

Isaiah

Retribution, Restoration,
Righteousness

Message

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- *Restoration (40-55)*: Speaking to the future exiles, Isaiah proclaims God's **sovereignty** and superiority, shown in His prophecy of **salvation** by His chosen **servants**.
- *Righteousness (56-66)*: Isaiah urges the returning exiles to pursue **right living**.

Chiastic Structure (56-66)

God's gathering of all His peoples (56:1-8)

God's people defined by obedience, not ethnicity/purity!

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God's people will worship, regardless of ethnicity/purity!

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Destruction for defiant, comfort for contrite (56:9-58:14)

Judah's idolatry, God's healing, Judah's injustice, righteous rejoice!

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Prophet rebukes Judah's injustice, people repent, hope for mercy!

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YHWH is merciful, plea for mercy, prophet points to sin

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Justice: wrath for God's enemies, deliverance for God's people

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God's 'light,' nations drawn, bring exiles & wealth, reversal!

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Servant's Spirit-empowered deliverance (61; Lk. 4)

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