

ISAIAH –Lesson 61

Learn: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he is cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. Isaiah 53: 5-8

Read: Isaiah 54:1-17

The theme of this chapter is God's MERCY upon His people Israel, and his great COMPASSION for them.

1. Why are these people called to singing? v 1
2. This verse is quoted in Galatians 4:27. What is the cause for rejoicing in Galatians 4: 21-31?

What is the Jerusalem which is above and is free? Hebrews 12:22

Who are the many children spoken of? Galatians 4:3-7

3. God promised what Israel will experience in verses 2 and 3. Explain the idea of the following phrases.

“Enlarge the place of thy tent.”

“Strengthen thy stakes.”

“Break forth on the right hand and on the left.”

4. What should they no longer fear or be worried about? v 4a
5. What is the reason for the removal of fear? v 4b
6. Who brings about all this good for them? v 5

7. What do the names of the husband to these people tell us about Him? v 5

Maker-

Husband-

LORD of hosts-

Redeemer-

Holy One of Israel-

The God of the whole earth-

8. How is the wife viewed? vv 6, 7a

9. What is the cause of this separation from her husband, her Maker? Jeremiah 3:12-14

10. Is the separation permanent? v 7b, 8 Explain.

11. In verse 9, God compares the waters of Noah's flood and God's promise concerning the possibility that such a flood will recur, with Israel's situation. What does He tell them? See Genesis 9:11; Ezekiel 39:29

12. How long will God's covenant and promises to Israel be in effect?
v 10

Isaiah 55:3

II Samuel 7:12-17

Jeremiah 33:23-26

13. Many, who call themselves Christians today, say that God has broken His covenant with Israel, because of what they have done. These people say that God's covenant depends on man's performance. What does God say to them? Psalm 89:28-34

Why is this verse 34 such a comfort to ALL who call upon the name of the Lord?

14. For Israel, under God's hand of chastisement, what hope was there as they were suffering? vv 11, 12
15. All over the world today, and throughout history God's people have suffered terribly. What is the hope of every believer? II Corinthians 4:8-18
16. What are the promises given to Israel for the future? v 13
17. Verse 13 is quoted in at least 3 other places. One being John 6:45 (This is a verse that some use to justify a teaching that says that God forces certain men to believe and be saved, while condemning all others). Looking at the following passages (including the passage in Isaiah 54). What can you learn that might be helpful in understanding John 6?
-Consider also the time period clearly spoken of in three of the passages-
Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 6:41-45

Hebrews 8:8-11

Zechariah 12:8-14- this passage sheds light on the time period

Zechariah 13:8, 9 – this passage sheds light on the time period spoken of in the above verses.

Also note Zechariah 14:1-4

18. The Lord promises that they will be “established in righteousness.” According to verse 17c, what is the source of their righteousness?

19. How is “righteousness” gained by any person that wants it? Romans 10:9-11

20. In the final 4 verses the Lord tells Israel that He will protect them. What are five things that they will be protected from? vv 14-17

When will this be accomplished fully? Zechariah 14:1-9

21. We see that God promises these things saying, “This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD.” This is written specifically to the nation of Israel. Does it have any application to “servants of the LORD” who are not the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? - OR - Are there similar promises given to those other servants of the Lord?

Galatians 4:4-7

Revelation 21:3, 4, 7

