

MON) August 5**Ch. 53 - The Servant's Song 4**

The fourth servant's song is recorded in 52:13-53:12. This chapter tells us that the salvation we receive is obtained by the Servant of the Lord through His suffering and death as payment of the price for our sins. Jesus, the righteous servant, bore our pain and felt our sorrow, but how did we respond?

Ch. 54 - Comfort and promise of hope

Verse 1 shows that the barren woman is destroyed by Babylon; and Israel is taken captive. Israel will experience God's abandonment (verse 7) and God's overflowing wrath as God covers His face for a moment (verse 8). However, God keeps His promise with mercy.

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but (.....) shall not depart from you, and my (.....) shall not be removed,' (.....) shall not be removed,' says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

Ch. 55 - God's Compassion

This chapter, written entirely in the first person, contains God's own gospel sermons to those without hope. Just as the rain and snow do not return to the sky but water the earth and make it produce and provide food, how does God's word work in us?

Ch. 56 - Life of the Saints Living in the Last Days

In this chapter, the prophet Isaiah demands that we live a life that is worthy of God's standard of righteousness because the time of God's salvation is near (verse 1). What is repeatedly emphasized in verses 2, 4, and 6?

- 1) V. 2: Keep (.....) without profaning it
- 2) V. 4: Keep my (.....)
- 3) V. 6: Keep (.....) without profaning it

TUE) August 6**Ch. 57 - God Comes to Those Who Are Repentant and Humble**

This chapter points out the terrible sins and evil practices committed by the people of Israel (the church), especially idolatry such as the sacrificing of children to the idol Moloch during the reign of King Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah. (Verses 1-13) However, God comforts the faithful saints who must live through these wicked times with faith. (Verses 14-19) What kind of people did God promise to be with in the high and holy place? (Verse 15)

Ch. 58 - Fasting and Sabbath Observance That God Rejoices in

People of Judah fasted and observed the Sabbath, they had the appearance that they sought God and sought His will (Verse 2). However, God does not want a formal religious life, but a life of faith that begins from the heart. Which of the following is not a fasting that God rejoices in?

- 1) Sharing food with the hungry
- 2) Clothing the naked
- 3) Fasting even while fighting and quarreling
- 4) Undoing the bonds and the yoke of wickedness

Ch. 59 - The Sins of the People and God's Salvation

This chapter records moral decline of the Israelites (verses 1-8), their confession of sin (verses 9-15), and God's salvation (verses 16-21). It is not that the Lord's hand is too short to save, nor is his ear too dull to hear, but why is there a separation between God and them, and why does God hide his face from hearing?

Ch. 60 - The Glory Israel Will Receive

In this chapter, the prophet proclaims that Israel, once abandoned and hated, will now become an everlasting beauty and a joy for generations (verse 15). Why will there be no need for the sun during the day or the moon during the night on the day God restores Israel?

WED) August 7**Ch. 61 - The History of Salvation through the Messiah**

Chapter 60 explains the glory that Israel will receive, and chapter 61 explains who will achieve this glorious future. It prophesies that salvation will be accomplished through the Messiah. Verses 1-2 of this chapter is recorded in Luke 4:16-21. Who does the "I" in verses 1-2 refer to?

Ch. 62 - Hephzibah ("My Delight") and Beulah ("Married")

This chapter records how Zion will be restored and the preparations for the restoration. What does the Lord call Zion, no longer called the forsaken and the desolate? (These two names imply that God will take Zion as a bride and restore the relationship, just as a young man marries a virgin.)

Ch. 63 - God's Love and Mercy

This chapter begins by describing God's appearance, armed and coming to the battlefield to save His people. This day will be a day of glory for God's people, but it will be a day of judgment for those who do not repent. The prophet remembers the grace that God has shown to His people throughout history (vv. 7-14) and prays for God's mercy (vv. 15-19).

"For you are our (.....), though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our (.....), our Redeemer from of old is your name."

Ch. 64 - Isaiah's Prayer for Israel's Salvation

In this chapter, the prophet Isaiah prays for Israel. "But now, O Lord, you are our (.....); we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your (.....)."

THU) August 8**Ch. 65 - The New Heaven and the New Earth**

This chapter prophesies that God will punish the rebellious people (verses 1-16) and that God will build the New Heaven and the New Earth (verses 17-25). Which of the following is not an image of the new heaven and the new earth that God will build?

- 1) He will remind us of the old and make us yearn for it.
- 2) No more weeping or crying will be heard in Jerusalem.
- 3) Their labor will not be in vain, and their production will not suffer disaster.
- 4) God will answer them before they call, and God will hear them before they finish speaking.

Ch. 66 - The Final Judgment and God's Glory

In this chapter, prophet Isaiah delivers a message of judgment to those who refuse to return to God, and a message of blessing to those who return, entering the new heaven and the new earth. Also, the end of the book of Isaiah speaks not only of the new heaven and the new earth, but also of eternal hell (verses 22-24). Jesus quoted verse 24 of this chapter in Mark 9:48:

"And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not (.....), their fire shall not be (.....), and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

FRI) August 9**Jeremiah Ch. 1 - God's Calling**

The prophet Jeremiah prophesied for twenty years before the fall of Judah, during the reign of the last five kings of Judah. This chapter describes Jeremiah's calling as God's prophet. What were the two visions that Jeremiah saw?

* The apricot tree is the first tree to sprout and bloom after winter. This means that all of God's words will be fulfilled quickly. It is also a play on words, using the similar pronunciation of the Hebrew word for apricot tree and the word for "watch." God will watch over all situations with Jeremiah.

Ch. 2 - Israel's Sins and Rebellion

This chapter is Jeremiah's first message after being called, and it rebukes Judah for betraying God and leaving Him despite His love. What were the two evils that the Israelites committed?

Ch. 3 - An Invitation to Repentance for Rebellious Israel

This chapter is Jeremiah's second message. God likened idolaters to adulterous women. Write the names of the two nations that betrayed God and committed adultery. "She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, (.....), I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister (.....) did not fear, but she too went and played the whore."

Ch. 4 - Return

This chapter continues to urge repentance to the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.

- 1) V. 1: Return to me, Israel.
- 2) V. 3: Break up your (.....), and sow not among (.....).
- 3) V. 4: Circumcise yourselves to the Lord; remove the foreskin of your (.....).

SAT) August 10**Ch. 5 - Total Corruption, Total Judgment**

This chapter continues to point out the just reasons for which the people of Southern Kingdom of Judah will be judged.

God tells Jeremiah that if he can find even a few righteous people in the streets of Jerusalem who practice justice and seek the truth, God will not destroy Jerusalem. How many? (This reminds us of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.)

Ch. 6 - They will not listen to my words

Jeremiah continues to accuse Judah of corruption and the coming judgment of Judah by Babylon. God continues to admonish the people of Judah, but what is their response?

- 1) V. 16: Take the Right path:

Response

- 2) V. 17: Listen to the Watchman's trumpet warnings:

Response

Ch. 7 - Hear the Word of the Lord

This chapter rebukes the people of Judah for their false worship and proclaims God's judgment for their idolatry. Where does Jeremiah stand and rebuke the people who come to the temple to worship with religious hypocrisy?

Ch. 8 - When I punish them, they will fall

This chapter records the crimes of the religious leaders of Judah and the judgments that the people will receive.

- 1) V. 8: "How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us'? But behold, the (.....) of the scribes has made it into a lie."
- 2) Vv. 10-11: "from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. 11 They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, '(.....)' when there is no peace."