

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 120

Isaiah Chapter 49

More detailed outline of Chapter 49

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Verses 1-13 | The Lord commissions His Servant |
| 1-4 | His calling and preparation |
| 5-9a | His mission |
| 9b-12 | Promised blessings |
| 13 | Shout for joy! |
| Verses 14-26 | The Lord comforts Zion |
| 14-16 | Complaint and comfort |
| 17-26 | Promised blessings |

The promises in verses 9-12 and 17-26 will be completely fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ, when He sets up His earthly kingdom and rules from the throne of David in Jerusalem (Zion).

Verse-by-verse

In verses 1-6, the Servant speaks to the nations, telling them about His commission from the LORD to bring salvation to the end of the earth. Tonight, we pick things up where we left off in verse 6.

Verse 6: This is the verse upon which chapter 49 pivots. It succinctly describes the two-fold mission that the LORD God gave His Servant. The Servant is still addressing the nations. He repeats what the Lord had said to the Servant.

The “*smaller*” thing is to raise up the tribes of Jacob and restore the preserved ones of Israel (the remnant in the Last Days). See **Zechariah 13:8-9**. This cannot occur until Christ returns.

There were twelve tribes of Israel. They proceeded from the twelve sons of Jacob. See **Genesis 49:28**. However, 10 of these tribes ceased to exist as tribes when the Northern Kingdom of Israel was wiped out by the Assyrians in 722 BC. **2 Kings 17:6, 21-23**.

After that, only the two tribes of the Southern Kingdom of Judah remained.

But all twelve tribes will be raised up when Christ returns to establish His kingdom: **Isaiah 66:7-9; Eze 48:1-7, 23-29; Revelation 7:2-8**.

The greater: “I will make You a light of the nations, so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Isaiah 42:6 also spoke of the Servant as light to the nations. This is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. **Luke 2:29-32**.

The Servant IS the Light. He IS God's salvation. **Psalm 27:1; John 8:12.** The Light is also the Word of God. **Psalm 119:105; Micah 7:7-8.** And the Word is Jesus, **John 1:1-4.**

It all fits together perfectly. Jesus is the Servant. Jesus is salvation. **Matthew 1:21, Act 4:11-12.** His very name, Jesus, means "Yahweh saves".

Verse 7: This verse describes the treatment that the Servant will receive during His first coming and His second coming. See **1 Peter 1:10-12.**

Isaiah testified here of the sufferings of Christ(verse 7a) and the glories to follow (verse 7b).

The Servant, Jesus Christ, was the despised one during his 1st Coming. See **Isaiah 53:3, Psalm 22:6-8.**

At His 2nd Coming, "Kings shall see and arise": see **Isaiah 52:15, 49:23.** "Princes shall bow down"), **Isaiah 66:23.**

Verse 7b will be fulfilled in the Messianic Kingdom, when all the kings of the earth will bring their riches and glory into the city of Jerusalem. See **Psalm 72:8-11.**

Verses 8-9a: This section reveals more on the mission of the Servant.

Verse 8 is the Father's reply to the Servant's cries on the cross. See **Psalm 22:19-24.**

Verse 8a is quoted in **1 Corinthians 6:2.** Here, Paul applies these words of Isaiah to the church age, when the gospel of the grace of God is going out to all the world.

Verse 8b speaks of God's salvation for His people through the work of His Servant, At the appointed time, God will answer and will help the Servant accomplish His Mission. Here, "the people" refers to the redeemed of Israel in the last days. See **Isaiah 42:6**.

In giving His Servant as a covenant to redeemed Israel, the LORD will achieve three things:

1. Restore the land (Palestinian covenant).
2. Make the people inherit the "desolate heritages" (Davidic Covenant: see **Micah 9:10-11**)
3. Releasing those who are bound and those who are in the darkness. Those who are in the darkness recalls **Isaiah 9:2-7**, (fulfilled in **Matthew 4:12-17**). Those who are bound recalls **Isaiah 42:7** and anticipates **Isaiah 61:1**.

Verses 9b-12 describe the blessings that the Lord will give to the remnant of Israel when Christ returns.

Verse 9b-10 describe the Shephard with His sheep. See **Psalm 23, John 10:9**.

Verse 10 is quoted in **Revelation 7:16-17**. See **Isaiah 35:7** for more on the springs of water.

In **verse 11**, God is preparing a way for His people Israel to return to the promised land. See also **Isaiah 35:8-10; 40:3-5; 62:10-12** (notice the distinction here between "people" – Israel, and "peoples" – the nations).

The glory of the Lord will be revealed in His redeemed people in the last days/Messianic kingdom. See **Isaiah 60:1-5**.