

Christ and His Kingdom

In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

(Part 3 – Chapters 49-66)

Section 1 (Chapters 49 to 57): The Messiah – the Servant of the LORD (See also Is. 11:1-5; 42:1-7)

I. Chapters 49-50 – The Messiah and His Mission

- A. Called from His mother’s womb and given the name Jesus (Is. 49:1b; 7:14; 9:6; Matt. 1:20-21; 1 Pet. 1:20; Rev. 13:8; Gal. 4:4; 2 Tim. 1:10)
- B. His mouth likened to a sharp sword (Is. 49:2; 50:4; Rev. 1:16; 2:12; 19:13, 15; Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17; Ps. 45:5)
 - 1. Christ – the incarnated “Word of God” (John 1:1-4, 14; Rev. 19:13)
 - 2. A polished arrow kept in God’s quiver (Ps. 45:3-5)
- C. Hidden (protected) in the shadow of God’s hand (Is. 51:16; Ps. 91:1)
- D. The Servant of God – In Whom God will be glorified (Is. 49:3-4; John 17:1-8)
 - 1. Not looking at the outward results of His work – seemingly in vain and of no effect (Dan. 9:26a; Matt. 23:37; John 1:11; Rom. 10:21)
 - 2. Expecting only what is due Him from the Lord’s hand
 - 3. Christ – the real Israel <Prince of God> (Hos. 11:1; Matt. 2:14-15; John 15:1 <Is. 5:1-2; Jer. 2:21>)
- E. God’s commission to the Messiah (Is. 49:6)
 - 1. To accomplish salvation (Is. 49:8; 2 Cor. 6:2)
 - 2. To raise up tribes of Jacob; to restore the preserved ones of Israel
 - 3. Even greater than the above – to be a light to the Gentiles, to be God’s salvation to the ends of the earth

(Is. 52:10; 56:1-8; 42:1, 6; Mal. 1:11; Ps. 98:2-3;
Luke 24:46-47; 1 John 2:2; John 10:16; Matt. 12:18;
24:14; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 11:17-18;
Rom. 10:12-21; 15:16)

4. To restore the earth (Is. 49:8; Ps. 8:1, 9; 24:1)
5. To restore Zion (Is. 49:14-26; 50:1-3; Heb. 12:22-29)
 - a. The people sold themselves for their iniquities
 - b. Zion put away because of their transgressions
6. Rejected by the Jews (Is. 49:4a, 7a; 53:1)
- F. Trained and equipped by the Lord God Himself (Is. 50:4-5)
 1. With a tongue of the learned
(Ps. 45:1-2; Luke 4:22; 21:15; John 7:46; Col. 4:6)
 2. With an ear to hear as the learned morning by morning
(Mark 1:35; Rev. 2:7)
 3. Learning obedience (Is. 50:5; Heb. 5:8)
- G. Willing to bear all kinds of sufferings with determination
(Is. 50:6-8)
 1. The meekness of the Lord's Servant (Is. 50:6;
Ps. 38:12-14; Luke 18:33; Matt. 26:67; 27:26;
Mark 15:19; Luke 22:63-64; Heb. 12:2)
 2. Fully trusting in the name of the LORD and relying
upon His God for help (1 Pet. 2:23; Rom. 12:19;
Is. 50:10)
- H. Separation of the people through the gospel (Is. 50:10-11)

II. Chapters 51-52 – God's Calling and Encouragement to His People

- A. Three times - Hearken to Me (Is. 51:1-8)
 1. To encourage the righteous and the seeking ones to remember their roots in Abraham and Sarah, and God's purpose (Is. 51:1-3)
 2. The assurance of the coming of God's righteousness and salvation (Is. 51:4-6)

3. Commanding His faithful ones not to fear the reproach and the reviling of men (Is. 51:7-8)
- B. Three times - "Awake! Awake!" (Is. 51:9 - 52:10)
 1. The faithful remnant crying out to God for salvation and God's answer to them (Is. 51:9-16)
 2. God's promise to end the sufferings of Jerusalem – to remove the cup of trembling from them and put it in the hands of those who afflicted them (Is. 51:17-23)
 3. God's promise to restore and glorify Jerusalem – the glorious future of Zion (Is. 52:1-10)
- C. A call to God's people to come out of Babylon and to sanctify themselves (Is. 52:11-12; 48:20; 2 Cor. 6:17; Rev. 18:4)

III. Chapter 52:13-15 and Chapter 53 – The Sufferings of the Messiah (Jesus Christ) to Accomplish Redemption and Salvation and to Fulfill God's Purpose

IV. Chapter 54 – The Glorious Result of Christ's Sacrificial Work – the Bringing Forth of the Heavenly Jerusalem with Her Many Spiritual Children (Gal. 4:21-31)

V. Chapter 55 – The LORD's Invitation to All to Come to the Feast

- A. To receive God's grace in Christ Jesus (Is. 55:1-5; 52:3; Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:4-8; Rev. 21:6; 22:1, 17; Matt. 22:1-14)
 1. The water of life (John 4:10-14; 7:37-39)
 2. The bread of life (John 6:4-13, 26-27, 30-35, 41, 48-58, 60-64, 66-68)
 3. The cheering wine (Jdg. 9:13; Ps. 104:15) and nourishing milk (1 Cor. 3:2; 9:7; 1 Pet. 2:2)
 4. Without money and without price
- B. The sure mercies of David (Is. 55:3-5; Acts. 13:34; 2 Sam. 23:3-5; 7:12; Jer. 33:15; Ps. 89:1-4, 19-29, 33-37)
 1. David – a figure of Christ, as the greater David

- (Matt. 12:3-6; Ps. 89:34-36; Ezek. 37:24-25)
2. The resurrected Christ (Acts 2:24-36; 13:34; Rev. 1:18; Heb. 7:22-28)
 3. The ascended Christ – sitting on the throne (Heb. 1:3, 8-9, 13; Ps. 110:1; Rev. 1:5; 17:14; 19:16)
 4. The great heavenly High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Ps. 110; Heb. 7:1-3, 11-27)
 5. Christ, our David – a witness, leader <ruler, prince> (Ps. 18:43) and commander of the nations (Gentiles)
- C. God's way for man to receive salvation (Is. 55:6-8)
1. Incline the ear and hear
 2. Seek and call upon the Lord
 3. Forsake the wicked ways and the unrighteous thoughts
 4. Repent and turn back to the Lord God
 - a. Who will have mercy
 - b. Who will abundantly pardon
- D. God's thoughts and ways (Is. 55:8-11)
1. Higher than the thoughts and ways of man
 2. His word will not return to Him void
- E. Universal rejoicing for the result of God's salvation work through the Messiah (Is. 55:12-13)

VI. Chapter 56-57 – The Temple of God in the New Covenant Age: The House of Prayer for All Nations (Is. 56:7; Matt. 21:13)

- A. Salvation for every tribe and tongue and people and nation (Is. 56:1-8; 49:12; John 10:16; 11:52; Eph. 2:11-22; 3:2-6, 8-9; Col. 1:27; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 10:12-13; Rev. 5:9-10)
1. The sons of the foreigner
 2. The eunuchs (Lev. 21:17, 20b; Deut. 23:1; Acts 8:27-29)
 3. All nations
 4. The outcasts of Israel (Ps. 147:2-3)
- B. To be built up into a dwelling place of God in spirit (Eph. 2:22)

1. A spiritual house, a holy and royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5)
 2. A heavenly unshakeable kingdom – Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (Is. 28:16-17; Ps. 118:22; 1 Pet. 2:6-7; Heb. 12:22-28)
 3. One body of Christ, one new man, keeping the oneness of the Spirit (Eph. 1:22-23; 2:13-15; 4:22-24; Col. 3:9-11; Eph. 4:3-6)
 4. One flock, one Shepherd (Is. 56:8; 40:11; Ezek. 34:11-12, 23; Ps. 23:1; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4; John 10:16)
- C. Strong rebuke to the religious leaders and the blind followers (Is. 56:9-12; 57:1-13a; 9:16; 42:19; Phil. 3:1-3; Matt. 7:15; 15:14)
- D. God's mercy on the remnant (Is. 57:13b-19)
1. Who puts his trust in God
 2. Who has a contrite and humble spirit
 3. The LORD will heal him and lead him in the way of peace (Luke 1:79)
- E. There is no peace for the wicked (Is. 57:20-21; 48:22; 59:8)

Section 2 (Chapters 58 to 66): The Second Coming of the Messiah

Chapters 58-59 – The Condition of God's People Before the Second Coming of Christ

- A. The rebellion and sins of God's people exposed (Is. 58:1)
1. The hypocritical outward religious practices void of reality (Is. 58:2-14; 29:13; Ezek. 33:30-32; Matt. 23:27-28; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; Tit. 1:16; Rev. 2:3; 18:4)
 2. The pathetic condition of the people in general (Is. 59:2-15)
- B. The arm of God's salvation (Is. 59:1, 16-21)
1. No man could save His corrupt people
 2. Judgment for the wicked

3. Salvation for those who turn from transgression
4. The Redeemer returns to Zion

*Chapters 60-62 – The Coming Glory of Zion, the New Jerusalem
(Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 43:7)*

*Chapters 63-64 – The Great Day of God’s Wrath and the
Intercession of the Saints*

- A. The Day of Vengeance (Is. 63:1-6; 34:1-10; Zech. 12:2-4; 14:1-5; Rev. 14:19-20; 19:11-21)
- B. The prayer, confessions and complaints of the prophet and the faithful remnant (Is. 63:7-19 & ch. 64; Dan. 9; Rev. 6:9-11; 8:1-5)

Chapter 65:1-16 –Yahweh’s Reply to Their Prayers

- A. His judgment upon the continuous rebellion of His people (Is. 65:2-7, 11-12; Neh. 9:26-31; Jer. 44:4-6; Acts 7:51-52)
- B. The gospel received by the Gentiles (Is. 65:1; Acts 13:46-47; Rom. 10:20-21; 9:24-26, 30; 1 Pet. 2:10)
- C. The faithful remnant – the servants of the Lord (Is. 65:8-10)
- D. Reward and punishment (Is. 65:13-16)

*Chapter 65:17-25 – The Millennial Kingdom and the New Heaven
and the New Earth (Rev. 20:1-6; 21:1-8; 22:1-7)*

Chapter 66 – A Concluding Word of Warning and Encouragement

- A. The Most High God does not dwell in temples made with hands (Is. 66:1-2; Acts 7:48-50; 17:24-25; Heb. 8:2; 9:11, 23-24; 11:10; Rev. 21:2, 9-11; 22:1-5)
 1. He dwells with those who are poor (lowly, humble) and of a contrite heart, who tremble at His word (Is. 57:15; Ps. 34:18; 51:17)

2. Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem – with Christ as the chief cornerstone and the believers as living stones
(Is. 28:16-17; Ps. 118:22-23; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7; Heb. 12:22-23)
- B. Judgment upon God’s people, who chose to go their own ways, who cast out their brethren at the second coming of Christ (Is. 66:3-7)
- C. The heavenly Jerusalem as the woman (mother) bringing forth a man-child (Is. 66:7-14 <Is. 54:1>; Rev. 12:1-5 <6:9-11>; 14:1-5; 15:1-4)
- D. The judgments at the Lord’s return (Is. 66:14-18)
 1. Pre-millennial: 3-1/2 years of the “great day of God’s wrath” (Rev. 6:12-17)
 2. Post millennial (Rev. 20:7-10)
 3. The great white throne (Rev. 20:11-15)
- E. The gathering of all the remnant among the Jews (Is. 66:19-22)
- F. All flesh shall come to worship before the Lord (Is. 66:23-24)