

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Isaiah 54: part 2

Isaiah 54

Overview

Chapters 54-55 deliver the proclamation of salvation for Israel 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 third 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 26:1-4,15-19**;
Isaiah 30:18-26; 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**. They have the most in common with Chapter 54.

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

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

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

Let's look at this a little more closely.

Notice the references to a woman in verses 1-6:

Verse 1: barren woman

Verses 4-5: widowhood/husband

Verse 6: wife

Then verses 7-10 reveal how this woman is really Zion – the remnant of Israel in context.

Now notice the references to a city in verses 11 and 12.

Verse 11: stones, foundation

Verse 12: battlements, gates, a wall

Then verses 13-17 reveal how the city is a picture of the nation of Israel in the end times.

Next time we will begin our verse-by-verse study of chapter 54.