

Isaiah 52:7-12

¹ **Awake, awake**, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city ... ⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

¹¹ **Depart, depart**, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. ¹²For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard.

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Coffee question

? What is the relevance to your life of God's call to 'awake' and to 'depart'?

R.S.V.P. 'Depart!' Isaiah 52:1,7-12

AWAKE, AWAKE! (v1,7-10)

- wake-up call then
- wake-up call now ¹

DEPART, DEPART! (v11-12)

- leaving Babylon then
- leaving Babylon now ²

¹ Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 3:2; 16:15; Romans 13:11

² 1 Timothy 6:7; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Romans 12:2; Titus 2:12; Romans 13:11-12