## Overview of ch. 49-57

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### 51:9-52:12 The Watchman’s Call

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1-17 The Lord comforts his Bride

1-4 Change in her attitude

1 Sing, for thou shalt have many children

2-3 Enlarge, for thou shalt inherit the Gentiles

4 Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed

5-10 Change in the Lord’s attitude

5-6 God is thy husband and redeemer, saith thy God

7-8 God’s wrath turns to mercy, saith the Lord thy Redeemer

9-10 The Lord promises peace, saith the Lord that hath mercy

11-17a Prosperity and Victory

11-14 Behold, prosperity and peace

15 Behold, adversaries fall

16-17a Behold, God owns the armorer

17b Summary
This is the heritage of the Servants of the Lord
And their righteousness is of me
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| 49:17 Thy children shall make haste | 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou that 
| 49:20 The children which thou shalt | didst not bear; break forth into 
| have, after thou hast lost the other, | singing, and cry aloud, thou that 
| 49:21 I have lost my children | didst not travail with child: 
| 49:22 they shall bring thy sons ... and | 
| thy daughters shall be carried ... | 50:1 for your transgressions is your 
| 50:1 for your transgressions is your mother put away. | mother put away. |
How Paul Quotes Isa 54:1

Gal 4:22-27 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons,

| the one by a bondmaid, | the other by a freewoman. |

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh;

| but he of the freewoman was by promise. |

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants;

| the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. |

| 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. |

27 For it is written [Isa 54:1]

| Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. |
Who is the woman of Isa 54:1?

Isa 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear

Gen 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child.

*Dead people as witnesses to later events:*

Jer 31:15 A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; *Rachel* weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.
Previous Hints in Isaiah 50:10-51:2

**Need**: 50:10 Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh *in* darkness, and hath no light?

**True Solution**: let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

**False Solution**: 11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

**True Solution**: 51:1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.
Reconsidering 53:10

“If thou shalt make his soul a reparation offering, he shall see a seed”

Of whose seed does Isaiah speak?

- The Servant’s seed?
- God’s children?

Gen 22:16-18 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.
### Contrasts between the Women

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54:2 Enlarge the place of *thy tent*, and let them stretch forth the *curtains* of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen *thy cords*, and strengthen *thy stakes*;

Isa 49:16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; *thy walls* are continually before me.

Dan 9:25 ... the street shall be built again, and *the wall*, even in troublous times.

Barren Sarah’s Twofold Hope

Isa 54:3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Gen 12:3 in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
Rom 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Isa 1:7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
Isa 6:11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,
What Isaiah did NOT Anticipate

Eph 3:3-6 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
“Fear Not” in the OT

4x in ch. 1-39
9x in ch. 40-66
→ Even under chastisement, we are not to fear.
Echoes of David

54:4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame.

Psa 35:4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

Psa 40:14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

Psa 70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.
So who is put to shame?

Isa 1:29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

Isa 41:11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded:

Isa 45:16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.