

Lesson 6: Isaiah 56-66

I. Introductory questions:

- A. Did just Isaiah write this book?

- B. Is today's text about the Jews or the Gentile Church?

II. Highlights from today's text:

- A. The foreigner and the eunuch (56:3-8, Acts 8:26-39)

- B. The one the LORD dwells with (57:15)

- C. Fresh perspective on true religion (chap 58)

- D. A Redeemer will come to Zion (59:20; Rom 11:25-27)

- E. Zion, your light has come! (chaps 60- 62)
 - The light defined (60:1-3)

 - The wealth of nations (60:4-14)

 - The work of the Anointed One (61:1-3, Lk 4:14-44)

 - The offspring of Zion will be known (61:9-11)

- F. God of vengeance (63:1-6, Rev 19:11-21)

- G. Isaiah's prayer (63:7-64:12)

H. The LORD's response concerning a coming polarization of mankind (chaps 65-66)

- Rebellious people vs. 'My Servants' (65:1- 16)

- New heavens and a new earth (65:17-25, 2 Peter 3:12-14, Rev 21:1)

- The LORD will cause travailing Zion to give birth (66:7-14a, recall 26:17-18)

- The gathering of the nations (66:18-24)

III. Issues raised in Isaiah 40-66 for those of Isaiah's day and in any age:

- A. There is no true god other than the God of Israel, the Creator-Redeemer of the world.
- B. From out of Israel the LORD sends His suffering Servant to die in the place of sinners.
- C. The communication of the good news associated with this Servant's work will be the means by which Israel will succeed in its mission of being the LORD's conduit of blessing to the world.
- D. The LORD is calling those who would follow Him to truly seek to please Him in their daily lives, and to promote His majestic glory throughout the earth.
- E. The LORD will recreate the heavens and the earth, and dwell among His redeemed people from all nations and tongues in a Zion of complete peace and eternal blessing.
- F. There is a day of fearful reckoning for those who refuse to yield to His authority and appropriate His means of grace.

IV. Suggestions on what to do with this information?

- A. Pray for personal _____.
- B. Ask the LORD to _____ from us that which _____ us, and seek His _____.
- C. View perplexing difficulties as fresh opportunities to place our _____ in Him.
- D. Pray for revival in _____ and particularly among those in our sphere of _____.
- E. Expect an intensification of both the ensuing _____ and our own sense of _____.
- F. Always remember: "He is _____ and _____".