

# SERMON OUTLINE

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**Text** : Isaiah 49 : 1 - 26

**Title** : The Lord's Servant and Israel's Return

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## Introduction

Isaiah 40–48 and 49–55:

- Similarities
- Differences
- The situation at the end of c. 48

### **1. God's Servant and his Calling (49:1–6)**

- A prophetic calling (vv. 1–2)
- A calling which involves taking up Israel's calling (vv. 3–4)
- A calling to restore Israel and to be a light to the nations (vv. 5–6)

### **2. The Promise Restated: Return and Restoration (49:7–13)**

- The LORD is still 'the Redeemer of Israel' (v. 7)
- A 'covenant' for the people (v. 8; cf. 42:6): Israel's calling is not revoked
- A journey home for God's people – and not just from Babylon (vv. 9–12)
- A journey with worldwide implications (v. 13)

### **3. Zion's Lament and God's Response (49:14–26)**

- 'The LORD has forsaken me' (v. 14)
- God's response (i): Zion will be rebuilt and inhabited (vv. 15–21)
- God's response (ii): The whole world will see and acknowledge (vv. 22–26)
- (God's response [iii]: If I say the exile is over, it is over [50:1–3])

### **4. The LORD's Servant and the New Testament**

- What happened after Babylon fell?
- Jesus (Lk. 2:32; Acts 1:8)
- Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:47)
- And the nation Israel?

## Conclusion

A call to the leaders and ministers of God's people

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