

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Isaiah 54: part 7

Isaiah Chapter 54

Chapter 54 looks forward to **the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessings of the Messianic Kingdom to follow.** Chapter 54 is directed to the remnant of Israel in the last days. It is a love song from the LORD to His bride, Zion.

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

Here is a high-level outline of Chapter 54:

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

We will now continue our **verse-by-verse study** of chapter 54. After a brief review, we will pick things up in verse 9.

Verse-by-verse

Verses 1-3: Images given and explained. The image of the barren woman and her expanding family. The image of the expanding tent.

Verse 4-8: The image of a woman who was ashamed and humiliated. She had no husband. Now the LORD continues to speak to the woman, Israel. She will forget the shame of her youth and the reproach of her widowhood. She will not be put to shame for all eternity! The LORD Is her husband, and He is calling his wife (Israel) back to Him. He only forsook her for a “brief moment”.

We pick things up now in verses 9-10:

Verses 9-10: The **new covenant** between the LORD and Zion.

Verse 9: Isaiah compares the LORD’s present promises to Zion to His past promises to Noah after the flood, See **Genesis 9:11-17**. It speaks of **a covenant** that the Lord established with Noah. He promised Noah (and by extension all mankind) that there would never again be a flood that would destroy the earth. It was an everlasting covenant. The sign of that covenant was the rainbow.

Now the LORD is promising Zion that He will not be angry with her or rebuke her.

Verse 10: the LORD establishes a greater covenant with Israel than the one He established with Noah. **Isaiah 55:3** and **Isaiah 61:7-9** describe it as an “everlasting covenant”. The covenant is the lynchpin of the LORD’s relationship with Israel. The Lord earlier made covenants with Abraham, Moses, and David. Here In Isaiah 54, we have a new covenant. It will have new promises, and a new sign will be given.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 presents this New Covenant in detail.

Isaiah 49:6-13 says that the Servant of the LORD IS the covenant. And the Servant of the LORD is the LORD Jesus Christ. This ties in to **Matthew 26:26-29** and **Luke 22:14-20**. The new covenant is in the blood of Jesus. Thus, the sign of this covenant is the blood of Christ: His death. **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**.

Finally, the book of Hebrews explains that Jesus is the mediator of this New Covenant between the LORD and Israel, **Hebrews 8:6-12**. He is also the guarantee of this better covenant.

This covenant was consummated with the death of Jesus, **Hebrews 9:13-15**. This covenant contains the promises of redemption and an eternal inheritance. The sign of this eternal covenant is the blood of Jesus. , **Hebrews 12:22-24, 13:20**.

Verses 11-17	Restoration and hope for a ruined city - Jerusalem
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Overview of verses 11-17

Verses 11-17 continue to describe end-times events.

Zion is now pictured as a city with gates and walls (verse 11). It has been transformed into a place of glory. Verses 11-17 describe the glories of the New Jerusalem.

Verses 11-12 describe her physical beauty.

Verses 13-14a describe the spiritual prosperity of the people living in this city. It is a place of righteousness and salvation. All the people learn the truth directly from the LORD. It is a place of total peace: peace with God, and the earthly peace that results from the LORD's complete protection of them.

Verses 14b-17b describe her protection from any oppression or attack.

Verse 17c-d state the conclusion: those who will reside in the New Jerusalem will be called the servants (plural) of the LORD. The LORD has vindicated them. Now He will give them a heritage consisting of all of the blessings in chapter 54.

The source of their blessings is the Servant (singular) of the LORD in chapters 42-53. He is the mediator of the new covenant between the LORD and Zion. His death accomplished their salvation. He is the LORD Jesus Christ.