

ISAIAH –Lesson 40

Learn: Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched out the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? And where is the fury of the oppressor? Isaiah 51:11-13

Read: Isaiah 35:1-10

1. Read through the chapter. What is the theme of this short chapter?
2. Who are the “them” and “they being spoken of”? vv 1, 2, 4
Verse 10 has the answer.
3. What will be seen by God’s people? v 2

Hebrew: hadar- used 30 times. His “glory” is His inherent worth; His “excellency” is His outward work.

NOTE: the words of the hymn “Fairest Lord Jesus” speak of this “glory.”

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4. How will the glory and excellency of the LORD be revealed at his time?
vv 1,2

The desert will blossom abundantly-“as a rose”- Hebrew word is used only here and in the Song of Solomon 2:1- chebatstseleth- sometimes translates as “crocus.” The Hebrew word refers to the forming of bulbs; some say it could be narcissus, iris, or daffodil- we simply do not know. –Dr. David Hocking

5. When will these blessings come to pass? Zechariah 14:1-9

6. How will this wonderful time be celebrated? vv 1,2

NOTE: The words “song” or “songs” appear 98 times in the English Bible-48 are in the Psalms. The word “singing” is found 29 times of which 9 usages are in the book of Isaiah. The simple word “sing” appears 119 times in the Bible-70 of those times in the Psalms.

The words “sing unto the LORD” are found 17 times, including Isaiah 12:5 and 42:10. The material and physical creation sings unto the Lord and expresses joy for His care and salvation of His people- Isaiah 14:7-8; 44:23; 49:13-16; 55:12.

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7. Who else is singing? Zephaniah 3:16-17

8. What conclusion can we draw about God from all these references to singing (including who and even what is doing the singing)?

9. What is promised to weak hands, feeble knees, and fearful hearts? vv 3, 4

10. When God comes to save them, what will he do for those who are suffering? vv 5, 6

11. What did Messiah do when He came to earth the first time?

Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 14:35, 36

Luke 18:35-43; 7:21

Mark 7:32-37

Luke 5:18-26

Matthew 9:32-33

11. Discuss the response of the lame man and the dumb person to being healed. v 6

12. In the past there have been “Christian” novels written and movies made about the time when Jesus walked on earth. Often times these novels and movies tell of a person that Jesus had opportunity to heal, but in the book or movie, Jesus did not heal them. What would you say concerning such a story after reading the scriptures listed above?

Does God make allowances for people to adjust his word for their own thinking or ideas? Find scripture and record to justify your answer.

13. What happens on the land when God blesses? vv 6, 7

14. What will be different about the highway were the redeemed will walk, that is not true of any other highway? vv8, 9

15. How is this highway described? Matthew 7:13, 14

16. How does one gain access to this highway? I Peter 1:14-19

17. Where does this wonderful highway lead to? v 10

18. What promises made to Israel by the Lord are fulfilled according to verse 10?

Isaiah 43:5-11

Jeremiah 30:3

Jeremiah 31:7, 8

Of course there are many more verses that contain these promises of the LORD to His people. Listed below are a few of them. Isaiah 11:11-12; 43: 5-11; 49:8-12; Jeremiah 16:14-15; 30: 2-4; 31: 7-9; 33:11;Ezekiel 28:25-25; 36:24; 37:12-14; Amos 9:14-15; Zechariah 8:7, 8

19. What is the result of this promise to God's people? Isaiah 51:11; Psalm 16:11