

The Song of the Kingdom

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Introduction:

- A. Read: Isa. 54:1 - 55:13 - An ancient prophetic hymn of the coming Church
 - 1. There are no chapter and verse divisions in the Bible.
 - 2. The prophecy of the finished work of the Suffering Servant in chapter 53 segues into the Song of the Kingdom of Christ.
 - 3. It is an important text to us especially as Gentile converts to Christ to see that the Suffering Servant of God opened the way for the barren woman who is the church made up of all people, Jews and Gentiles
 - a. Rom. 1:16; Luke 2:30-32

I. CONSIDER THE TEXT

- A. Isa. 54:1 - The Gentiles are portrayed as having been barren, as opposed to Israel manifested as the married wife - Gal. 4:27-31
 - 1. Isa. 53:1 - Because of the unbelief of the Jews, they had only a small faithful remnant left who must now make room for the Gentiles
- B. Isa. 54:2 - Israel may remain in the tent, but they must enlarge it for others
- C. Isa. 54:3-4 - The growth of the Kingdom of God - Mark 16:15 ("all, every")
- D. Isa. 54:5-8 - The Gentiles are shown as an immoral and jilted woman that the Lord will cleanse, redeem, and marry.
 - 1. Eph. 5:25-27 - In the New Testament, the Church is the Bride of Christ
- E. Isa. 54:9 - God will cease the universal and often collective judgment of the Gentiles and will judge each person individually and by faith.
- F. Isa. 54:10 - God has entered into a permanent covenant with the Church
 - 1. Rom. 5:1-2
- E. Isa. 54:11-12 - The beauty of the Church in symbolic language
 - 1. Rev. 21:9-21
- F. Isaiah 54:13 - The saved will be taught by God - John 6:44-45; Heb. 8:10
- G. Isa. 54:14 - Righteousness will be the basis of their salvation and fellowship with God - Rom. 1:16-17
- H. Isa. 54:15-17 - God will love and protect the faithful believers among the Gentiles in just the same manner as He loves and rewards His Son
 - 1. Psalm 91:1-8, 9-16; Rom. 8:31, 33; Heb. 13:6
- I. Isa. 55:1 - God will give abundance to those who had no promise of abundance in the past - John 4:10-14, 7:37-38
- J. Isa. 55:2-3 - God promises nourishment and blessings that are unprecedented
 - 1. 2Sam. 7:8; Psalm 89:28; Acts 13:34
- K. Isa. 55:4-7 - Gentiles are summoned to enjoy salvation immediately
 - 1. Isa. 42:5-7; 2Cor. 6:1-2
- L. Isa. 55:8-9 - We may not understand why God does this, but when we by faith accept and follow it, we are saved
 - 1. Rom. 11:33; Eph. 3:8
- M. Isa. 55:10 - Just as all unimaginable blessings are from God and are in Christ... - James 1:17; Eph. 1:3, 3:14-21

- N. Isa. 55:11 - ...So, His promises of eternal blessings are unchangeable, immutable, and unbreakable - Isa. 45:22-23; Heb. 6:13; Mark 16:15-16
- O. Isa. 55:12-13 - Just as the Jews would return from the Babylonian captivity in peace, so the Gentiles in the Kingdom will pass from their sojourn in the world into peace in the eternal Kingdom
1. Psalm 126:1-5; Isa. 56:5, 62:2, 65:15; Acts 11:1, 26, 4:12

Conclusion:

“In this Western world, we do not know all the misery which was felt by Eastern women who were childless; they were looked down upon and despised; yet here God bids them sing. And, dear friends, if you and I feel as if our hearts have become barren, so that we cannot think of God or raise our thoughts towards him as we would desire; if we feel that we have become useless, and for that reason our spirit is greatly depressed, let us give heed to this sweet, this charming exhortation of Jehovah: “Sing, O barren soul; break forth into singing, and cry aloud;” for God can turn our barrenness into fruitfulness, and make us to rejoice exceedingly before him. If we are now sighing and crying because we are not what we ought to be, or what we want to be, God can, in the richness of his grace, make us all that we desire. Therefore let us begin to be joyful even before the miracle of mercy is wrought; let us have unbounded faith in God, and expect him to bless us, even while we are in our lowest state.”

(<https://www.study-light.org/commentaries/spe/isaiah-54.html>)