



# ARISE SHINE

... for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

## ***Land of Hope and Glory***

Isaiah Chapters 40 - 66

*The book of Isaiah is split into two main parts. In the first section (Chapters 1-39) we read about Isaiah's ministry to Judah and how he manages the constant tension between the mess of their world (a consequence of their rejection of God), and the potential for their transformation into a nation of glory, purity and fruitfulness. The call repeatedly goes up from the prophet . . . God is the only one they can trust and they should repent and turn back to Him.*

*In chapters 40-66 (the section we will be reading) the focus changes. The major themes are about liberation, restoration and freedom from exile and captivity. Isaiah is painting a picture of the Kingdom of God that Jesus would build, focussing on the power of love rather than the power of injustice and oppression. We will read how God does not abandon His people, but rescues them from the consequences of their sin, calls them to radical obedience and gives them a vision of what could be . . . a world that is full of hope and glory.*

### **'Shaping Up'**

*Each Wednesday we are going to get really practical and think about our **SHAPE** (Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Ability, Personality, Experience), this will help us as we seek to be the Kingdom People we are called to be, displaying God's Glory and bringing hope to our communities.*

Date	Passage	Journal
Thursday	40:1-11 <b>Comfort My People</b>	
Friday	40:12-31 <b>Hope Means Energy</b>	
Saturday	41:1-20 <b>Don't Be Afraid</b>	
Sunday	41:21-42:17 <b>Good News for People who are Broken and Flickering</b>	
Monday	42:18-43:21 <b>Here is My Servant</b>	
Tuesday	43:22-44:23 <b>There Is to Be No Forgetting</b>	

### Wednesday **Spiritual Gifts**

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The following passages identify the different Spiritual gifts God gives us:—  
Romans 12: 6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-10; 1 Cor 12:28; 1 Peter 4:9-10; Eph. 4:11.

As you read, celebrate the gifts that you are currently moving in, and listen to the Holy Spirit for gifts that God wants to give you.

Thursday	44:24-45:8 <b>Calamity Comes From?</b>	
Friday	45:9-25 <b>The People Who Know What's Best</b>	
Saturday	46:1-13 <b>"Gods" you have to Carry and the God who Carries you.</b>	
Sunday	47:1-15 <b>The Unexpected Fall of the Superpower</b>	
Monday	48:1-22 <b>If Only . . .</b>	
Tuesday	49:1-13 <b>The Servant's Servant</b>	

Wednesday **Heart**

Your heart can reveal what you are passionate about and what could motivate, drive and energise you. Some questions to ask yourself - What do you like to do? What would you like to see changed or supported? What really energizes you? **Romans 8:18-28**

Date	Passage	Journal
Thursday	49:14-50:3 <b>Can a Mother Forget</b>	
Friday	50:4-51:11 <b>On Following God's Prompting</b>	
Saturday	51:12-52:12 <b>Beautiful Feet</b>	
Sunday	52:13-53:12 <b>The Man Who Kept His Mouth Shut</b>	
Monday	54:1-17a <b>A Time to Cry and a Time to Whoop</b>	
Tuesday	54:17:b – 55:13 <b>Our Ideas and Plans, and God's</b>	

Wednesday **Abilities (or aptitude)**

You are uniquely created with God-given gifts and abilities.

Do you know what they are?

List the things that you are good at, then ask someone who knows you well to list the things that you are good at... then compare the lists. **Ephesians 2:1-10**

Thursday	56:1-8 <b>An Ambiguous 'Because'</b>	
Friday	56:9-57:21 <b>High and Holy, but Present with the Crushed and Low in Spirit.</b>	
Saturday	58:1-14 <b>(Un)spiritual Practices</b>	
Sunday	59:1-21 <b>Three Ways the Prophet Speaks</b>	

Date	Passage	Journal
Monday	60:1-22 <b>An Invitation to Imagination and Hope</b>	
Tuesday	61:1-9 <b>Blown Over and Anointed</b>	

Wednesday **Personality**

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Understanding the personality God has given you will help you more effectively express your spiritual gifts, heart, and abilities for His sake. "Like stained glass, our different personalities reflect God's light in many colours and patterns." - Rick Warren **Psalms 139**

Thursday	61:10-63:6 <b>People Who Won't Let Yahweh Rest</b>	
Friday	63:7-19 <b>Praise and Power</b>	
Saturday	64:1-12 <b>Rend the Heavens</b>	
Sunday	65:1-16 <b>Judgement and Salvation</b>	
Monday	65:17-25 <b>New Heaven and New Earth</b>	
Tuesday	66:1-24 <b>Choose Your Ending</b>	

Wednesday **Experiences**

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Our experiences in the past (whatever they may be) can help shape how we journey into the future, and although we don't need to let past experiences define us, they can (if we allow them) equip and inform us as we go forward. **Proverbs 3:13-18**

**Use the rest of the week to review the chapters you have read and record the key 'take away' themes and messages for you, the church and the community that the Holy Spirit has highlighted as you have read through.**