

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

## MidWeek Study - Isaiah, Part 4 - Chaps 49-66

- Cha 49-53 - The Servant

- 49:1-6

- V3 - One of the verses in context that Jews say the Servant can't be Jesus, it is contextually Israel.

- Agreed, but that doesn't mean it can't be Jesus.

- Christians believe in the NT as the fulfillment of the OT and therefore Jesus as the fulfillment of the Messiah...the servant

- V5 - the Servant will reconcile people to God. [1 Peter 3:18]

- This also is a logical defeater for Jews to say that the Servant is Israel...the Servant in this verse is the one bringing Israel back to Yahweh!

- V6 - global redemption!

- Global redemptive plan - "I will make you a light for the NATIONS and my SALVATION may reach the end of the earth." [Quoted in Acts 13:47; when the Apostles turn to the Gentiles with the gospel, after the Jews rejected it in Antioch.]

- 49:13-15

- Israel will not be forgotten

- 50:1-3

- God's sovereignty - Yes I sold you...but I can also redeem you back!

- What does it mean to redeem?

- Servant will suffer/die: [not what is expected for the Messiah?!]

- 50:6

- Things that happened to Jesus before his crucifixion

- 51:1-6

- Back to comforting Israel - they will be redeemed

- How?
- The Messiah
- Romans 10:1-4
- 52:7
  - Paul quotes AGAIN in Romans 10:14-15
- 52:13-15
  - What things of Jesus do we see here?
    - Acts wisely
    - High and lifted up [on the cross]
    - Appearance marred, beyond recognition [beaten/tortured before execution]
    - Sprinkle many nations [his blood working global salvation]
- Read 53:1-10 - Suffering Servant
  - First, look at 53:1
    - Is the gospel hard to believe?
    - Paul thinks so - again, Romans 10:16-17
  - 53:2-10
    - Some people think this is the “forbidden chapter” for Jews
  - What things of Jesus do we see here in v2-10?
    - Grew like a young plant, like Jesus as a young child
    - Nothing special to look at - a normal human
    - Despised, rejected, man of sorrows...
    - Atonement - he has borne our griefs, sorrows, pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities; the LORD has laid the iniquity of us all on him
    - Forgiveness and spiritual restoration in Christ - by his wounds we are healed
    - Like a lamb led to the slaughter, silent...like Jesus was before his accusers, he didn't try to defend himself

- Made his grave with the wicked...a RICH MAN in his death [Joseph's tomb]
- All in the sovereign plan of God
- HE is RESURRECTED! V10b
- Where is this quoted?
  - 1 Peter 2:22-25
  
- Chap 54-55: Respond to God!
  - 54:4-7
    - back to God comforting Israel!
  - 55:1-5
    - Salvation is costly but free
    - Wine and milk - the good stuff!
    - Unbelief doesn't satisfy
    - The promise of an everlasting covenant, for all nations
  - 55:6-11
    - Return to the LORD
    - God's thoughts of grace are beyond our understanding/capacity
    - God's word [gospel] will accomplish its purpose of redemption
  
- Chap 56-66
  - Ch 56
    - Plan of salvation is global
    - V3, 6 "foreigners joined to the LORD"
    - V7 "house of prayer for all peoples"
    - V8 "I will gather yet others to him, besides those already gathered"

- Ch 57
  - After a brief complaint of the righteous disappearing, he goes into a diatribe against hypocrisy/idolatry
    - 58:3-14 - Be LEGIT follower of God
  - Ch 59 v
    - v1-2 - Separation from God bc of sin
    - V9-13 - why expect blessings from God if you disobey him?
- Ch 60:
  - v1-3 Future hope
- Ch 61
  - 61:1-2a - quoted by JESUS in Luke 4:16-21
- Ch 62
  - More future hope for Israel!
  - 62:1-2
  
- Ch 63-66
  - Cha 63-64: Alternating themes
    - New Jerusalem - hope
    - God's vengeance - judgment
  - Judgment vs salvation - tension!
  - 65:1-9 New thing coming!
  - 65:17 - New heavens/earth ultimately in the return of Christ
    - Rev 21:1
  - 66
    - v1-2: God's attributes and our humility!

- v15 - Punishment [eternal hell] awaits those those who fully reject him.
  - V22-23 - hope in the gospel!
- Theological Implications [Tons...just some to get you thinking]
- Religious acts mean nothing if the heart isn't real [1:13; 15]
  - God hates pride [2:17; Hezekiah]
  - Holiness of God [Is 6]
  - Trust God alone [43:11; 45:14, 18; 21; 22, etc.]
  - God's glory is ultimate! [Is 48:11]
  - Redmeption! Messiah/Gospel!!! Is 7:14; 9:6; 53
  - God's glory in salvation thru judgement
  - Servant/Messiah what Israel could not:
    - To restore people back to God
    - To be a light to the nations