

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 145

Isaiah 51:17-23

There is a **remarkable turn of fortune** for Jerusalem/Israel here. She has come close to destruction under the fierce wrath of God. Then the Lord tells her that her desolation is coming to an end.

Keep your eyes on **the cup of the Lord's anger** – whose hands it is in. That tells the story of this section.

Let's read **Isaiah 51:17-23**.

Verses	The cup	Results
51:17-20	Jerusalem has drunk from the cup of the Lord's wrath	Calamities have befallen her; There is no one to comfort her; Her sons are helpless.
51:21-23	The Lord removes the cup from her hand and puts in the hands of her tormentors	The Lord defends His people Israel; They will never drink the goblet of His wrath again. The Lord's wrath is coming upon her enemies.

Major themes: comparing scripture with scripture.

1. The *reversal of fortunes*.
2. The *cup of God's wrath*.

Application

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

Answer: In some very remarkable ways!

1. How does the theme *reversal of fortunes* apply to the church age believer? What reversals of fortune occurred when we believed in Christ?

Let's examine – and then discuss:

Chapter 6 of a forthcoming book on Eternal Security.

2. How does the *cup of God's wrath* relate to the church age believer?

Let's examine - and then discuss:

“cup” in Mark 14:36; Luke 22:20; John 18:11; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

“wrath of God” in John 3:36; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; also Isaiah 53:10-11

“condemnation” in Romans 5:16-18; Romans 8:1

Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath so we wouldn't have to. The wrath of God against sin came upon Jesus as He was bearing our sins on the cross. The sacrificial offering of the blood of Christ in His death satisfied all of the claims of God's holiness against sin. So now, believers in Christ drink from the cup of blessing.

2 Corinthians 5:21.