Isaiah 50:1-11 Yahweh's Servant – Messiah – The Hope of Israel

The Servant, Israel's Hope

1 Thus says the Lord:

"Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, Whom I have put away? Or which of My creditors is it to whom I have sold you?

For your iniquities you have sold yourselves, And for your transgressions your mother has been put away.

- ² Why, when I came, was there no man? Why, when I called, was there none to answer? Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Indeed with My rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; Their fish stink because there is no water, And die of thirst.
- 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, And I make sackcloth their covering."
- ⁴ "The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.
- 5 The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.
- ⁶ I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.
- ⁷ "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.
- 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me.
- 9 Surely the Lord God will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up.
- 10 "Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God.
- 11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled This you shall have from My hand: You shall lie down in torment.

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Facts Revealed:

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- **♦** Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):
 - "Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, Whom I have put away? Or which of My creditors is it to whom I have sold you?
 - For your iniquities you have sold yourselves, And for your transgressions your mother has been put away. [Isaiah 50:1]
 - ❖ Israel's separation from God is not His doing, but the result of their own choice to sell themselves to sin, iniquity, and transgressions.

- ♦ Why, when I came, was there no man? Why, when I called, was there none to answer? Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Indeed with My rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; Their fish stink because there is no water, And die of thirst. [Isaiah 50:2]
 - ♦ God is looking for someone to stand in the gap between Himself and mankind to call His people back to Himself in repentance, and to His righteousness like Moses did when the people sinned with the golden calf. [Exodus 32:1-35]
 - ♦ Yahweh is fully able to redeem and deliver His people from the disaster of their ways, but
 He gives the doing to one of the human race so that He is not perceived as making our
 decisions for us and working with us as animals who act on instinct. We are given free
 will and therefore we can be called to account for our choices.
 - ♦ God has demonstrated His ability by drying a path through the Red Sea for Israel to depart from Egypt on dry ground.
- ★ I clothe the heavens with blackness, And I make sackcloth their covering."

 "Adoney Yahweh (The Lord God) has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. [Isaiah 50:3-4]
 - ♦ God's Servant speaks of Himself as the One Who made the heavens black and covered them with sackcloth.
 - ♦ Still He confesses that Adoney Yahweh is the One Who enabled Him to teach the weary by a word at the appropriate time and gave Him daily strength and an ear to hear the voice of God to speak to mankind.
- Adoney Yahweh (The Lord God) has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.

I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

"For Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me.

Surely the Lord God will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. [Isaiah 50:5-9]

- ♦ God's Servant speaks of His total submission to the will of God. [Psalm 40:1-8, Hebrews 10:5-10]
- ♦ The Servant was obedient to the point of giving His body to be abused by the very ones He came to save, that included the scourging, the crown of thorns, the mocking and spittle by his tormentors, and death on the cross for the sins of the world.
- ♦ All this was done fully trusting Himself to God Who will help Him in the end. [Hebrews 12:2]
- ♦ Trusting in God, what can man do to me? [Psalm 56:11, 118:6, Hebrews 13:6]
- ♦ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. [Matthew 10:28, Luke 12:4-5]

The Servant challenges those to whom He was sent

Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in the light of

your fire and in the sparks you have kindled — This you shall have from My hand: You shall lie down in torment. [Isaiah 50:10-11]

- ♦ The call is to those who will to come and trust in the Name of Yahweh Elohey.
- ♦ The warning is to those who trust in themselves to consider the impotency of their own ability and the fact they will end up in torment by the judgment of God. [Deuteronomy 32:29]