

ISAIAH 54

Notes on the picture used in the scriptures of Israel as the wife of Jehovah:

Ezk. 16:1-14, esp. vs. 8 with Jer. 31:31-32 (what covenant is Jehovah referring to? Was a relationship implied within it?)

The Marriage:

1. The covenant established. Ex. 19:1-8
2. The unforgivable sin committed by the first generation. Deut. 1:19-2:1
3. The 2nd generation continued under that covenant. Deut. 5:1-3
4. Idolatry is the act which equals adultery in Jehovah's relationship with Israel. Deut. 6:10-15
5. God entered into this covenant only with Israel. Deut. 7:6-11
6. Ezk. 16:8 – Sinai equaled “you became mine”.

Israel is the wife of Jehovah.

The Great Adultery:

Jer. 3:1-5, 20

Ezk. 16:15-34 (included in her list of lovers were Egypt-vs.26, Assyria-vs.28, and the Babylonians, vs. 29)

Hosea 2:2-5

A Period of Separation – Isa. 50:1

The Divorce – Jer. 3:6-10

The Punishment – Ezk. 16:35-43, 58-59; Hose 2:6-13

The Remarriage – Jer. 31:31-34; Ezk. 16:60-63; Isa. 54:1-8; Isa. 62:4-5; Hosea 2:14-23

Verses 1-3 In Israel, fertility on every level was a sign of God's blessing – the barren one is going to have lots of children!

Vs. 1 Israel, barren, have not travailed, though married – has been living in a continual state of mourning, devastated.

But, by God's sovereign grace, she will be enabled to have many children.

She will break into song and shout for joy.

Vs. 2 As nomads, expand your tents for there will not be enough room to contain your growing families (when you finally confess – Isa. 53:4-6; Rom. 11:26-27)

Vs. 3 For (when the millennium comes), you will:

1. Spread...abroad.
2. Possess nations.
7. Resettle desolate (made so in the tribulation) cities.

Verse 4-8 Israel's regathering – The Lord will regather Israel the way a man would take back his departed wife.

Vs. 4 Fear Not – Isa. 41:10, 14; 43:5-7; 44:2, 6-8 – you will not:

1. Be put to shame.
2. Be disgraced.

You will:

1. Forget your prior shame.
2. Forget the reproach of your widowhood.

Vs. 5 Your husband is:

1. Your Maker.
2. The Lord of Hosts.
3. Your Redeemer.
4. The Holy One of Israel.
8. The God of all the earth.

Vs. 6 The Lord has called you like:

1. A wife forsaken...grieved in Spirit.
2. A wife of one's youth...rejected.

Says your God.

Vs. 7-8 For a brief moment – I forsook you.

In an outburst – I hid my face from you.
(why – Isa. 50:1)

With great compassion I will gather you.

A moment of my hiding will be replaced with:

1. Everlasting lovingkindness.
3. Compassion.

Says the Lord your Redeemer.

Verses 9-10 – The Lord, Israel’s redeemer, the Holy One, God of all the earth will not stay angry with His wife.

His covenant of peace with them will not be shaken.

He will have compassion upon His people Israel.

Vs. 9 Just as He “felt” as the Noahic Flood came to its completion, so He feels toward His nation. Gen. 9:11-17 (At the time of their restoration after the experiences of the tribulation.)

Vs. 10 For, His lovingkindness will not be removed from Israel.

His covenant of peace will not be shaken!

Ezk. 34:23-31; 37:26-28

Isa. 9:7; 32:17-18; 55:12; 66:12-13

Jer. 30:10-11; 33:6, 9; 46:27

Vs. 11-12 Jerusalem – the afflicted city will be divided no more.

Stones in antimony.

Foundations in sapphires.

Battlements in rubies.

Gates of crystal.

Entire wall of precious stones.

Vs. 13 Your sons will be taught of the Lord producing well-being for them.

Vs. 14 Your lives will be of:

1. Righteousness.
2. Far from oppression.
3. Free of fear.
4. Terror will not come near you.

Verses 15-17 In the past, God has allowed “the destroyer” to overcome His people – never again.

This is the heritage of Israel

Their vindication is from God Himself.