### Isaiah

## Chapter 52

1‘Wake up… Yes, wake up, O Zion!  
 O Zion, put on all your strength!  
 O holy city of JeruSalem,  
 Put on [all of] your glory!  
 For the uncircumcised and unclean  
 Will no longer be passing through you.  
  
 2‘So, shake off the dust and arise…  
 Sit down and remove the chains from your neck,  
 O captive daughter of Zion!  
 3For, thus says Jehovah [your God]:  
  
 ‘Since you were not sold for money,  
 You won’t be ransomed with silver.’  
  
 4‘Yes, thus says Jehovah, your Lord:  
  
 ‘My people once went down to Egypt  
 And they stayed in that place for a while…  
 But then, to Assyria, they were taken by force…  
 5Do you know why all these things happened?’  
  
Then the Lord told me this:  
  
 ‘Since my people were taken without money,  
 [All should] wonder and shriek!  
 For, this was said by Jehovah:  
  
 ‘It’s because My Name was being blasphemed  
 By you, among all the rest of the nations.  
 6But then, you’ll remember My Name once again…  
 Yes, in that day, you’ll know who I am…  
 For this One who is speaking will come there!’  
  
 7‘As a time of beauty on the mountains…  
 As welcome as the feet of those bringing good news…  
 As joyful as a message of peace  
 When good things are being announced,  
 Will be the day when I save you,  
 And your God is reigning on Zion again.  
  
 8‘Then the voices of those keeping watch will be raised,  
 And all their shouts will be joyful.  
 For they’ll see it happen with their own eyes…  
 When Jehovah shows mercy on Zion.  
  
 9‘Then JeruSalem’s desolate places  
 Will applaud together in joy,  
 Because Jehovah’s shown mercy on them,  
 And brought salvation to JeruSalem!  
  
 10‘Jehovah will bare His great holy arm  
 Before all of the nations,  
 And it will be seen to the ends of the earth…  
 This salvation that comes from our God.  
  
 11‘So, leave… Get out… Get away,  
 And stop touching the thing that’s unclean!  
 Get out of its midst and stay far away,  
 You who bear the Lord’s [holy things]!  
  
 12‘For you’ll leave without any trouble,  
 And as you go, you won’t have to run,  
 Since your Lord will travel before you,  
 And IsraEl’s God will cover your rear.  
  
 13‘{Look!} My servant will then understand…  
 He’ll be glorified and exalted…  
 He’ll be raised exceedingly high  
 14To the amazement of all.  
  
 ‘Although men will despise his appearance,  
 And his glory will be hated by sons of men;  
 15The nations will wonder at him,  
 And at him, [their] kings [will cover] their mouths.  
 For, things untold, they’ll see about him…  
 Things they’ve not heard or understood.’