

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapter 54

1. **CHAPTER 54** Isaiah continues to reveal what will be accomplished by the crucifixion of the Messiah that he foresaw in Chapter 53. Chapter 54 is a revelation of the spiritual accomplishments of the Cross.

IMPORTANT

2 Corinthians 3:6

“Who also hath made us able ministers of the **NEW** testament; **NOT** of the **LETTER**, but of the **SPIRIT**: for the **LETTER KILLETH**, but the **SPIRIT GIVETH LIFE**.”

Colossians 2:14

“**BLOTTING** out the **HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross...”

Verse 1: “...for **more** are the children of the **DESOLATE** than the children of the **MARRIED WIFE**, saith the Lord.”

In the **Old Testament**, under the **LAW** of Moses, **God** said He was **MARRIED to the nation of ISRAEL**—that He was even **MARRIED to the backslider**. He is saying that through the Cross of Calvary, those who were outside of Israel, the **GENTILE nations**, (**desolate, unmarried**) were **COMING** into the **KINGDOM** through **GRACE** and would be **GREATER** in number. The **NEW TESTAMENT** of **NEW WINE** would be an **OUTPOURING** upon **ALL FLESH** with the **SPIRIT of the LAW**, which entered the believers on the Day of Pentecost.

Verse 2: “**ENLARGE** the place of thy tent...”

The Gospel of Redemption through Grace would go beyond the nation of Israel. This is a picture of the **EXPANSION of the Gospel** for forgiveness of sins to the **WHOLE WORLD**.

Verse 3: “...and **THY SEED** shall **INHERIT THE GENTILES**...”

Just as the firstborn in a family received the **DOUBLE PORTION INHERITANCE** of the father’s estate, **Jesus**, the “**firstborn among many brethren**” would **INHERIT the Gentiles** who would come to Him in faith.

Verse 4: “**FEAR NOT**; for thou shalt **NOT** be **ASHAMED**...thou shalt forget the **SHAME** of thy youth...not remember the reproach of thy **WIDOWHOOD** any more.”

In the Garden of Eden, the Bible says that Adam and Eve were **NOT ASHAMED** when they were perfect and sinless. **BUT** when they **FELL into sin and rebellion**, they became **ASHAMED**. God is saying that the **CROSS** will **REMOVE, not only the PENALTY** of

sin, but the **SHAME OF SIN!!!** Calvary's **REDEMPTION** will take care of the **SHAME** of **SIN!!!**

The **LETTER** of the **LAW** was "**MARRIED**" to Israel, but the **LETTER** of the **LAW** **KILLS**. It **INDICTS** us and has **no power** to make us **RIGHTEOUS**. **HOWEVER**, Colossians told us that the **LAW** and all its **ORDINANCES** were **NAILED** to **JESUS** on the **Cross**. The **judgment** for the **LETTER** of the **LAW AGAINST US** was satisfied at the Cross. Jesus had previously illustrated that the **Old Testament form of worship** (The **Letter** of the **LAW**) had **DIED** by His Divine decree when He stated that the fig tree (a symbol of Israel) would bear no more fruit and, consequently, the tree died. The Redemption at Calvary's Cross would usher in **THE SPIRIT** of the **LAW**, indwelling the believer, empowering us to crucify on a daily basis that sin nature that resides in us.

Verse 5: For thy **MAKER** is thine **HUSBAND**; the Lord of hosts is His name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel: The God of the whole earth shall He be called."

In contrasting that the **CLAIMS** of the **LETTER** of the **LAW** against us would **DIE** and Israel would **no more be MARRIED** to the **LETTER** of the **LAW** (and therefore, a **WIDOW**), God says that the **SPIRIT** of the **LAW** poured forth from Jesus' complete **REDEMPTION** at Calvary would enable Israel and Gentiles to be **MARRIED** to our **HUSBAND**, the **LORD** of **Hosts!** **THE CROSS OF CALVARY AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW IS A MARRIAGE COVENANT!!! WE ARE BONE OF HIS BONE AND FLESH OF HIS FLESH!!!**

Verse 6: For a small moment have I **FORSAKEN** thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

Jesus took the **penalty** of the **Letter of the LAW** on the cross when He cried out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou **FORSAKEN** me."

Verse 9: "For this is as the **waters of Noah** unto Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should **NO MORE** go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would **NOT** be **WROTH** with thee, nor rebuke thee."

Both in Isaiah's words and later in Jesus' own words the **worldwide FLOOD** in **Noah's day** is authenticated. Isaiah is telling us that **Noah's Flood** was a **FLOOD** of **Judgment** that was a **ONE TIME EVENT**. **LIKewise**, it pointed to the **ONE TIME JUDGMENT** of the **FLOOD** of the **BLOOD** for **OUR SINS**. Jesus will **NEVER** be crucified again! Sin was **JUDGED** at Calvary! **AND... Salvation is now available to the whole world!!! GOD IS NOT MAD AT US!!! We are no longer under His WRATH against SIN!!!**

Verse 10: "...neither shall the **COVENANT** of My **PEACE** be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee."

The Cross fulfilled the Old Testament offerings known as **PEACE OFFERINGS**. The Cross brought **PEACE WITH GOD—FELLOWSHIP**. Sin had separated us from GOD, but the **FLOOD OF THE BLOOD** at Calvary brought us back into fellowship with Him.

Verses 11-12: “O thou afflicted, **tossed with tempest**...I will lay thy **stones** with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with **sapphires**. And I will make thy **windows agates**, and thy **gates carbuncles**, and all thy borders of **pleasant stones**.

“Tossed with tempest” is a phrase reminiscent of Noah’s Flood, which has been used by Isaiah to **show a picture of the FLOOD of Judgment upon sin at the Cross**. This **NEW COVENANT**, the **OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW** into men’s **HEARTS** is characterized by repeating the typology found in the precious stones of the **OLD TESTAMENT’S High Priest’s garments** as well as the **stones** found in the **WALL of the NEW JERUSALEM, the HEAVENLY JERUSALEM**, in Revelation 21:19.

Verse 13: “And **ALL** thy **CHILDREN** shall be **TAUGHT** of the Lord; and **GREAT** shall be the **PEACE** of thy **CHILDREN**.

The “**CHILDREN**” are the **OFFSPRING** of the **CROSS—us, the GLOBAL CHURCH!!!** God’s Spirit is **IN** us when we accept Christ as Savior. Isaiah says we shall be **TAUGHT** of the **LORD**. I John 2:27 builds on Isaiah and tells us:

“But the **anointing** which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye **need not** that **any man teach you**: but as the **same anointing teacheth you of all things**, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him...”

Verse 14: “...thou shalt be far from **OPPRESSION**...and from **TERROR**; for it shall **not** come near thee.

Because of our salvation in Jesus Christ, we are **FREED** from the **oppression of SATAN** and **SIN... AND** the **OPPRESSION** that the **LETTER OF THE LAW** had laid against us!!! The Bible speaks of the **TERROR of the LORD** against those who are in rebellion. The **Letter of the LAW** defines the **TERROR of the LORD** against **SIN**.

Verse 15: “...whosoever shall gather together **against thee** shall **fall** for thy sake.”

This is the **SUFFICIENCY** we have in the **NEW COVENANT** of **GRACE** with the **OUTPOURING of the SPIRIT of the LAW** in our hearts. The **Letter of the Law** cannot stand against us. The **Old Covenant CANNOT** stand against us and **indict us anymore!**

Verses 16-17: Behold **I (GOD)** have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the **waster to DESTROY. NO WEAPON** that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee **IN JUDGMENT** thou shalt **CONDEMN**. This is the **HERITAGE** of the servants of the Lord and their **RIGHTEOUSNESS is of ME**, saith the **LORD**.”

These verses show that God has allowed something that **DESTROYS**. It is referencing that the Old Testament **LETTER OF THE LAW KILLS!!! BUT...**it further illustrates that in the **NEW COVENANT**, the **BELIEVERS** (the church) have already had **their sins JUDGED** at the **CROSS**. There is **NO WEAPON** that can **NULLIFY** what the **New Covenant** of the **Cross** has done for us!!! Any part of the **LETTER of the LAW** that might would **JUDGE** us, **WE CAN CONDEMN** it because **God** has taken our **JUDGEMENT** at the **CROSS** and we have **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN US!**