

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 149

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**.

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:

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

Examine:

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.**
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**.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, together with **Psalms 22**, constitute the “Holy of Holies” in Old Testament prophecy.

Clearly Messianic, they foretell the events and significance of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, 700-1,000 years before these events occurred in history.

We are to approach these scriptures with a mixture of gratitude, awe, humility, reverence, sorrow and joy.

Psalms 22 addresses the cross and resurrection from the point of view of Jesus – his human experience of suffering and grief, followed by great joy when He comes forth from the grave. It ‘s a first person eyewitness account.

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 presents the cross and resurrection from God the Father’s perspective. This passage is theological in nature. It teaches us about the plan of God for our salvation.

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 is a poem: a Servant song – the 4th and final one. It has five stanzas, with three verses in each stanza.

It has a chiasmic structure, with Isaiah 53:4-6 at the center. So ABCBA.

The stanzas can serve as our outline:

Stanza	Subject
Isaiah 52:13-15 (A)	The Servant will be exalted after He suffers.
Isaiah 53:1-3 (B)	The Servant was despised and misunderstood.
Isaiah 53:4-6 (C)	He suffered and died for us.
Isaiah 53:7-9 (B)	He willingly suffered mistreatment at the hands of godless men, ending in His death.
Isaiah 53:10-12 (A)	All this according to the will of God His Father, who put Him to grief and will exalt Him.

There are seven major New Testament citations of Isaiah 52:13 -53:12. We will examine them in turn.