

FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2014

THEME: DISPLACED BUT NOT MISPLACED THROUGH TRUSTING THE IMMUTABLE GOD

Unit III – Visions of Grandeur

“THE TRIUMPHANT FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISED KINGDOM”



Sunday School Lesson No. XIII– November 30, 2014

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- Lesson Text:** Isaiah 52:1-12
- Required Reading:** Psalm 33:1-22; Isaiah 52
- Motto Text:** Isaiah 52:7, *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”*
- Reliable Resources:** David Jeremiah Study Bible; Precepts for Living (UMI); Pilgrim Study Bible (Notes); Preaching from the Prophets (Kyle Yates); Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Standard Lesson Commentary; Nelson’s Illustrated Manners and Customs of the Bible (1980); Wiersbe’s Expository Outlines on the Old Testament (1993); Children’s Ministry Resource Bible; The Outline Study Bible by H. L. Willmington; Libronix Electronic Library System; Notes from MacArthur Study Bible; Tim LaHaye Prophecy Study Bible

LESSON INTRODUCTION

We have now arrived at the final lesson in this quarter that centered on the theme, **“Displaced But Not Misplaced Through Trusting the Immutable God.”** This final unit looked futuristically to the “Visions of Grandeur.” Though Jehovah had to allow Judah and Israel to suffer gut-wrenching pain from their rebellious, sinful past, He would not leave them comfortless and would, at the perfect time, restore the Kingdom and place His King upon the Holy Hill of Zion (Ps. 2:4-6).

Though there is much history involved in the writings of the prophets, the prophet Isaiah, like Jeremiah and Ezekiel, look ahead to a time of glorious majesty, restoration and glory of the kingdom of God promised to the Kingdom of His servants Abraham, Moses and David!

Let us now peruse this final lesson of the quarter that I entitle, **“THE TRIUMPHANT FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISED KINGDOM.”**

Anticipated Power Points:

- **The Setting.** Isaiah 51 – Influenced by Dr. H. L. Willmington
- **The Shout.** Isaiah 52:1-12

LESSON OUTLINE

I. The Setting. Isaiah 51 (Influenced by Dr. H. L. Willmington)

As I set this final lesson from Isaiah 52, it will bless us to read chapter 51 and the outline of it by Dr. H. L. Willmington (The Outline Bible by H. L. Willmington). This is how the outline influenced my thoughts: God speaks to Israel in Isaiah 51...

- A. The Patriarch** (51:1-2)
- B. The Promise** (51:3-8)
- C. The Prayer** (51:9-11)
- D. The Protection** (51:12-16)
- E. The Proclamation** (51:17-23)"

Remember beloved, that Isaiah prophesized of a return back to Jerusalem of God's people within a future that was near, but he also speaks of a permanent restoration that would happen in a far future under Messiah. This future fulfillment would be called "The Millennial Kingdom". In Acts 1:6-7, Jesus' disciples ask a serious futuristic question and received an assuring divine response: "*When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*"

Now beloved, Isaiah's prophecy which we will examine in Chapter 52 is part of that great kingdom promised and how the prophet gives words to Israel past of what their future held because of the faithful promises of Jehovah.

II. The Shout. Isaiah 52:1-12

A. Deliverance from their past. vss. 1-6

"Wake up, wake up, O Zion! Clothe yourself with strength. Put on your beautiful clothes O holy city of Jerusalem, for unclean and godless people will enter your gates no longer. Rise from the dust, O Jerusalem. Sit in a place of honor. Remove the chains of slavery from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion." (Isaiah 52:1-2 NLT). Isaiah calls for the captives of Judah and especially reminds all Israel to be encouraged that deliverance will come and the nation will rise again in the future. Scripture teaches that they did arise from their Babylonian captivity and eventually rose to the highest place of honor that the world will ever know! So far God's promise let a shout be raised from an awakened people. History has taught us today that Israel returned back to the land and rebuilt its walls and Temple in Jerusalem by Ezra, Nehemiah and a remnant of the people. But history also revealed that the city and its people had passed from power to power. Even when Jesus walked upon the earth their Temple stood and even witnessed the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. From the Lord's return back to Heaven, this prophetic city and people remain alive but their greatest day is yet to come when Jesus Christ shall return and rebuild this city and kingdom...when its people will truly be able to awake, awake, put on their strength...beautiful garments...shake themselves and shout the ultimate victory during **The Triumphant Fulfillment of the Promised Kingdom**. Remember in that day all past punishments will be fulfilled and the promised people will know redemption while being lifted above all their adversaries (vss 5-6).

B. Delight to the promised. vss. 7-10

In the ancient days watchmen observed from city walls to see if messengers would be approaching the city with news. Isaiah declares that God will send forth His messenger with good news! And what is that message? *"...Thy God Reigneth!"* vs. 7. And because Jehovah reigns it will be a great delight to the promised people. *Triumph! Comfort! Salvation!* And according to verses 8-9, such news will cause all to lift up their voices in song, dance, praise, and ultimate comfort! As the Psalmist writes in Psalm 34:3, *"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."*

C. Declaring the proclamation. vss 11-12

The ultimate delight to the promised was to pass on the good news. And so are we to do today to God's glory. *Preach the Word! Teach the Word! Live the Word!*

CLOSING

The Fulfillment of the Triumphant Promised Kingdom will be summarized in the words of Jesus' model prayer: *"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."* Matthew 6:10. May the Lord help us to receive and understand that when one is displaced it doesn't mean that he is misplaced because God knows, sees and cares! He keeps His Word in His time towards His people. Israel is God's promised people through the covenant of Abraham, Moses and David! The Church is God's people through the Blood of Jesus Christ and we can take His promises to the Bank of Immortal Glory and cash them in Jesus' name!

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Looking Ahead: December 7, 2014

Hebrews 1:1-9

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