

Isaiah 40:1-10

40:1

נְחַמוּ נְחַמוּ עַמִּי יֹאמַר אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

παρακαλεῖτε παρακαλεῖτε τὸν λαὸν μου λέγει ὁ θεός
Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

נְחַמוּ - piel imperative masc plural, 2x in BHS, both here, any imperative 4x in BHS - *comfort* (637a)

Exod 32:12 Why should the Egyptians say, With evil intent did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

Isaiah 40:1 [2x] Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Psalms 90:13 Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on thy servants!

Elsewhere in Isaiah:

1:24, I will be eased of my foes (says Yahweh)

12:1, and you (Yahweh) shall comfort me

16:7, surely they are smitten (Moab)

22:4, do not hurry to comfort me (Isaiah)

40:1, comfort my people (says Yahweh)

49:13, Yahweh has comforted his people (so rejoice)

51:3, Yahweh comforts all her (Zions) desolations

51:12, I am he who comforts you 51:19, who but I shall comfort you

52:9, Yahweh comforts his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem

54:11, afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted

57:6, should I be consoled over these (your sacrifices)

57:18, I (Yahweh) will restore comforting to him and his mourners

61:2, (Yahweh) to comfort all who mourn

66:11 you may suck & be satisfied with the breast of her comforts (Jerusalem)

66:13, as one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you, and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem

עַמִּי - 27x in Isaiah - *my people* - [this exact form] (766b) (the common man) those united, connected, related, the plebeian, compatriots, etc.

1:3 The ox knows its owner, and the ass its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people does not understand."

3:12 My people -- children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, your leaders mislead you, and confuse the course of your paths.

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3:15 What do you mean by crushing my people, by grinding the face of the poor?" says the Lord GOD of hosts.

5:13 Therefore my people go into exile for want of knowledge; their honored men are dying of hunger, and their multitude is parched with thirst.

10:2 to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!

10:24 Therefore thus says the Lord, the LORD of hosts: "O my people, who dwell in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrians when they smite with the rod and lift up their staff against you as the Egyptians did.

19:25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my heritage."

22:4 Therefore I said: "Look away from me, let me weep bitter tears; do not labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people."

26:20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the wrath is past.

32:13 for the soil of my people growing up in thorns and briers; yea, for all the joyous houses in the joyful city.

32:18 My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

40:1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

43:20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

47:6 I was angry with my people, I profaned my heritage; I gave them into your hand, you showed them no mercy; on the aged you made your yoke exceedingly heavy.

51:4 "Listen to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

51:16 And I have put my words in your mouth, and hid you in the shadow of my hand, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, You are my people."

52:4 For thus says the Lord GOD: My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing.

52:5 Now therefore what have I here, says the LORD, seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail, says the LORD, and continually all the day my name is despised.

52:6 Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I."

53:8 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, stricken for the transgression of my people?

57:14 And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way."

58:1 "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.

63:8 For he said, Surely they are my people, sons who will not deal falsely; and he became their Savior.

65:10 Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for my people who have sought me.

65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

אָלְהֵיכֶם יֹאמֶר - this phrase only 3x in BHS [exact gramatical form] however 60x in BHS all forms,

including 4x in Isaiah - remember that the more common **אָמַר יְהוָה** occurs 55x in Isaiah alone! -

continue to speak the verb is imperfect, it is an ongoing message-

*Isaiah 40:1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

*Hosea 2:25

*2Chron 18:13 But Micai'ah said, "As the LORD lives, what my God says, that I will speak."

Isaiah 54:6 For the LORD has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

Isaiah 57:21 There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked."

Isaiah 66:9 Shall I bring to the birth and not cause to bring forth? says the LORD; shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb? says your God.

40:2

דַּבְּרוּ עַל-לֵב יְרוּשָׁלַם וְקִרְאוּ אֵלֶיהָ כִּי מָלְאָה צָבָאָה

כִּי נִרְצָה עֲוֹנָהּ כִּי לָקְחָה מִיַּד יְהוָה כְּפָלִים בְּכָל-חַטָּאוֹתֶיהָ ס:

ἱερεῖς λαλήσατε εἰς τὴν καρδίαν Ἱερουσαλημ παρακαλέσατε αὐτήν ὅτι ἐπλήσθη ἡ ταπείνωσις αὐτῆς λέλυται αὐτῆς ἡ ἁμαρτία ὅτι ἐδέξατο ἐκ χειρὸς κυρίου διπλᾶ τὰ ἁμαρτήματα αὐτῆς

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

דַּבְּרוּ עַל-לֵב - 8x in BHS [not exact forms] - *speak to the heart*

Gen 34:3 And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob; he loved the maiden and *spoke tenderly* to her.

Gen 50:21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he *reassured* them and comforted them.

Judg 19:3 her husband went to her to *persuade* her to return. He had with him his servant and two donkeys. She took him into her father's house, and when her father saw him, he gladly welcomed him.

1Sam 1:13 Hannah was *speaking in her heart*; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard; therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman.

2Sam 19:8 [7E] So go out at once and *speak kindly* to your servants; for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go, not a man will stay with you this night; and this will be worse for you than any disaster that has come upon you from your youth until now."

Isaiah 40:2 *Speak tenderly* to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Hosea 2:16 [14E] "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her.

Ruth 2:13 Then she said, "You are most gracious to me, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not one of your maidservants."

2Chron 30:22 And Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good skill in the service of the LORD. So the people ate the food of the festival for seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to the LORD the God of their fathers.

עַל-לָב - 32x in BHS - the most common form appears to be some form of - תְּשִׁימוּ עַל-לָב

Gen 34:3 , Gen 50:21 , Exod 28:29 , Exod 28:30 , Exod 28:30 , Judg 19:3 , 1Sam 1:13 , 2Sam 19:8 , Isaiah 40:2 , Isaiah 42:25 , Isaiah 46:8 , Isaiah 47:7 , Isaiah 57:1 , Isaiah 57:11 , Isaiah 65:17 , Jer 3:16 , Jer 7:31 , Jer 12:11 , Jer 19:5 , Jer 31:33 , Jer 32:35 , Jer 44:21 , Ezek 14:3 , Hosea 2:16 , Mal 2:2 , Mal 2:2 , Prov 6:21 , Ruth 2:13 , Cant 8:6 , Dan 1:8 , 2Chron 7:11 , 2Chron 30:22

דַּבֵּר - any piel imperative 83x in BHS, 4x in Isaiah - *speak*

8:10 Take counsel together, but it will come to nought; speak a word, but it will not stand, for God is with us.

30:10 who say to the seers, "See not"; and to the prophets, "Prophecy not to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions,

36:11 Then Eli'akim, Shebna, and Jo'ah said to the Rab'shakeh, "Pray, speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; do not speak to us in the language of Judah within the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

40:2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Gen 50:4 , Exod 6:11 , Exod 6:29 , Exod 11:2 , Exod 12:3 , Exod 14:2 , Exod 14:15 , Exod 16:12 , Exod 20:19 , Exod 25:2 , Exod 31:13 , Lev 1:2 , Lev 4:2 , Lev 6:18 , Lev 7:23 , Lev 7:29 , Lev 11:2 , Lev 12:2 , Lev 15:2 , Lev 16:2 , Lev 17:2 , Lev 18:2 , Lev 19:2 , Lev 21:17 , Lev 22:2 , Lev 22:18 , Lev 23:2 , Lev 23:10 , Lev 23:24 , Lev 23:34 , Lev 25:2 , Lev 27:2 , Num 5:6 , Num 5:12 , Num 6:2 , Num 6:23 , Num 8:2 , Num 9:10 , Num 15:2 , Num 15:18 , Num 15:38 , Num 16:24 , Num 17:17 , Num 19:2 , Num 33:51 , Num 35:10 , Josh 20:2 , Judg 5:12 , Judg 9:2 , Judg 19:30 , Judg 20:3 , 1Sam 3:9 , 1Sam 3:10 , 1Sam 15:16 , 1Sam 18:22 , 2Sam 13:13 , 2Sam 14:12 , 2Sam 17:6 , 2Sam 19:8 , 2Sam 19:12 , 1Kings 2:14 , 1Kings 2:16 , 1Kings 20:11 , 2Kings 1:3 , 2Kings 18:26 , Isaiah 8:10 , Isaiah 30:10 , Isaiah 36:11 , Isaiah 40:2 , Jer 9:21 , Ezek 3:1 , Ezek 12:23 , Ezek 14:4 , Ezek 20:3 , Ezek 20:27 , Ezek 29:3 , Ezek 33:2 , Ezek 37:19 , Ezek 37:21 , Zech 2:8 , Zech 8:16 , Job 33:32 , Job 34:33

מְלֵאָה - 23x in Isaiah - *to be full* -

1:15 When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

2:6 For thou hast rejected thy people, the house of Jacob, because they are full of diviners from the east and of soothsayers like the Philistines, and they strike hands with foreigners.

2:7 Their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots.

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2:8 Their land is filled with idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made.

6:1 In the year that King Uzzi'ah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.

6:4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

11:9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

13:21 But wild beasts will lie down there, and its houses will be full of howling creatures; there ostriches will dwell, and there satyrs will dance.

14:21 Prepare slaughter for his sons because of the guilt of their fathers, lest they rise and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities."

15:9 For the waters of Dibon are full of blood; yet I will bring upon Dibon even more, a lion for those of Moab who escape, for the remnant of the land.

21:3 Therefore my loins are filled with anguish; pangs have seized me, like the pangs of a woman in travail; I am bowed down so that I cannot hear, I am dismayed so that I cannot see.

22:7 Your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took their stand at the gates.

23:2 Be still, O inhabitants of the coast, O merchants of Sidon; your messengers passed over the sea

27:6 In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots, and fill the whole world with fruit.

28:8 For all tables are full of vomit, no place is without filthiness.

30:27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from far, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke; his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is like a devouring fire;

33:5 The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness;

34:6 The LORD has a sword; it is sated with blood, it is gorged with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

40:2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

51:20 Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of every street like an antelope in a net; they are full of the wrath of the LORD, the rebuke of your God.

65:11 But you who forsake the LORD, who forget my holy mountain, who set a table for Fortune and fill cups of mixed wine for Destiny;

65:20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

לָחַם - 70x in Isaiah - vb. *wage war, serve* - warfare (839b) hard service Isaiah 13:4, 24:21, 34:2,4, 40:2,26, 45:12 (64x's in plural in Isaiah) evidently a major theme, technical term for '*term of conscription*' no longer conscripted to serve the army of the empire, people can now serve God. Remember: Jerusalem has been the military headquarters of the land since the time of David. A new time is coming when they need no longer fear being impressed into service. Note however the LXX - *επλησθη* is not so much ended, as fulfilled, nothing has been left undone.

1:9, 1:24, 2:12, 3:1, 3:15, 5:7, 5:9, 5:16, 5:24, 6:3, 6:5, 8:13, 8:18, 9:6, 9:12, 9:18, 10:16, 10:23, 10:24, 10:26, 10:33, 13:4, 13:4, 13:13, 14:22, 14:23, 14:24, 14:27, 17:3, 18:7, 18:7, 19:4, 19:12, 19:16, 19:17, 19:18, 19:20, 19:25, 21:10, 22:5, 22:12, 22:14, 22:14, 22:15, 22:25, 23:9, 24:21, 24:23, 25:6, 28:5, 28:22, 28:29, 29:6, 31:4, 31:5, 34:2, 34:4, 34:4, 37:16, 37:32, 39:5, 40:2, 40:26, 44:6, 45:12, 45:13, 47:4, 48:2, 51:15, 54:5

נָרְצָה - vb. *be pleased with, accept favourably* (953b) *accept favorably*, (i.e. God has made you acceptable) -56x in BHS, 2x in Isaiah, here and Isaiah 42:1 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

Gen 33:10, Lev 1:4, Lev 7:18, Lev 19:7, Lev 22:23, Lev 22:25, Lev 22:27, Lev 26:34, Lev 26:34, Lev 26:41, Lev 26:43, Lev 26:43, Deut 33:11, Deut 33:24, 1Sam 29:4, 2Sam 24:23, Isaiah 40:2, Isaiah 42:1, Jer 14:10, Jer 14:12, Ezek 20:40, Ezek 20:41, Hosea 8:13, Amos 5:22, Micah 6:7, Haggai 1:8, Mal 1:8, Mal 1:10, Mal 1:13, Psalms 40:14, Psalms 44:4, Psalms 49:14, Psalms 50:18, Psalms 51:18, Psalms 62:5, Psalms 77:8, Psalms 85:2, Psalms 102:15, Psalms 119:108, Psalms 147:10, Psalms 147:11, Psalms 149:4, Job 14:6, Job 20:10, Job 33:26, Job 34:9, Prov 3:12, Prov 16:7, Prov 23:26, Qoh 9:7, Esther 10:3, 1Chron 28:4, 1Chron 29:3, 1Chron 29:17, 2Chron 10:7, 2Chron 36:21

לָקַח - 21x in Isaiah - -- Qal 1. take, take in the hand, sq. acc. rei. This easily passes into . take and carry along with oneself.

6:6 Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

8:1 Then the LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet and write upon it in common characters, Belonging to Ma'her-shal'al-hash-baz."

14:2 And the peoples will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them in the LORD's land as male and female slaves; they will take captive those who were their captors, and rule over those who oppressed them.

23:16 "Take a harp, go about the city, O forgotten harlot! Make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered."

28:19 As often as it passes through it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be sheer terror to understand the message.

36:17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

37:14 Hezeki'ah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezeki'ah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

39:7 And some of your own sons, who are born to you, shall be taken away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

40:2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

44:14 He cuts down cedars; or he chooses a holm tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest; he plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it.

44:15 Then it becomes fuel for a man; he takes a part of it and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread; also he makes a god and worships it, he makes it a graven image and falls down before it.

47:2 Take the millstones and grind meal, put off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, pass through the rivers.

47:3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, and your shame shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no man.

49:24 Can the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?

49:25 Surely, thus says the LORD: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken, and the prey of the tyrant be rescued, for I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children.

51:22 Thus says your Lord, the LORD, your God who pleads the cause of his people: "Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more;

52:5 Now therefore what have I here, says the LORD, seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail, says the LORD, and continually all the day my name is despised.

53:8 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, stricken for the transgression of my people?

56:12 "Come," they say, "let us get wine, let us fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure."

57:13 When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you! The wind will carry them off, a breath will take them away. But he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

66:21 And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

מִיד - qal perfect 5x in Isaiah - *hand* - (390b) *figurative for strength, stretched out to smite (discipline of Yahweh), or to deliver*

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כַּפְּלִים - 3x in BHS - *the double*

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Job 11:6 and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom! For he is manifold in understanding. Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves.

Job 41:5 Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on leash for your maidens?

הִטְאָתָהּ - *sin, sin-offering* - 12x in Isaiah - *needing forgiveness, conveying guilt, atonement made. Note the LXX - λελυται αμαρτια - loosed from their sins, sin no longer has a hold, and this is what forgiveness conveys.*

3:9 Their partiality witnesses against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom, they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil upon themselves.

6:7 And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven."

27:9 Therefore by this the guilt of Jacob will be expiated, and this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin: when he makes all the stones of the altars like chalkstones crushed to pieces, no Ashe'rim or incense altars will remain standing.

30:1 [2x] "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine; and who make a league, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin;

40:2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

43:24 You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities.

43:25 "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

44:22 I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

58:1 "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.

59:2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear.

59:12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities:

40:3

קוֹל קוֹרֵא בַּמִּדְבָּר פָּנּוּ דְרֹךְ יְהוָה יִשְׂרוּ בְּעֵרְבָה
מִסְלָה לֵאלֹהֵינוּ:

φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν κυρίου εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

קוֹרָא קוֹל - 7x in BHS - *a voice crying* -

Gen 39:15 and when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment with me, and fled and got out of the house."
Gen 39:18 but as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment with me, and fled out of the house."
Judg 9:7 And Ado'ni-be'zek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and their great toes cut off used to pick up scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has requited me." And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.
Isaiah 6:4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.
Isaiah 40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Psalms 27:7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
Psalms 141:1 I call upon thee, O LORD; make haste to me! Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!

קוֹל - 36x in Isaiah - *voice* (877a) seems to play a major role in Isaiah

6:4, 6:8, 10:30, 13:2, 13:4, 13:4, 15:4, 24:14, 24:18, 28:23, 29:4, 29:6, 30:19, 30:30, 30:31, 31:4, 32:9, 33:3, 36:13, 37:23, 40:3, 40:6, 40:9, 42:2, 48:20, 50:10, 51:3, 52:8, 52:8, 58:1, 58:4, 65:19, 65:19, 66:6, 66:6, 66:6,

קוֹרָא - qal participle - (895c) call, proclaim, read aloud, (same sense in 40:6)

בְּמִדְבָּר - 21x in Isaiah - *wilderness* -

14:17 who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?'
16:1 They have sent lambs to the ruler of the land, from Sela, by way of the desert, to the mount of the daughter of Zion.
16:8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the nations have struck down its branches, which reached to Jazer and strayed to the desert; its shoots spread abroad and passed over the sea.
21:1 [2x] The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the Negeb sweep on, it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.
27:10 For the fortified city is solitary,
32:15 until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.
32:16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
35:1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus
35:6 then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
41:18 I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.
41:19 I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together;
42:11 Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
43:19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
43:20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
50:2 Why, when I came, was there no man? When I called, was there no one to answer? Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water, and die of thirst.
51:3 For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.
63:13 who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.
64:9 [2x] Be not exceedingly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity for ever. Behold, consider, we are all thy people.

פָּנִי - 133x in BHS, 8x in Isaiah -

8:21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry; and when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will curse their king and their God, and turn their faces upward;
13:14 And like a hunted gazelle, or like sheep with none to gather them, every man will turn to his own people, and every man will flee to his own land.
40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
45:22 "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.
53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
56:11 The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. The shepherds also have no understanding; they have all turned

to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all.

57:14 And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way."

62:10 Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

יְהוָה יִרְדֵּךְ - 17x in BHS - *way of Yahweh* -

Gen 18:19 No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

Judg 2:22 But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

2Sam 22:22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

2Kings 21:22 he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

Isaiah 40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hid from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Jer 5:4 Then I said, "These are only the poor, they have no sense; for they do not know the way of the LORD, the law of their God.

Jer 5:5 I will go to the great, and will speak to them; for they know the way of the LORD, the law of their God." But they all alike had broken the yoke, they had burst the bonds.

Hosea 14:10 [9E] Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

Psalms 18:22 For all his ordinances were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me.

Psalms 18:31 For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? --

Psalms 25:4 Make me to know thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

Psalms 138:5 and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

Prov 10:29 The LORD is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers.

Prov 16:9 A man's mind plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

Prov 19:3 When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the LORD.

2Chron 17:6 His heart was courageous in the ways of the LORD; and furthermore he took the high places and the Ashe'rim out of Judah.

יִשְׁרָר - 4x in Isaiah - vb. be *smooth, straight, right* -- Qal 1. *go straight*, (448d) *smooth, right, (pleasing to God) (ethical) figurative for just, upright*

40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

45:2 [2x] "I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut asunder the bars of iron,

45:13 I have aroused him in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward," says the LORD of hosts.

בְּעֵרְבָה - 8x in Isaiah - *desert* - (787c) mentioned with Midbar 35:1, 40:3, 41:19, 51:3, and all these are promises of hope and salvation

15:7 Therefore the abundance they have gained and what they have laid up they carry away over the Brook of the Willows.

33:9 The land mourns and languishes; Lebanon is confounded and withers away; Sharon is like a desert; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.

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41:19 I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together;

44:4 They shall spring up like grass amid waters, like willows by flowing streams.

51:3 For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

לְאֵלֵינוּ מְסֻלָּה - BHS Hapax

מְסֻלָּה - 26x in BHS - vb. *lift up, cast up* -- Qal 1. *cast up a highway*: highway hlcm (700c) (from lifting up) a raised way, a public road, 3x in Isaiah - Remember, a highway is a raised road, a major piece of construction, but it is not as would be expected: It is not for the exiles returning; from the north, Babylon to Jerusalem. It is not for the diaspora returning, from the south, from Egypt to Jerusalem. It is rather for Yahweh (not the people), and it is to be built in the Arabah, the

southeastern wastes where Israel wandered. This has been a major stumbling block in interpretation, WHY build a highway in the desert? Qumran made sense of this by moving their community into the desert, seeing in the desert a place to prepare to meet God. In the NT the desert becomes the place where you can hear the voice. Targum Jonathon on Isaiah has "A voice of one who cries, "In the wilderness clear the way before the people of the Lord, level in the desert highways before the congregation of our God."

Num 20:19 And the people of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the highway; and if we drink of your water, I and my cattle, then I will pay for it; let me only pass through on foot, nothing more."

Judg 5:20 And Samsons wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

Judg 20:31

Judg 20:32

Judg 20:45

Judg 21:19 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty men of the town, and took their spoil and gave the festal garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his fathers house.

1Sam 6:12 And the cows went straight in the direction of Beth-shemesh along one highway, lowing as they went; they turned neither to the right nor to the left, and the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh.

2Sam 20:12 And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the highway. And any one who came by, seeing him, stopped; and when the man saw that all the people stopped, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field, and threw a garment over him.

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2Sam 20:13 When he was taken out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

2Kings 18:17 And the king of Assyria sent the Tartan, the Rabsaris, and the Rabshakeh with a great army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. When they arrived, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is on the highway to the Fullers Field.

Isaiah 7:3 And the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fullers Field,

Isaiah 11:16 And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant which is left of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 19:23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

Isaiah 33:8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceases. Covenants are broken, witnesses are despised, there is no regard for man.

Isaiah 36:2 And the king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fullers Field.

Isaiah 40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 49:11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be raised up.

Isaiah 59:7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity, desolation and destruction are in their highways.

Isaiah 62:10 Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

Jer 31:21 "Set up waymarks for yourself, make yourself guideposts; consider well the highway, the road by which you went. Return, O virgin Israel, return to these your cities.

Joel 2:8 They do not jostle one another, each marches in his path; they burst through the weapons and are not halted.

Psalms 84:6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

1Chron 26:16 For Shuppim and Hosah it came out for the west, at the gate of Shallecheth on the road that goes up. Watch corresponded to watch.

1Chron 26:18 and for the parbar on the west there were four at the road and two at the parbar.

2Chron 9:11 And the king made of the algum wood steps for the house of the LORD and for the kings house, lyres also and harps for the singers; there never was seen the like of them before in the land of Judah.

40:4

כָּל-גֵּיאַ יִנָּשֵׂא וְכָל-הַר וְגִבְעָה יִשְׁפָּלוּ וְהָיָה הָעֵקֶב לְמִישׁוֹר
וְהָרְכָסִים לְבִקְעָה׃

πάσα φάραγξ πληρωθήσεται καὶ πᾶν ὄρος καὶ βουνὸς ταπεινωθήσεται καὶ ἔσται πάντα τὰ σκολιὰ εἰς εὐθείαν καὶ ἡ τραχεῖα εἰς πεδία

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

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 valley <yg (161b) 22:1,5 near Jerusalem; 28:1,4 of fatness
 lifted up <wny (671d) (niph) or exalted, (of gates Ps.24:7,9) hills are
 lifted up in 2:14, 30:25, 57:7; Ebed yahweh 52:13, Yahweh 57:15
 mountain rh (250b) hill-country; high mt. 30:25, 40:9, 52:7; opposite of
 valley
 hill hibg (149a) lower than Mt., often places of illicit worship,
 commonly in parallel with Mt. (Is lifting a hill, an attempt through sacrifice
 to rebuild tower of Babel, get closer to heavens?)
 made low vlpwy (1050a) be abased, be humiliated (of man 2:9, 5:15) (pun
 on the worship at Highplaces, that sought to make them higher)
 uneven ground bqi (784c) steep, hilly, the difficult mountain path
 level rvwyml (449d) evenness, 26:7 path of the righteous, (straight, ^v.3^)
 rough places cyckr (940c) that which is bound up, impassable (hapax)
 plain hiqb (132c) valley as opposed to mountain, broad & flat

40:5

וְנִגְלָהּ כְבוֹד יְהוָה וְרָאוּ כָל-בְּשָׂר יְהוָה כִּי פִי
 יְהוָה דִּבֶּר ס:

καὶ ὀφθήσεται ἡ δόξα κυρίου καὶ ὄψεται πᾶσα σὰρξ τὸ σωτήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι κύριος ἐλάλησεν

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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glory dvbk (459a) abundance, honor, splendor, (major theme!)

6:3 the earth is full of the glory of the Lord

59:19 kings and nations revere the glory of the Lord (and come to it)

66:18,19 all flesh will see the glory of the Lord

revealed hlgn (163a) be uncovered, discovered, disclosed, be made clear,
display, declare (7x's in niphal in Isaiah) (a 2 edged sword, you might not
want to hear what God reveals)

22:14 And Yahweh Sabbaoth revealed in my ears: "....."

23:1 it is revealed to them from the land of chittim

40:5 glory revealed

47:3 your nakedness shall be revealed

49:9 say to those in darkness, reveal yourselves

53:1 Who believed our report, and to whom is the arm of Yahweh revealed?

56:1 for my salvation is near, and my righteousness to be revealed

all flesh rwb-lk (142d) mankind 40:5,6, 49:26, 66:13,23,24

mouth of Yahweh hvhy yp (805b) speaks 1:20, 40:5, word proceeds 45:23,
command 11:4

40:6

קוֹל אִמֵּר קְרָא וְאָמַר מָה אֶקְרָא כָּל-הַבְּשָׂר חֲצִיר
וְכָל-חֲסִדּוֹ כְּצִיץ הַשָּׂדֶה:

φωνὴ λέγοντος βοήσον καὶ εἶπα τί βοήσω πᾶσα σὰρξ χόρτος καὶ πᾶσα δόξα ἀνθρώπου ὡς
ἄνθος χόρτου

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the
flower of the field.

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voice lvq above v.3 (again in v.9)

cry <rq (895c) above v.3

all flesh rwbh-lk (142d) above v.5

grass ryjx (348b) green herbage, as a type for things that perish quickly

as in Ps.90:5, or 103:15

beauty dcx (338d) goodness, kindness (grace of God endures forever, while

ours don't even last the day) note the LXX translates this doxa.

flower jyj (847d) blossom (fragile & fleeting) figuratively for man
40:7,8, 42:7, 27:6, 28:1,

40:7

יִבֶּשׁ הַצִּיר נָבֵל צִיץ כִּי רוּחַ יְהוָה נִשְׁבָּה
בוֹ אֲכַן הַצִּיר הָעֵם:

ἐξηράνθη ὁ χόρτος καὶ τὸ ἄνθος ἐξέπεσεν

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

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wither wbi (386b) be dry

sink lkn (615c) drop down, languish, fall, wither, fade Isaiah 40:7,8,
Isaiah 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous
deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our
iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

breath of Yahweh hvhy xvr (924d) or Spirit, in anger in destroys 30:28,
59:19; a symbol of life Gn.6:17, &15,;

the people ,ih in the singular, not the useage in Isaiah of this: 40:1,
42:22, 43:8,20,21, 47:6, 49:13, 51:7,16,22, 52:4,5,6

40:8

יִבֶּשׁ הַצִּיר נָבֵל צִיץ וּדְבַר-אֱלֹהֵינוּ יָקוּם לְעוֹלָם ס:

τὸ δὲ ῥῆμα τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

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everlasting ,lvi (762a) in Isaiah 9:6, 14:20, 24:5, 25:2, 30:8, 32:14,17, 33:14, 34:10,17, 35:10, 40:8,28, 42:14, 44:7, 46:9, 47:7, 51:6,8,11, 54:8, 55:3,13, 56:5, 57:16, 58:12, 59:21, 60:15,19,20,21, 61:4,7,8, 63:9,11,12,16,19, 64:3,4, in a new land, in times of change, God always the same would be very important, and comforting. Dahood argues that ,lvi may be more than just eternal, it may indeed be another name of God, noting for example Ps.75:10 "but I shall extol the Eternal, I shall sing to the God of Jacob" also found at Ps.24:6,7. If the Eternal is a divine name, how does that work in this context?

stand ,vqy (by the grace of God) used in this sense also at: 43:17, 49:7, 51:17, 52:2, 54:17

40:9

עַל הַר-גְּבוּהָ עֲלִי-לָךְ מְבַשְּׂרֶת צִיּוֹן הַרְיִמִּי בְּכַח קוֹלְךָ

מְבַשְּׂרֶת יְרוּשָׁלַם הַרְיִמִּי אֶל-תִּירְאִי אֲמָרִי לְעָרֵי יְהוּדָה הִנֵּה אֵלֶיכֶם:

ἐπ' ὄρος ὑψηλὸν ἀνάβηθι ὁ εὐαγγελιζόμενος Σιών ὑψώσον τῆ ἰσχύι τὴν φωνήν σου ὁ εὐαγγελιζόμενος Ἱερουσαλήμ ὑψώσατε μὴ φοβεῖσθε εἰπὸν ταῖς πόλεσιν Ἰουδα ἰδοὺ ὁ θεὸς ὑμῶν

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

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herald trwbm of tidings (142b) bringer of good news, one who removes the surface of a thing, (the root is the same as flesh, the pointing is different) However, what is significant is the LXX, for here the LXX has euaggelizomenoj, and it seems that it is out of this that the NT Gospel as born, the good news to Zion (Jerusalem).

lift up ymyrh (927c) 58:1 lift up your voice, give it strength also 13:2

fear not <ryt-l< (431a) (10x's in Isaiah)

7:4, Isaiah fear not to go out and meet Ahaz (God will be with you)

35:4, be strong, fear not, your GOD will come with vengeance
 40:9, (for God will be with you)
 41:10, do not fear, for I am with you
 41:13, I the Lord God who makes your arm strong, says, do not fear
 41:14, do not fear, worm of Jacob, I will help you
 43:1, Yahweh, ...who made you O Israel, fear not I have redeemed you
 43:5, fear not, for with you I am...
 44:2, Yahweh ...who helps you from the womb, do not fear...
 54:4 do not fear , for you will not be put to shame,... Yahweh is your husband
 Behold Elohim ,kyhl< hnh the great revelation, pointing to salvation set
 forth is a minimum a verbiage

40:10

הִנֵּה אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה בְּחִזְקַת יָבוֹא וְזָרְעוֹ מִשְׁלָה לוֹ
 הִנֵּה שְׂכָרוֹ אִתּוֹ וּפְעֻלָּתוֹ לְפָנָיו׃

Ἰδοὺ κύριος μετὰ ἰσχύος ἔρχεται καὶ ὁ βραχίων μετὰ κυριείας ἰδοὺ ὁ μισθὸς αὐτοῦ μετ' αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸ ἔργον ἐναντίον αὐτοῦ

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

הִנֵּה - word of revelation (new thing)

בְּחִזְקַת - might (305d) strong, and 28:2 for God's strength

שְׂכָרוֹ - reward (969b) hire reward for work done, also 62:11

וּפְעֻלָּתוֹ - recompense (821d) reward, work 49:4, 61:8, figurative of the people won back by Yahweh in warfare 40:10, 62:11, (lit. reward before his face) Note that while this is sing, DSS Isa. has plural 'payments" and the targum also has plural and interprets this: "See the reward of those who perform his word are with Him, for all their works are revealed before Him." [trying to earn salvation, or redeem good works].

Note the terms rkw reward hlip payment, are also techincal terms for the booty and tribute carried home by the triumphant warriors!

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