

## **Return from Exile: Resurrection of the Body**

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Isaiah 40:1-11

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### **I. History**

Destruction for sins:

1. Sins: North (2Kings 15:23-24) South (2Kings 21:1-2)
2. Northern Kingdom = 2Kings 17:5-6 721BC
3. Southern Kingdom = 2Kings 25:1-12 587BC

**\*Israel/Judah now in exile**

### **II. Expectations: Themes for return from exile**

1. Rule:

- 2Sam 7:10-17 = Ruler on throne
- Psalm 2 = Rule nations/pagans
- Psalm 110 = Ruler forever
- Isaiah 11:1-9 = Just rule

2. Temple:

- Haggai 1:1-5 = Temple rebuilt 515BC

3. Return:

- Isaiah 11:10-16 = Come back into land
- Mal 4:1-3 = Day is coming
- Zech 14:1-5 = Day is coming

4. Sins forgiven = Background is Deut 27-28 Bless/Curse

**\*All these were THIS-WORLDLY events**

### **III. Isaiah 40:1-11—Look for the themes**

1. Temple and Yahweh return = Isaiah 40:9-11
2. King and Rule = Isaiah 40:10 and 11:1-9
3. Sins forgiven = 40:2

### **IV. New Testament: Uses categories for a THIS-WORLDLY return**

Mark 1:1-8  
Kingdom of God  
Temple cleansed  
Jesus forgives sins

= John Baptist = Isaiah 40 herald