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# **The Father Knows Best**

**School of the Bible Class**

## **Isaiah**

**Isaiah 55**

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# Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



**Continuing**



# Our Study of Isaiah

- The study of the Old Testament can take on several motivations.
- For some the study is **academic**. They simply study ancient history. Some of these look to **devalue** the history others study to **appreciate** it.
- We **appreciate** it and have taken a **narrow approach** to examine **Isaiah** to confirm the **timing of the appearance and the nature of the (Eternal) Kingdom**. Does it occur in relation to the Second Advent?



# Our Study of Isaiah

- Our **detective** motif has yielded a number of **serendipities**— all have supported our premise that the dynastic Kingdom of David, is **Heaven on earth** and that condition will **arrive with the Second Advent** as the **Heaven and Earth** are renewed and the glorious city of New Jerusalem descends to earth.
- There has been **no hint of a super heaven** beyond the “**Millennial Kingdom**” in the so called “**Eternal State.**”

# Our Study of Isaiah

- Our focus has been on the prophetic passages and have given a lighter treatment of the historical sections and precatory sections.
- We paused at chapter 53 to explain the flags for the coming Suffering Servant—it does not exactly fit our “Sherlock Holmes” investigation but it was too rich a text just to pass over.

# Our Study of Isaiah

- Last week in Chapter 54, we saw a metaphor of a married woman without children—over which she agonizes. Then her husband has a change of heart approaches her and an abundance of children are born to her— from zero to, too many to count.
- The point of the chapter was not the situation of any real person but the condition of the relationship between Israel the wife and God the Husband—precisely Jerusalem and her God!
- For a time (see Hosea) he set his wife aside— a barren women.
- Only in the Eschaton does He restore her when she produces an abundance of children; blessings beyond all others in comparison.



# New and new Jerusalem

- Also we had the New/new Jerusalem “explained.”
- We noted that it is difficult to determine the relationship between the earthy “new” and the Heavenly “New Jerusalem.
- What is clear—both identities exist and both are marked out at the same place on the planet earth as part of the city temple complex.

# New and new Jerusalem

- The important point: The throne of the Father and the Son are in the city on earth for the Kingdom. Rev. 22:3,
- The throne room is in the City from which the administrative duties are carried out—Why would God remain in “heaven” separated from His Son and His people? Ezek 37:27 “My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.”
- There are restrictions imposed on the unrighteous who are not able to enter the City but no such restrictions for the righteous,
- We used a verse from this week—to catch our limitations:
- <sup>8</sup>“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. Isaiah 55:8

# Isaiah 55

- Now in chapter 55 we have another “53” like chapter. **We cannot pass it for the same reason we did not pass by 53.**
- Because chapter 55 has many (likely the most) quoted passages in the Bible. We can commit many to memory, and find satisfaction **even without understanding the context.**
- Another high water mark— **this time as an invitation.**



# Isaiah 55

- But Isaiah 55 has a context but it does not eschew the meanings in a different direction.
- These verses can be applied to our lives, in the Church Age, even without understanding the original setting. Therefore—
- We maintain that the truths are timeless and always true for the righteous.
- Examples—

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# Isaiah 55 the Invitation

Who has believed or Message? Isaiah 53 Question—



# The Grand Invitation

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- And you who have no money come,
  - buy and eat.
- Come, buy wine and milk
  - Without money and without cost. Isaiah 55:1

# The Grand Invitation

- The invitation follows the question “Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Isaiah 53:1
- After an iteration of the Plan of God, some details are given then the proposition—
- Listen, HO, Ah, O! The attention getting devise, to set forth the invitation—

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Notice that the Lord does not claim sovereignty over those who are invited. The invitation is always presented to the will—

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The offering is to provide life giving support.

Water for the thirsty.

Food to eat and wine and milk to drink.

# The Grand Invitation for all Time

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- 17The Spirit and the **bride** say, “**Come.**” And let the one who hears say, “**Come.**” And let the one who is **thirsty come**; let the one who wishes **take** the **water** of life **without cost.**
- Isaiah 55:1
- Revelation 22:17



# The Grand Invitation for all Time

- We have the Grand Invitation at the end of Isaiah. The appeal is for Israel to come to the Lord for life, refreshing and pardon. The picture is of a person dying of thirst in the desert. In Revelation 21 and 22 the city with the refreshing life of food and drink are described—
- Then, at the end of 22:17, the same invitation is repeated decidedly for all mankind all are prospects for the Kingdom.
- After all the negatives 22:15 (dogs, sorcery, immoral, murderers, idolaters, liars cannot enter) have been reviewed, the refreshing salvation ought to be the desire of all.
- So Come! The invitation to depend on the Suffering Savior—the same message of Isaiah is in Revelation.

# The Message of Isaiah

- The message, the plan of the Lord has now been expanded in the details of His life and death.
- The prophet asked in Isaiah 53:1. “Who has believed our message?” It is clear that some have indeed understood. That God will intervene and save His people and the nation.
- The Prophet tells them that for these their bleak future has turned into a great hope—a genuine prosperity.

# Isaiah 55

The Grand Invitation

# The Grand Invitation—Challenges

- 2<sup>nd</sup> “Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
  - And (spend) your wages for what does not satisfy?
- Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
  - And delight yourself in abundance. Isaiah 55:2

# The Grand Invitation

## From Food to Listening

- <sup>3</sup>“Incline your **ear** and come to Me.
  - **Listen**, that you may **live**;
- And I will make an **everlasting covenant with you**,
  - **According to the faithful mercies shown to David. Isaiah 55:3**
- David is the great example of God’s Grace—the same covenant keeping God will include you in the eternal covenant of eternal life in Davids’s Kingdom.



# In the Eschaton

- 4“Behold, I have made him (David’s Son the Servant) a witness to the peoples,
  - A leader and commander (King) for the peoples.
- Isaiah 55:4
- Here David v.3 is the dynastic David ending in his Son the Messianic Son of David. ID: “commander for the peoples” not just Israel— makes the case for the ID being the Messianic King son of David.

# In the Eschaton

- <sup>5</sup>“Behold, you will call a nation **you do not know**,  
And a nation which **knows you not will run to you**,  
Because of the Lord your God, even the Holy One  
of Israel; For He has **glorified you**.” Isaiah 55:5
- They have this relationship in the Kingdom. The Nations will serve the nation Israel.

# Return to the Grand Invitation

- <sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while He may be found;
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# The Grand Invitation Pressed

- <sup>7</sup>Let the wicked forsake his way
  - And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
- And let him return to the Lord,
  - And He will have compassion on him,
- And (asking) to our God,
  - For He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:7

# The Greatness of Our God

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- 9“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9

# The Greatness of Our God

- <sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; Isaiah 55:10

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# In the Eschaton

- <sup>12</sup>“For you will go out with joy And be led forth with peace;
  - The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12
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- All creation that has no voice will participate in all joy coming from the lifting of the judgment.





# In the Eschaton

- <sup>13</sup>“Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, And it will be a memorial to the Lord, For an everlasting sign which will not be cut off.” Isaiah 55:13

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- The plant life will change to something pleasant without thorns. These are signs forever.



- Here in prophetic Isaiah we have had a lesson in living.
- We forget that our understanding of our hope underpins our present day choices.
- Conversely, if the eschaton does not loom large in our thinking it will have little effect on our living.
- Our study is then not academic but highly practical—and needs to be taught the new believer as soon as possible.
- Notice how the next chapter begins—

# Preparing for the Eschaton

- <sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord, “Preserve justice and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come And My righteousness to be revealed.
- <sup>2</sup>“How blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.” Isaiah 56:1–2

Thus far—