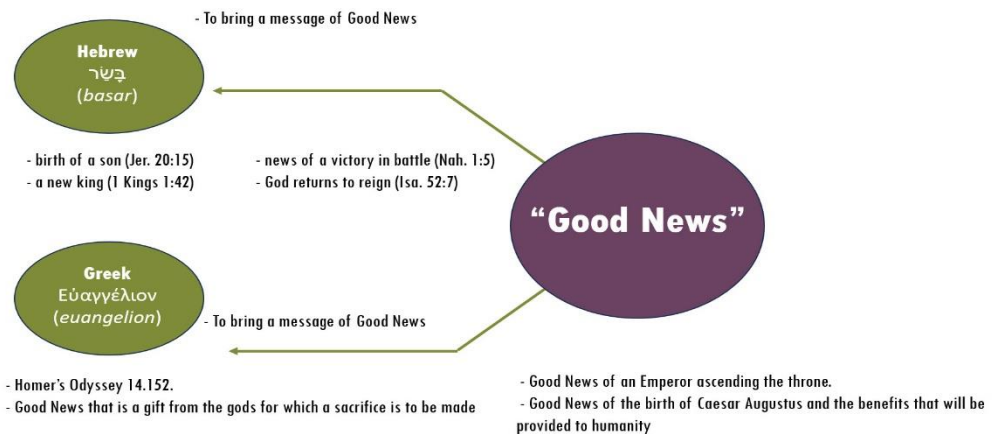


1. Review – How we conceive of the “Good News”:

Scholarly	Church/Non-scholarly
Kingdom of God	Justification through faith alone
	Forgiveness of sins
	Entrance to Heaven

- **Mark 1:15**
 - ‘repent’ – turn and align yourself to God’s reign and engage in kingdom practices.
 - ‘believe’ or ‘believe in’ – trust, confidence, place your trust in this message.
- **Luke 4:43**
 - “the good news of the kingdom of God”
- **Acts 8:12**
 - “the good news of the kingdom of God” and the “name Jesus Christ.”
 - Christ is a title that points to Royal/Messianic identity.
- **1 Thessalonians 2:9-12**
 - “the good news of God” – “who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”

2. Greek and Hebrew Background to “Good News”:



3. Isaiah as an outline:

- **Mark 1:3** – quotes Isaiah 40.
 - a call to prepare a “way” or “highway” for the LORD to return to Jerusalem.
- Progression of Isaiah:

Isaiah 40:3	- Prepare the way for the LORD’s return to Jerusalem
Isaiah 40:9	- the Good News that comes to Jerusalem
Isaiah 42:	- A chosen servant who will act as a covenant to the people and a light to nations
	- this was considered a Messianic chapter – “I will put my spirit on him.”
Isaiah 52:7	- God’s reign returns to Jerusalem - “Your God Reigns.”
Isaiah 60:3	- the nations come to the light of Israel
Isaiah 61:1-	- The result of God’s reign is “Good News” to the poor and afflicted

4. Targum Jonathan –

- The word Targum simply means translation. The Aramaic-speaking people wanted to hear the Hebrew bible in their own language.
- A written Targum – like Targum Jonathan – was transcribed by a professional scribe to capture the translation in writing.
- Like many modern English translations, the translation would paraphrase the original Hebrew to help the audience understand the communicated meaning.
- **Isaiah 52:7 (NHEB) – Original Hebrew:**

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of good things, who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, **"Your God reigns."**”

- **Isaiah 52:7 – Targum Jonathan¹**

How beautiful upon the mountains [of the land of Israel] are the feet of him that brings good news,
that publishes peace, [...], that publishes salvation, saying to the congregation of Zion,
“The **kingdom of your God is revealed.**”

5. Exile/Restoration:

- A metaphor of exile/restoration (redemption) is found throughout the Bible.
- Exile may be forced removal or by choice (e.g., the prodigal son).
- Northern Kingdom (called Israel or Ephraim) was **exiled** due to their **sin** and dispersed by the Assyrians (722 BC).
- Southern Kingdom (called Judah) was **exiled** and taken into captivity by the Babylonians due to their **sin** (587 BC)
- Adam and Eve, representing all humanity, were **exiled** from Eden, where they reigned over God’s creation due to their **sin**.
- Israel (Judea and Galilee) in the first century, even though they were living in the land, remained exiled to the presence of God due to their sin.

6. We are called to bring the kingdom by *transforming* into Kingdom people:

- Can transform us morally into Kingdom people (1 Cor. 6:9-11; 2 Cor. 3:17-18).
- Manifest God’s will on earth - “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth” (Matt. 6:10).

¹ https://www.sefaria.org/Targum_Jonathan_on_Isaiah.52?lang=bi