

BOOK OF ISAIAH
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1. CHAPTER 51 Continued

Verse 4: "Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for **A LAW** shall **PROCEED FROM ME**, and I will make my judgment to **REST** for a light of the people."

QUESTION: What **LAW** is God talking about here that will make his judgment to rest?

HINT: His ten commandments had been given hundreds of years prior, so He is **NOT** speaking about the Law of Moses.

ANSWER: When Jesus began His ministry, He stated that He had come to **JUDGE**. (John 9:39: "For **JUDGMENT** I am come into this world...") He was speaking about **JUDGING SIN** and giving **SIN the DEATH SENTENCE!** He told us to come to Him and He would give us **REST--REST, our SABBATH**, from trying to establish our own righteousness.

IMPORTANT: DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A LAW IN JESUS CHRIST?

Romans 8:2:

"For the **LAW of the Spirit of life IN CHRIST JESUS** hath made me **FREE** from the **LAW** of sin and death."

QUESTION: What is this **LAW in Christ Jesus?**

ANSWER: Romans 3:27:

"Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what **LAW?** Of works? Nay: but **BY THE LAW OF FAITH.**"

Verse 9: "Awake, awake, put on strength, O **ARM of the LORD**;..."

We have to look back in time to understand the **symbolism of the ARM** of the Lord and the association of the **ARM with the HAND** of God. After God delivered the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage, they faced a formidable enemy--the **Amalekites**. These people are portrayed in the Bible as being at enmity (being enemies) with the purpose of God in His people. They tried to block the Hebrews' entrance into the Promised Land. They **represent our fallen, FLESH NATURE, or CARNAL NATURE**. The Bible tells us that **this nature** that will be with us until we die, **FIGHTS against the purposes** of God in our lives:

Romans 8:7: "Because the **CARNAL MIND is ENMITY** against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

QUESTION: How did Moses do battle with the Amalekites? (Remember, the Amalekites symbolize our fallen, **FLESH NATURE**. They are the descendants of Jacob's brother, Esau, who did not regard the value of his birthright and sold it to Jacob for a bowl of pottage. Esau's descendants eventually became known as the Edomites and their country was called Edom. The **Book of Obadiah** is entirely focused on **God finally JUDGING EDOM** and overthrowing it because of their opposition to the nation of Israel entering the Promised land--actually, their relatives!!!)

ANSWER: Exodus 17:9-12:

"And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, **fight with Amalek:** tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the **rod of God in mine HAND.** So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, **when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed:** and **when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.** But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat thereon; **and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands,** the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun."

Notice that **JOSHUA** was doing the fighting. He is a **TYPE or foreshadowing of YESHUA,** that is the name of **JESUS.** **Moses, as the LAW-GIVER,** demonstrates the principle set forth in the New Testament--that the **LAW WAS WEAK** and could not save us, **YET** the **LAW** was the foundation upon which mankind could understand that he/she was missing the mark. The Bible tells us that the **LAW** shall forever stand and is settled in Heaven, but even though it demonstrates righteousness, it **cannot IMPART** righteousness. The Law is the standard and is the **underpinning of ALL THAT JESUS** came to **CONQUER** and **DEFEAT**--just as the example of the Law-Giver's Hands, when upheld, gave Joshua, a type of Christ, the power to defeat the enemy. It is also a picture of the Hands of Jesus being uplifted and stretched upon a Roman Cross to defeat our enemies of Death, Hell, and the Grave!!!

Regarding the **ARM** of God, note these scriptures:

Exodus 6:6: "Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I (God) am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will **redeem you** with a **STRETCHED OUT ARM,** and with great judgments."

Deuteronomy 5:15: "And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a **MIGHTY HAND** and by a **STRETCHED OUT ARM...**"

Psalms 44:3: "For they (Israel) got **NOT** the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but **THY RIGHT HAND,** and **THINE ARM...**"

Isaiah 52:10: "The Lord hath made bare **His HOLY ARM** in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Isaiah 53:1: "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the **ARM OF THE LORD revealed?**"

SO...the question is, **NOT what** is the **ARM** of the Lord, but, rather, **WHO IS THE ARM OF THE LORD?** We read on to find the answer!

2. **CHAPTER 52** A song of Jerusalem's glorious future--a picture of the overcoming Church.

Verse 1: "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; **put on THY BEAUTIFUL GARMENTS**, O Jerusalem, the Holy City; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."

The **BEAUTIFUL GARMENTS** were used to **clothe the High Priest**. This passage is prophetic of what Jesus will do on the cross 700 years later. He pays the sin debt and makes us as kings and **PRIESTS** before our God--hence the use of the terms, "BEAUTIFUL GARMENTS," in this passage in Isaiah.

Verse 3: "For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be **redeemed WITHOUT MONEY.**"

God is speaking through Isaiah that **REDEMPTION--SALVATION--from the bondage of SIN** that we have willingly sold ourselves into, **WILL BE FREE!!!** By promising them that He will bring them out of physical captivity in Babylon, God is demonstrating that a **FREE REDEMPTION** is coming which will deliver them from the **ROOT OF THE PROBLEM--SIN'S DOMINION OVER US!!!** The **HEART** of the problem is **man's HEART!** Only God can fix it! To coin a popular phrase, "**WE CAN'T FIX STUPID!!!**"

Verses 6-7: Therefore my people shall **KNOW MY NAME**: therefore they shall know in that day that I am He that doth speak: behold it is I. How beautiful upon the mountains are the **FEET** of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, **Thy God reigneth!**"

The **Name of Jesus** will one day be acknowledged by all peoples of the earth, as was quoted by the children's class in church this morning:

"That at the **NAME of JESUS** every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:10-11)

QUESTION: Why does the verse in Isaiah say that the believers have **BEAUTIFUL FEET?**
ANSWER: Remember that the whole redemptive process was foretold in Genesis where God stated that the seed of woman would bruise Satan's head but that Satan would **bruise the Redeemer's heel?** God told Moses at Mt. Sinai and the burning bush to "**put off thy shoes from off thy feet.**" God was demonstrating to Moses that Moses had **NO ABILITY** to **redeem himself**. Afterwards, and building upon this prophecy in Genesis, the **Law of the Kinsman Redeemer** (Deut. 25:7-10) was implemented in Israel and involved the **removing of the shoe** when the near kinsman was unable or unwilling to redeem the widow and property. Conversely, in **not** allowing the shoes of the wandering Hebrew people to wear out in 40 years, God was graphically illustrating to them and to us their **hearts of UNBELIEF in His provision of REDEMPTION AND SALVATION.** **They rejected the Promised Land.**

The **BEAUTIFUL FEET** terminology in this passage reflects **REDEMPTION**. They are feet of the believers carrying the message of salvation all over the earth. Remember, Jesus **WASHED** the **FEET** of His disciples, much like the priests' feet of the Tabernacle had to be

washed. It is the glorious sign of REDEMPTION and PRIESTHOOD. He has made us **KINGS** and **PRIESTS** before our God. (Revelation 1:6 and 5:10)

Verses 13-15: "Behold, my **SERVANT** shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; His **VISAGE** was so **marred more than any man**, and His form more than the sons of men: So shall He **SPRINKLE** many nations..."

In the above verses, Isaiah now begins to focus in on **ONE INDIVIDUAL--THE SERVANT**. He will be highly exalted. **HOWEVER**, prior to His exaltation, **His appearance will be astonishing**. He will be literally **DISFIGURED**. This is an amazing prophecy of the flogging with the cat-o-nine-tails that Jesus endured. The Old Testament Law prescribed "**40 stripes save one**" or **39 stripes** (Deut. 25:3). The Bible teaches us that by **HIS STRIPES** we are **HEALED**. The Bible also says that all the handwriting of ordinances (Colossians 2:14), the laws, etc., that were against us, **He nailed to His cross**. The Bible contains **39 books** of **OLD TESTAMENT LAW** which record all that is against us. It is no coincidence that Jesus took a stripe for every book of the Old Testament which showed us our condemned state!!!

Verse 15 also uses **TABERNACLE** terminology when it says that this **SERVANT** will "**SPRINKLE** many nations..."

QUESTION: Can anyone tell me what the **Tabernacle/Temple High Priest** was charged with doing **once a year, in the MOST HOLY PLACE, on the DAY OF ATONEMENT?**

ANSWER: Leviticus 16:11-16:

"And Aaron (the High Priest) shall bring the **bullock** of the sin offering, which is **for himself**, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the **MERCY SEAT** that is upon the testimony, that he die not: And he shall take of the **blood of the bullock, and SPRINKLE** it with his finger **upon the MERCY SEAT EASTWARD**; and before the **MERCY SEAT** shall he **SPRINKLE of the blood with his finger seven times**. Then shall he kill the **goat of the sin offering**, that is **FOR THE PEOPLE**, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and **SPRINKLE it upon the MERCY SEAT**, and before the **MERCY SEAT**. And he shall make an **ATONEMENT...**" (Or, simply stated, an **AT- ONE- MENT**. We are **JOINED** to God in reconciliation because of **THE BLOOD** of the **COVENANT!**)

The High Priest of the Tabernacle, Aaron, foreshadowed our **ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**, the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. (See Hebrews 9:19-28 for further insight.)

The Book of Hebrews also states:

"And having an **HIGH PRIEST** (Jesus) over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our **HEARTS SPRINKLED** from an **EVIL CONSCIENCE**, and our bodies washed with pure water." Chapter 10:21-22