

A satellite view of the Earth from space, showing the Americas. The text "Behold Your God" and "Isaiah 40" is overlaid in yellow.

**Behold Your God**  
**Isaiah 40**



## Isaiah 53:9

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## Isaiah 52:13-15

13 Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, My people, so His appearance was marred more than any man and His form more than the sons of men

15 Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; for what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.



## Isaiah 53:1-3

- 1 Who has believed our message? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.
- 3 He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.



## Isaiah 53:4-6

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows  
He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,  
smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our  
well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are  
healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us  
has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the  
iniquity of us all to fall on Him.



## Isaiah 53:7-9

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of My people, to whom the stroke was due?

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# Isaiah Outline

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Isaiah 66:24 - "Then they will go forth and look on the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die and their fire will not be quenched; and they will be an abhorrence to all mankind."



# Alan A. MacRae

With chapter 40 we enter a section of the book of Isaiah which is very different from all that has preceded. The difference is so great that it has led some to think that they were not written by Isaiah but by someone who lived a century or more after his time. From this developed the idea of "the two Isaiahs." However, there are very few today who believe in the theory of "two Isaiahs" as it was held a few decades ago. Most of those who now deny the unity of the book divide it up among many authors. Some of these writers are said to have written large sections and others only a few verses.



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# Theme Statement

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Galatians 4:4

But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.



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### Isaiah 61:7

Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, and instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, everlasting joy will be theirs.



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John 1:23

He said, I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."



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c. Unlike youths who grow weary and vigorous men who stumble badly, God promises that those who wait upon the LORD will gain new strength



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Isaiah 40:31

Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength;  
they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run  
and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.