

Thursday Evening Bible Study  
**Series: The Book of Isaiah**

Teaching Summary for Isaiah 54: part 8

**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:

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

We will now continue our **verse-by-verse study** of chapter 54.

### Verse-by-verse

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 **an everlasting covenant** that the Lord established with Noah. 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 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 (the LORD Jesus Christ) IS the covenant. This ties in to **Matthew 26:26-29** and **Luke 22:14-20**. The new covenant is in the **blood of Jesus**. The sign of this covenant is **the blood of Jesus Christ**: His death for the forgiveness of sins. **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. Again, the sign of this eternal covenant is the blood of Jesus, **Hebrews 12:18-24, 13:20**.

What about **the church** in connection with the New Covenant?

Remember, the church was a mystery to the writers of the Old Testament. It was not revealed to them.

So the church receives blessings under a **mystery form** of the New Covenant.

In **2 Corinthians 3:2-6**, Paul says that the Lord made him and his fellow workers “servants of a new covenant”. This covenant is not of the letter of the Law, but of the life-giving Spirit.

The presence of the **indwelling Spirit** is one important similarity between the New Covenant for Israel and the mystery form of the New Covenant for the church.

The other great similarity between the fulfillments is **the forgiveness of sins**. See **Jeremiah 31:33-34**. This forgiveness of sins was purchased with the blood of Jesus, **Ephesians 1:7, Revelation 1:5-7, 5:8-10**. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22).

The literal fulfillment of the New Covenant for Israel will occur on earth when Christ returns. See **Revelation 19:11-14**. Notice the sign of the robe dipped in blood.

**Verses 11-17**

**Restoration and hope for  
a ruined city - Jerusalem**

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 city of **Jerusalem** in the Messianic kingdom.

**Verses 11-12** describe her *physical beauty*. **See Isaiah 26:1-4.**

**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. See **Jeremiah 31:34** and **Zechariah 14:10-11**.

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

**Verse 17c-d** state the conclusion: those who will reside in the New Messianic city of 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.

The overall message of Isaiah 54 is one of HOPE for the future:

Hope for the future city of Jerusalem; and  
Hope for the people who will live there.

Let's close with the prophet Zechariah's descriptions of this future: **Zechariah 8:1-23, 9:8-12**. Notice the reference here to the blood of the covenant.