T-shirts, declaring 'Oppose Antisemitism', had made an impact. After I shared my family's story and spoke about our team, I was invited to give an interview on Latvian TV, along with Toivo Mäki from CPM Finland, the coordinator of our Jewish outreach. I was able to say that I am a Jewish believer in Jesus.

At the Holocaust memorial service, I was approached by representatives of the Jewish community, who thanked me for speaking. I was able to share my faith in Yeshua, my hope in God, and in the coming of the Messiah, who will reign from Jerusalem with righteousness and justice.

Thank you for partnering with the work of Chosen People Ministries as we seek to bring the Good News of the Messiah to Jewish people here in Britain and around the world. Your prayers and support make this possible.

Fiona

THE KINGDOM: ACCORDING TO ISAIAH

The book of Isaiah paints a picture for the people of Israel of the kingdom of God, which the Messiah would usher in. This kingdom involves the rule and reign of the Messiah, the fulfilment of promises made to King David and the nation of Israel, the lifting of the curse on earth brought about by the fall, peace among Israel's enemies, and redemption from sin.

The Rule and Reign of the Messiah

When describing the kingdom of God to the people of Israel, Isaiah places much emphasis on peace between nations and the righteous reign of the Messiah. In chapter 2, Isaiah relays how the Messiah will rule the kingdom of God: *"And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples. . . . Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war"* (Isaiah 2:4).

Promises to King David and Israel

All the promises made by God to King David and the nation of Israel will be fulfilled. In His kingdom, the people of Israel can have hope in a new heaven and earth as well as joy, eternal life, peace, and no more harm or evil (Isaiah 65:17–25). He also promises that all nations and tongues (even those who do not yet know Him) *"shall come and see My glory"* (Isaiah 66:18–19). It is because of God's unchanging (Numbers 23:19) and faithful (Hebrews 10:23) nature that we can have hope that, in God's kingdom, all of God's promises were, are, and will be fulfilled!

The Lifting of the Curse on Earth

Ever since the fall, the earth has been cursed with sin and death. However, Isaiah (Isaiah 55:12–13) gives the people of Israel hope that this curse will one day be lifted by the Messiah when the kingdom of God arrives. Not only will our sinful bodies be redeemed and resurrected, but the kingdom of God will bring redemption and transformation to the whole of creation, not just to humanity! The Lord says, *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth"* (Isaiah 65:17).

Peace Among Enemies

In the kingdom of God, nations that were once at war will be at peace with one another:

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." (Isaiah 19:23-25)

Redemption from Sin

Isaiah 53 emphasizes the redemption from sin that will occur through the Messiah in the kingdom of God: *"But*

He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). In the Hebrew Scriptures, a picture of future and full

forgiveness and the blessings that come from obedience were made available through the sacrifice of bulls and goats, but they never took away sin. Full redemption would only come through

faith in the Messiah who would be the final, once-for-all sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 7:27).



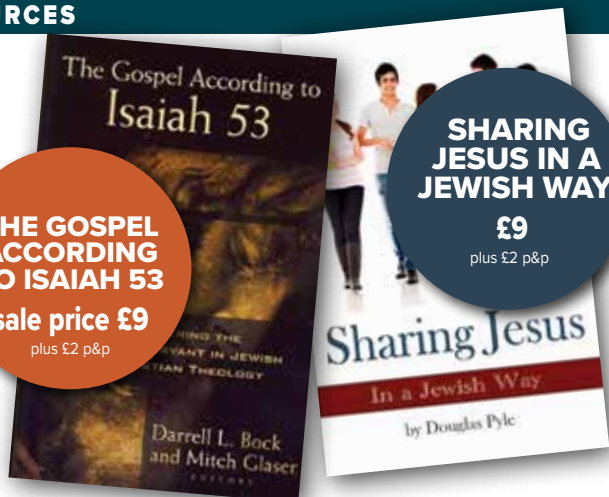
CONCLUSION

The book of Isaiah paints a detailed picture of what we can hope for in the kingdom of God. It is important to remember that the kingdom of God is not some faraway reality we just sit and wait around for; it is both present and future, now and not yet (Mark 1:15). The spiritual aspects of the kingdom are enjoyed today by those who put their trust in Jesus the Messiah, but the fullness and earthly nature of the coming Davidic kingdom awaits His return to reign in Jerusalem on the promised throne of David. In God's kingdom, we have hope in redemption from sin, the rule and reign of the Messiah, peace among enemies, the lifting of the curse on the earth, and the fulfilment of promises to King David and the nation of Israel.

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