

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 121

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

We continue tonight in verse 7.

Verse 7: This verse describes the treatment that the Servant will receive during His first coming, and at 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, 16-18, 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; see **Gen 15:18-21**).
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**, (quoted in **Matthew 4:16**). Those who are bound 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**.

Verse 12 describes the return of the remnant of Israel to Jerusalem in the last days. Jews will come from all directions of the globe to Jerusalem. See also **Isaiah 11:10-12;and 43:5-7.**

Verse 13 is a song of praise and joy because the Lord has redeemed Israel. See also **Isaiah 44:23;** and **Psalms 69:34-36.** And once again Isaiah returns to the Lord comforting His people and having compassion on the afflicted. See also **Isaiah 40:1; 51:3; and 54:7-10.**

This sets the stage for the second half of chapter 49.