

Isaiah 54-57 Notes

Precept study on Isaiah Part 2, Lesson 6

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1 Review

- Isaiah 1-35: Judgement on Israel and the Nations
- Isaiah 36-39: Hezekiah
- Isaiah 40: Comfort, strength to those who wait for Him
- Isaiah 41: Do not fear. LORD challenges idols.
- Isaiah 42: the Servant of the LORD
- Isaiah 43: Do not fear, the LORD will make a way
- Isaiah 44:1-23: Do not fear, the LORD wipe out your sin
- Isaiah 40-46: The message of the LORD to His people
- Isaiah 47: the downfall of Babylon: spells and sorceries cannot save them, “I am and there is no other”.
- Isaiah 48: Listen, Israel, the LORD tells them in advance because Israel is treacherous. Flee Babylon.
- Isaiah 49-50: The Servant
- Isaiah 51: Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness: the LORD will comfort Zion. His law, justice, salvation, righteousness - a light to the peoples, to those who wait for Him, outlasting heaven and earth.
- Isaiah 52:1-12: the LORD has redeemed Zion: no longer captive. Good news! Flee Babylon.
- Isaiah 52:13 to 53: the Suffering Servant
 - 52:13: Highly exalted
 - 14: Marred
 - 15: The gentiles told

- 53:1-2: Many do not believe
- 3: A man of sorrows
- 4: Carried our sorrows
- 5: Pierced and scourged for our transgressions
- 6: Sheep gone astray, our sin falls on Him
- 7-8: Taken by oppression, silent before false accusers
- 9: Assigned with the wicked; buried with a rich man
- 10-12: Numbered with transgressors: yet He will prolong His days

2 Isaiah 54: Joy! God’s covenant of peace will not be shaken

- How is Israel described? a wife forsaken, rejected, afflicted, storm-tossed, oppressed, in fear.
- Why Joy? numerous sons, possess nations, resettle cities, no more shame, no more fear. No more wrath of God.
- v8: love. How long? everlasting!
- how certain? it is sure - an unshakable covenant
- v17: vindication from the LORD
- How is God described in Is. 54?

3 Isaiah 55: Come to Me! Turn away from sin

- How can God pardon our sin? consider Is 53. He bore our sin, and thus (55:3) can make an everlasting covenant with us.
- v6-7: call to repentance. How can He forgive? See Is 53!
- v8-9: in context, why does it matter than His thoughts are above ours? Because He is quick to forgive. We are not.
- v11-13: what will God’s word accomplish? In context: a call to repentance, bore our sins, peace, righteousness, everlasting joy

4 Isaiah 56:1-8: Blessed is the man ...

- what is the command? preserve justice, do righteousness.
- how does this relate to the prior chapters? We can no preserve justice and do right, now that He bore our sins, called us to repent, forgave us. Even the eunuchs and foriegners are blessed. The covenant applies to them.
- joy and love for the foriegner

5 Isaiah 56:9 to 57:13a: Yet the wicked continue in sin

- 56:9-12: describe the wicked: no understanding, in their own way.
- 57:1-2: the righteous at peace, even in death
- 57:3-13a: the unrepentant wicked. How are they described? in rebellion (unrepentant), deceitful, sexually immoral, slaughtering children, futile in their way.

6 Isaiah 57:13b-21: Peace to the contrite

- what distinguishes the contrite with the wicked? The obstacle is removed from before the contrite. They are lowly, willing to be led (in the LORD's way, no longer their own).
- what does the repentant do? What work? be contrite, that's all!
- what does the LORD do? everything: bears our sin (Is 53), removes obstacles (v14), striking but healing (v17), heals (v18), leads (v18), restores comfort (v18). Creates praise (v19).
- but there is no peace for the wicked (v20-21). see also Is 48:22