

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 147

Isaiah 52:1-12

Overview

Isaiah 52:1-12 announces the future salvation of Israel.

Israel will no longer be humiliated or abused. God's name will no longer be blasphemed by pagans. The LORD will redeem His people. They will sing about God's redemption before all the nations.

It will be a time of universal peace, great joy, comfort, and happiness, as in Isaiah 35:1-10. The LORD will reign as King in Zion forever, as in Isaiah 9:7.

Let's read **Isaiah 52:1-12**.

This passage begins and ends with commands. Verses 1-2 (Awake, awake) set the stage for verses 11-12 (Depart, depart).

Here is an outline of Isaiah 52:1-12:

Verses	Message	More detailed
52:1-2	A series of commands issued to Zion by Isaiah.	Awake, Clothe yourself, Shake yourself from the dust, Rise up, Free yourself from the chains around your neck.
52:3-6	The Lord speaks to His people – Zion, the remnant of Israel.	<p>The Lord acknowledges their oppression in the past, their present suffering, and the blasphemies of their oppressors.</p> <p>He then declares that the day is coming when His people will know His name.</p>
52:7-10	Isaiah proclaims salvation to Zion.	Messengers bring good news and announce peace and salvation with joyful singing. The LORD has comforted and redeemed His people. All the ends of the earth shall see His salvation.
52:11-12	Isaiah issues a series of commands, followed by the promise that the LORD will be with them.	<p>Depart. Go out from here. Touch nothing unclean. He tells the priests to purify themselves.</p> <p>But they will not flee as fugitives (unlike Isaiah 48:20). The LORD will go before them and be their rear guard as well.</p>

Other key passages that are similar to this one and/or enhance our understanding of it

Psalm 98:1-6
Isaiah 26:19
Isaiah 40:1-11
Isaiah 49:8-13, 26
Isaiah 60:1-3
Jeremiah 31:1-7

Major themes to explore

1. Awake. Clothe yourself. Rise up. Free yourself. (verses 1-2)
2. The day is coming when the Lord's people will know His name (verses 3-6)
3. Messengers bring good news of salvation (verses 7-10)
4. Depart. Touch nothing unclean. Purify. (verses 11-12)

Application:

How do these themes apply to us – church age believers, members of the body of Christ?

1. The Lord has done all of these things for us!

Awake/Rise – **Ephesians 2:4-7**; Strength – **Ephesians 1:18-19**; **Philippians 4:13**;

Clothe – **Galatians 3:27**; Free – **Galatians 5:1**.

Yet see also **Romans 13:11-14**; **Ephesians 4:22-24**.

2. The name of the Lord, knowing the Lord – **John 17:3-6**; **2 Corinthians 2:14**; **Philippians 2:9-11**;
Philippians 3:7-11.

3. Preach the gospel to all the nations. **Mark 16:15**; **Romans 15:18-21** (v.21 cites Isaiah 52:15).

the feet of those who preach: **Romans 10:11-17**; **Ephesians 6:15**. (Both of these passages cite Isaiah 52:7.)

4. Purify: **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1** (6:17 cites Isaiah 52:11); **Titus 2:11-14**.