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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

Isaiah 50-51:1-8

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Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



Continuing



The Restoration of Israel The Nations and the Creation

Isaiah 40-66

The Restoration—Heading Home!

Will be on the eternal earth includes the Land of Promise
Jeremiah 4:27 in the end the earth is not annihilated

²⁶I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were pulled down Before the Lord, before His fierce anger.

²⁷For thus says the Lord, “The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not execute a complete destruction.

Jeremiah 4:26–27

Isaiah 45:18 “I did not create earth to be a waste place.”



The Restoration of all Things

Will depend on the Son

Preparing for the Kingdom

(Not the “Eternal State”)

Peter is preaching
To the Jews



- 19“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that **times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;** 20and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21**whom** heaven must receive **until the period of restoration of all things** about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. Acts 3:19–21

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Parallel Passage

- **1⁹And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. (Birds feasting on flesh at Armageddon) Revelation 19:19**
- **1¹ (Kia) [And] I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first (in time) heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. 2²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, Revelation 21:1–3**

Times of Refreshing

I make all things new

- **“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”** **“And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”** Revelation 21:4

The Invitation Stands Redemption is Done! Competed!

- Rev. 21:6 Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.
😊 The invitation in Revelation is a Reflection of Isaiah —
- 1 “Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. Isaiah 55:1

But this Good News is Doubted
Rhetorically



Last Week

- ¹⁴But Zion (even faithful Israel) said, “The Lord has **forsaken** me, And the Lord has **forgotten** me.”
- [But] The Lord says:
- ¹⁵“Can a woman forget her nursing child And have no compassion on the son of her womb?
- Even these may forget, but **I will not forget you**. Isaiah 49:14–18. **There is hope for the life or perpetuity of Nation Israel— IN CASE THAT IS DOUBTED!**

Israel the Unfaithful Wife

(See Hosea)

- The chapter breaks (to 50) with the afore mentioned concern that God has forsaken Israel.
- **There are halfway good reasons for someone to think that.** Many people have! All Covenantalists to a man— have drawn a flawed conclusion—they cherry pick verses of judgment faithfully. **They say surely God has judged Israel to annihilation and rightly so because of the sins of the nation.**
- **But that is a misunderstanding that is HARD TO MISS given the complete treatment of the text—e. g. Witness just one statement we have just read. Now Isaiah continues in 50—**

Orphans or Illegitimate Birth?

- **Thus says the Lord, “Where is the certificate of divorce By which I have sent your mother away? Or to whom of My creditors did I sell you? Behold, you were sold for your iniquities, And for your transgressions your mother was sent away. Isaiah 50:1**
- **(You are not an illegitimate birth, there are no divorce papers) No, its because of your sins you were “sold,” (nor for my debt)**
- **and for your transgressions your mother was “put away.” Isaiah 50:1**
- **Don’t misunderstand my criticism Israel, it was always your sin. Your birthright remains intact. Your enslavement is temporary, only generational—read this prophecy to gain full assurance. Being sold into slavery for debts, and your mothers supposed divorce are metaphors. I never withdrew my Abrahamic promises—I never served divorce papers!**

Reflect on History

- 2“Why was there no man (responsible person) when I came? When I called, why was there none to answer?
- (Finishing up the metaphors. As a doctor's call.
- But no one answered the door!)
- In canceling the lament, the Lord asks the question—
- Is My hand so short that it cannot ransom? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, I dry up the sea with My rebuke, I make the rivers a wilderness; Their fish stink for lack of water And die of thirst.
- 3“I clothe the heavens with blackness And make sackcloth their covering.” Isaiah 50:2–3

History and Apocalypse?

- **Gary Smith: “Since the source of these statements is unclear, one is only able to conclude that God is powerful enough to act in almost apocalyptic ways to demonstrate his power over everything in this world.**
- **Smith, Gary U. Isaiah 40-66: Volume 15 (The New American Commentary) (p. 393). B&H Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.**

The Servant Speaks

New Subject—The Servant Learns

- ⁴The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, [learner] That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.
⁵The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back. Isaiah 50:4–5
- Also “They [blessings] are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:23

The Servant Endures Suffering

Gary Smith

- **“I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. Isaiah 50:6**
- **Given our understanding just how Jesus was treated, we can easily see these prophetic event in the life and death of Christ. These revelations of the Servant puts Jesus on guard for what is coming.**

Servant confidently depended on God

Smith, Gary

- ⁷For the Lord God helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.
- ⁸He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me.

Isaiah 50:7–8

Challenge to follow the Servant's example

Gary Smith

- **THE SERVANT:** ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps Me; Who is he who condemns Me? [There are none!]
- **THE REST:** Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them.
- **THEIR HOPE:** ¹⁰Who is among you that fears the Lord, That obeys the voice of His servant, That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.
- **THE REST:** ¹¹Behold, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with firebrands, Walk in the light of your fire And among the brands you have set ablaze. This you will have from My hand: You will lie down in torment. Isaiah 50:9–11

Isaiah 51:1-11

Promise to the Faithful

In the Restoration of all Things

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God will comfort Zion	51:1-3
God's law and salvation is for the nations	51:4-6
Your enemies will end; my salvation is forever	51:7-8

- ¹“**Listen to me** [your Lord], you who pursue righteousness, Who seek the Lord: [Depend on] **Look to the rock from which you were hewn And to the quarry from which you were dug.**
- ²“**Look to Abraham** your father [your example] And to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain; When he was but [the] one I called him, Then I blessed him and multiplied him.”
- ³**Indeed, the Lord** will comfort Zion; [Israel] He will comfort all her **waste places.** And her **wilderness He will make like Eden,** And her **desert like the garden of the Lord; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.** Isaiah 51:1–3

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Summary 1-3

- **“These words function as a means of comforting people about what he will do for Zion in the future (50:3).**
- **This will involve a transformation of Zion into a paradise like the garden of Eden, which is an eschatological hope—” In the Kingdom!**

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The
Government

- 4“Pay attention to Me, O My people, And give ear to Me, O My nation; For a law will go forth from Me, And I will set My justice for a light of the peoples.
- 5“My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait for Me, And for My arm they will wait expectantly.

The
Process

- 6“Lift up your eyes to the sky, Then look to the earth beneath; For the sky will vanish like smoke, And the earth will wear out like a garment And its inhabitants will die in like manner; But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not wane.
- Isaiah 51:4-6

- Isaiah 51:4–6 The changes are stark and clear. All judged things must be denigrated and then refreshed in light of the everlasting Creator’s promise of redemption.

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- 7“Listen to Me, you who know righteousness (Justice), A people in whose heart is My law; **Do not fear the reproach of man, Nor be dismayed at their reviling.**
- 8“**For the moth will eat them (the opposition) like a garment, And the grub will eat them like wool.**
- **But My righteousness (order of things) will be forever, And My salvation to all generations.” Isaiah 51:7–8**

Remember My Faithfulness!

Recounting history continuing—

Thus far—