

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Isaiah 54: part 1

Isaiah 54

Overview

Once again - The big picture

The theme of chapters 49-57 is the Person and work of God's Servant who will bring salvation to Israel and the nations.

There are **four Servant Songs in chapters 42-53 of Isaiah**. A Servant Song is a poem dedicated to an aspect of the Servant of the Lord. Each Servant Song is followed by a proclamation of salvation.

Here- one more time - are all four Servant Songs:

Isaiah 42:1-7	Isaiah 49:1-9	Isaiah 50:4-9	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
<p style="text-align: center;">The righteous Servant chosen to bring forth justice to the nations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Servant named in the womb to restore Israel to the LORD and bring the light of salvation to the ends of the earth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The obedient Servant even to the point of suffering</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The suffering Servant who dies for the sins of the people and is raised from the dead.</p>

Chapters 54-55 deliver the proclamation of salvation after the fourth Servant song.

The tone of these chapters is one of great joy and assurance. And no wonder! The Servant has dealt with their sins and satisfied the holiness of God on their behalf. **Isaiah 53:6,8,10-11.**

Chapter 54 is a *love song* from the LORD to Zion, His estranged bride, assuring her about what He is about to do to restore her as His wife.

Chapter 55 is the *invitation* from the LORD to the nation of Israel - and by extension all men - to come and partake of the glorious salvation He has prepared for them through the death of the Servant – the Lord Jesus Christ. This salvation is received as a gracious gift through faith.

Together, these two chapters constitute one of the most beautiful texts in the Bible.

Isaiah Chapter 54

Chapter 54 is the *call for the Jewish remnant to rejoice and sing* of their salvation. It is a love song from the LORD to His bride. Chapter 54 is directed to the remnant of Israel in the last days. After the call to sing, the Lord gives promises to that remnant. They refer to the blessings of Israel at the Second Coming of Christ

As we have studied, Isaiah's prophetic vision is immense.

It begins with the period of his lifetime,
extends next to the fall of Jerusalem
and the captivity of the Jews in Babylon,
then to their deliverance by Cyrus the king of Persia,
to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ the Messiah,
all the way to the Tribulation period,
the Second Coming of Christ,
the Messianic kingdom,
and finally arriving at the eternal state – the New Heavens and the New Earth.

So chapter 54 sits squarely in the last part of his vision.

Chapter 54 is about **the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessings of the Messianic Kingdom to follow.**

We have seen that Isaiah returns to this vision of the Kingdom again and again.

Isaiah 2:1-4, Isaiah 4:2-6; **Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 11:1-12**; Isaiah 25:6-10; Isaiah 31:18-26; Isaiah 32:1-5, 15-18; **Isaiah 35:1-10**; Isaiah 40:1-11; Isaiah 43:1-7; Isaiah 44:1-5; Isaiah 49:14-23.

Let's read the three passages above that are in **bold**.

Let's read **Isaiah 54** now.

Here is a high-level outline of Chapter 54, courtesy of Oswalt, the NIV Isaiah Application Commentary:

	Subject
<i>Verses 1-10</i>	Restoration and hope for a disgraced woman - Zion
<i>Verses 11-17</i>	Restoration and hope for a ruined city - Jerusalem