

Isaiah 49:1–6 (NKJV)

¹ “Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! **The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother¹ He has made mention of My name.**

² And He has made **My mouth like a sharp sword;**² In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.”

³ “And **He said to me, ‘You *are* My servant, O Israel,** In whom I will be glorified.’³

⁴ Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward *is* with the LORD, And my work with my God.’ ”

⁵ “And **now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him,**⁴ So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength),⁵

⁶ Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel;⁶ I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”⁷

1 Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:20-21.

2 Isaiah 11:4; Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 1:16; 2:16; 19:15, 21.

3 Isaiah 42:1; Zechariah 3:8; Matthew 17:5; John 13:31; Philippians 2:6-11.

4 Matthew 15:4; Acts 10:36; Romans 15:8.

5 Matthew 21:37-41; 23:37; Luke 19:42; 1Thessalonians 2:14-16.

6 Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16; John 3:16-21; 10:9; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-13; 11:26.

7 Isaiah 9:2; 11:10; 42:6; 60:3; Matthew 4:12-17; Luke 2:25-32; John 1:4-9; 3:16-21.