

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) Mar 01.....Is 1-5.....Meet Devine Expectations
- 2) Mar 08.....Is 6.....Honor the Lord
- 3) Mar 15.....Is 7-23.....Act on Revealed Truth
- 4) Mar 22.....Is 24-35.....Follow the Lord's Will
- 5) Mar 29.....Is 36-39.....Stay Spiritually Alert
- 6) Apr 05.....Is 49-53.....The Sacrifice is Sufficient
- 7) Apr 12.....Mat 27.....The Lord is Alive (EASTER)
- 8) Apr 19.....Is 40-48.....The Lord is at Work
- 9) Apr 26.....Is 54.....The Lord is Compassionate
- 10) May 03.....Is 55-66.....The Invitation is Inclusive
- 11) May 10.....Mic 1-2.....Rebellion – a Path to Ruin
- 12) May 17.....Mic 3.....Corruption – a Path to Nowhere
- 13) May 24.....Mic 4-6.....Hope- a Path to Fulfillment
- 14) May 31.....Mic 7.....Commitment – a Path to Effectiveness

**INTRODUCTION**

- As we study the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah it gets interesting when we try to figure out if some passages are specifically for the Jews during the times they were in, or if they refer to better days following their present turmoil, or if the passage alludes to the end times, or even if the passage has applications for us New Testament believers
- This chapter 54 is very Jewish-centric with emphasis on the Assyrian conquest of the northern kingdom (Israel), and with a look into the glorious future state of Israel and Judah
- The end of this chapter also gives us a snapshot how God will continue to protect His servants, Israel and even us adopted children from harm – This is our heritage as servants of God

Passage	Comments
54:15-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v16. 'I have created the destroyer to ruin' - similar to God has reserved the wicked for destruction ..... Job 21:30</li> <li>• v17. No weapon will prosper against God's people - Again, this refers to a future time, probably the millennial reign of Christ - But there is no reason not to pray for the peace of Israel (Ps 128:6) and for those plotting harm to God's people that their devices be brought to nothing (Ps 33:10)</li> <li>• Blessings of comfort, righteous foundation, well-being, no fear, and no oppression will be the inheritance of God's servants</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATION FOR TODAY**

- There is a lot of bad news for Israel as they look to be conquered by a nation worse than themselves (but not by much)
- God gives His bride, the remnant who will go through the conquest and exile a reason to hope for better days
- For us adopted sons and daughters of God, we also reap the inheritance promised to God's true servants

**SUPPORTING PASSAGES**

Job 21:30 For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom  
 Ps 128:6 Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!  
 Hab 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea  
 Jer 31:34 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD

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Isaiah 54:1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. "...the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous than the sons of the married woman" - Common rendering is the gentile Church, the desolate one, will have more spiritual offspring than the first spouse (Israel)..... see Gal 4:22-31 - Similar to Sarah shall have more children than Hagar, Hannah than Peninnah</li> </ul>
54:4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lord is talking to His beloved, the true Israel, the called-out ones, His once-forsaken bride whom He rescued</li> <li>• In Isaiah 50:1 the Lord had divorced his bride for unfaithfulness, but here we see the Lord still called her His wife – and He redeems her</li> </ul>
54:9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God makes a grandiose promise to never stop loving His spouse</li> <li>• His covenant of peace is forever</li> <li>• In fact, even in marriage, we are called to peace -1Cor 7:15</li> </ul>
54:11-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv11-12. God also provides a grandiose analogy of His loved one being established in comfort, having a foundation of priceless jewels, and walls made of precious stones - reminiscence of the heavenly Jerusalem having foundations of precious stones and streets of gold..... Rev 21:18-21</li> <li>• v13. 'your sons will be taught of the Lord' - This speaks of sometime in the future, probably the millennial ..... Jer 31:34; Hab 2:14</li> <li>• v14. Another grandiose promise of God's bride never again being oppressed, or knowing fear – righteousness becomes our foundation, and this only happens in the millennial ..... Rev 19:11</li> </ul>

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