

ISAIAH – Chapter 52

Vs. 1 Awake (Isa. 51:9)

Clothe yourself...for...will no longer come into you Zion – Jerusalem; put your royal and priestly clothes on, be what you were chosen to be. Ex. 19:1-6

NOTE: Must look forward to the millennial kingdom because that is the only time when this statement would be true.

Her situation – lying upon the ground stupefied with the wrath of God, exhausted with grief, complete degradation her lot for the past number of years.

Vs. 2 Stand up and shake the dust off you. Job. 2:13-13

Loose yourself from the chains...you are free!

Vs. 3 You were sold. Isa. 50:1

Your redemption will not be purchased with money.

Vs. 4 Two points from their history:

1. Went down into Egypt. Gen. 15:13-16
2. The Assyrian oppressed you. Isa. 10:5-ff; 2 Kings 17:20-23

Vs. 5 Therefore – what is the situation:

1. My people have been taken away.
2. Those who rule over them “howl”.
3. God’s name is blasphemed continually.

Vs. 6 Therefore, because of the situation described in verse 5, God is going to respond:

1. Israel will know God’s name.
2. In that day (stated above), it will be God Himself who will be saying “Here I am”. Mt. 24:25-27 (NOTE: with the context of Matthew, Jesus must be the one referenced in Isaiah 52.)

Vs. 7 How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him who touches...Acts 1:11; Zech. 14:1-21; Isa. 40:10-11; 61:1-11

Vs. 8 Your watchmen...will see with their own eyes...the Lord restoring Zion. This scene, which has been promised for 3500 years, has now finally arrived.

Vs. 9 Shout joyfully:

1. The Lord has comforted His people.
2. He has redeemed Jerusalem.

Vs. 10 God's work of grace on behalf of Israel will be seen by all the nations.

God's holy arm (again Isa. 40:10)

Vs. 11-12 Return:

1. From Babylon.
2. From the four corners of the earth.

Your departure from; your re-gathering to will not need to be done in haste for:

1. The Lord will go before you.
2. He will also be your rear guard.
3. Your expulsion from the lands that you have been scattered throughout will not be as "fugitives" evicted.

Unlike their departure from Egypt when they gathered from the people to take with them, they are to bring nothing, for God has set a table for their arrival.