The Watchman’s Calls and the Lord’s Responses

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“The Lord’s people are to **rejoice** because the promised Servant will **deliver** Zion from her **suffering**.”
Chiasm in 52:3-6

Remedy 1: 3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves were sold for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

Problem 1, Detail: 4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. 5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought?

Problem 1, Summary: they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD;

Problem 2: and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

Remedy 2: 6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.
## 52:6 Successive Revelations of God

| Therefore my people shall know my name: | Exod 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of God Almighty*, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.
|                                            | → **Promise-keeper** |

| therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: | → **Revealer** |

| behold, *it is* | (next page... |
Two uses of 

1. Emphasize the subject of a predication: Gen 48:4 Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee (146x the Lord, 9x people)

2. By itself, “Here am I.” (4x the Lord [all Isa], 19x people)

Gen 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

Gen 27:1 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I.

1Sa 3:4 the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. (so 5x in 1 Sam 3)

→ When spoken by God, shows his tender, condescending care.
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## 51:9-52:12 The Watchman’s Call

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7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! 8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing:

for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem:

for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.
Who is the Herald?

He announces, “Thy God reigneth” (v. 7)

Yet the “watchmen … see eye to eye” (v. 8)

Num 14:14 the inhabitants … have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face [eye to eye, עין בעיןيرا אאתה], and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

→ The one who proclaims the reign of God is himself the LORD
Roots and Branches of 52:7-8

- Nah 1:15
- Acts 10:36
- Eph 2:17; 6:15
- Rom 10:15
- Isa 52:7-8
- 2 Sam 18:19-33
2Sa 18:19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, ... 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day,... because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. ... 23 .... Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi. 24... and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. ... 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. ... 31 And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto Cushi, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!
Two Ways to Mahanaim (looking East)

“wood of Ephraim”?

Cushi “on the mountains,” ~7 mi

Mahanaim, near fords of Jabbok (Gen 32:2, 22)

Ahimaaz “by the way of the plain,” ~9.3 mi
Nahum 1:15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off. (ca. 650 BC)