ISAIAH – Chapter 50

Vs. 1 The Lord is "divorcing" Zion (temporarily); sending her away! She is the one responsible for the action. Deut. 24:1-4 with Mt. 5:31, 19:7-8

NOTE: In practice a husband could give his wife a divorce certificate detailing her fault(s) and she would be required to leave the home! God will send Judah out of the house to Babylon with a full description of her faults.

The Lord is going to sell Judah into indentured servitude because of the great debt, which they owe which they will never be able to repay!

Vs. 2-3 Why...When...

Judah's (Israel's) future will not be the result of a God who could not help; could not rescue or ransom. God can - (He is the one who – Deut. 28:20-44).

- Verses 4 through 9 The Servant is not like the nation. His relationship to "the Lord God" (vs. 4, 5, 7 & 9) is one of obedience; His desire being to do the will of the Father even to the point of vs. 6.
- Vs. 4 The Father has chosen for the servant to:
 - 1. Sustain the weary one.
 - 2. Listen as a disciple (what is the opposite of "to listen").
- Vs. 5 Opened the Servant's ear and He was not disobedient.

The servant "did not turn back."

- Vs. 6 Mt. 26:67-68, 27:28-31; Mk. 14:65, 15:17-20; Lk. 22:63-65
- Vs. 7 The servant was so "convinced" that the Lord God would see His work as successful that He faced His task resolutely.
- Vs. 8-9 The "mind set" of the Servant as He experiences the will of God for Himself is shared:
 - 1. He is near.
 - 2. Who can take a stand against us? Rom 8:31-39
 - 3. Let us stand up...
 - 4. They will wear out.
 - 5. They will be consumed.
- Vs. 10 The Servant extends an invitation to all who are hearing. Rom. 10:9-15
- Vs. 11 The self-reliant, who attempt to see by the light that they themselves generate will be consumed by that light. Rom 9:30-10:4

NOTE: As to lying down in torment. Lk. 16:23, 28; Rev. 20:13-15; 21:8