

# Isaiah 42

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## **The Servant of the Lord**

- <sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
  - <sup>2</sup> He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
  - <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
  - <sup>4</sup> He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
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- <sup>5</sup> Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
  - <sup>6</sup> I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
  - <sup>7</sup> To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
  - <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
  - <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

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- 10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
- 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
- 12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.
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- 13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.
- 14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.
- 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.
- 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.
- 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.
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- 18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.
- 19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?
- 20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.
- 21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

- 22** But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.
- 23** Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?
- 24** Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.
- 25** Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Covenant** — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

### **Forgive** — נָשָׂא / סָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (סָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

### **Glory** — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

### **God** — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

**Heaven** — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

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**Judgment** — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

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**Law** — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

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**Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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**Righteous** — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

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**Spirit** — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

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**Truth** — אֱמֶת (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (אֱמֶת) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Isaiah 42:2** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 11:29; Luke 17:20; 2 Timothy 2:24

**Isaiah 42:3** **Judgment:** Psalms 96:13; 98:9; Ezekiel 34:16; John 5:30; Revelation 19:11.

**Parallel theme:** Isaiah 40:11; 50:10; Psalms 147:3; Jeremiah 31:25; Matthew 11:28

**Isaiah 42:4** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 42:12; 55:5; 60:9; 66:19; Psalms 22:27; Zechariah 2:11; Matthew 12:21. **Word:** Genesis 49:10. **Judgment:** Isaiah 9:7

### **Isaiah 42:5**

**Parallel theme:** Isaiah 40:22; 48:13. **Creation:** Isaiah 45:12; 45:18; Psalms 33:6; Jeremiah 10:12; 32:17. **Spirit:** Job 33:4; Zechariah 12:1. **References Lord:** Isaiah 44:24

### **Isaiah 42:6**

**Light:** Isaiah 49:6; Luke 2:32; John 8:12; Acts 13:47; 26:23; 1 Peter 2:9. **Covenant:** Isaiah 49:8; Hebrews 9:15; 13:20. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 26:3

**Isaiah 42:7** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 35:5; 61:1; Matthew 11:5; Luke 24:45; John 9:39; 2 Timothy 2:26; Revelation 3:18. **Darkness:** Isaiah 29:18; 49:9; Acts 26:18

### **Isaiah 42:8**

**Glory:** Isaiah 48:11. **References Lord:** Isaiah 43:11; Exodus 4:5. **Worship:** Exodus 34:14. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 83:18; John 5:23; 8:58

**Isaiah 42:9** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 43:19; Joshua 21:45; John 13:19

**Isaiah 42:10** **Sin:** Isaiah 49:13; Psalms 33:3. **Resurrection:** Psalms 40:3. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 42:4; Revelation 5:9

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**Isaiah 42:16** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 30:21; 32:3; 35:8; 40:4; 45:2; Psalms 94:14; Luke 3:5; Hebrews 13:5. **Light:** Ephesians 5:8. **Darkness:** Isaiah 29:18

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**Isaiah 42:21** **Word:** Isaiah 42:4; Psalms 40:8; Romans 3:31; Hebrews 8:10. **Righteousness:** Psalms 71:16; 71:19; Matthew 3:15; Romans 7:12; 10:4. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 17:5

**Isaiah 42:22**

**Parallel theme:** Isaiah 1:7; 14:17; 18:2; 24:18; 24:22; 42:7; 51:23; Psalms 50:22; 102:20; Jeremiah 50:17

**Isaiah 42:23** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 48:18

**Isaiah 42:25** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 57:1; 57:11; 2 Kings 25:9; Hosea 7:9; Malachi 2:2

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