

Life-Study of Isaiah Summary – Messages 21 to 25

Jehovah's Word of Comfort to Israel

In the first three sections of Isaiah, the prophet's vision concerning **Jehovah's governmental dealing with Israel and His punishing judgment on the nations, ushering in the all-inclusive Christ with the expected restoration of all things**, has been adequately unveiled. The last section of Isaiah is the **kind word of Jehovah spoken to the heart of Israel, His beloved people, which unveils the prophet's vision concerning the redeeming and saving Christ** as the Servant of Jehovah and the all-inclusive salvation brought in by Him to Israel and the nations, with the full restoration of all things, consummating in the new heaven and new earth.

Isaiah 40 unveils what man really is and what man really needs. **All men are fading and are like a drop from a bucket and are accounted as specks of dust on the scales**. This chapter also reveals that man cannot be compared to God. Man **needs** the **incomparable God**, the **coming Christ**, **regeneration** with the living and abiding word of God, and finally man needs to **wait on the eternal God**.

Christ as the Servant of Jehovah

In Isaiah 41–66 Christ is revealed as the Servant of Jehovah in the most thorough and complete way. This section uses **Isaiah** the prophet, **Cyrus** king of Persia, and **Israel** as types of Christ. Cyrus was raised up by Jehovah to **subdue the nations and have dominion over the kings**. Christ as the Servant of Jehovah was also typified by Israel for the Carrying out of the **kind word of comfort spoken by Jehovah to Israel**. Christ as the Servant of Jehovah is for the **exposing of the falsehood and vanity of the idols** according to 41:21-29.

Today, **as members of Christ, we also are types of Christ**. On the positive side, we are types of Christ for the purpose of carrying out Jehovah's kind word of comfort, which is the gospel as His testimony. On the negative side, we are types of Christ for the purpose of exposing the falsehood and vanity of the idols.

In God's economy Christ is everything. He is the releasing One, typified by Cyrus, and He is also the released One, typified by Israel. Today the church is the testimony of God in the sense of being one with Christ as the testimony of God. It is in such a testimony that the church serves God.

According to chapter 46, the idols of Babylon are powerless and useless and cannot be compared to Jehovah. Furthermore, the idols are a burden for Israel to carry in their coming captivity. **Anything that replaces God or occupies the position of God is an idol as a burden to the worshipper**. Only Jehovah is God, and only He is able to save.

In order to understand chapter 49, we need to see the three persons of the servant of Jehovah—**Christ, Isaiah the prophet, and Israel**. Both Isaiah the prophet and Israel consummate in Christ. Isaiah, the prophet of Jehovah (typifying Christ as the Servant of God for God's speaking), served Jehovah as His mouthpiece to speak forth His word, which is the embodiment of Himself. The word of God is God's embodiment. When we speak forth God's word, we speak forth God. The second of the three persons of the servant of Jehovah is Israel. Isaiah, the prophet of Jehovah, was a part of Israel; hence, he was one with Israel as the servant of Jehovah. Christ is also a part of Israel. In the servant mentioned in 49:3, Jehovah will be glorified. This typifies that God is glorified in Christ as the Israel of God.

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