

ISAIAH 53:11

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Hebrew word 'asham (offering) same word used in Lev. 5:1-19; 7:1-38 & 1 Sam 6:3 for trespass offering.

when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; (resurrection)
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be
satisfied; LABORER SINNER PERSON

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors; (stood and preached in hell)
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Eternal Covenant of Peace - THE CHURCH - THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

54 "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;
break forth into singing and cry aloud,
you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than the children of her who is married," says
the LORD.

2 "Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations be
stretched out;
do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes.

3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,
and your offspring will possess the nations
and will people the desolate cities.

SOUL: Jesus has something to offer the animals did not have. Jesus had a soul, a sinless soul to place up as a sacrifice for each of us.

10) The trespass offering for sin is referenced here. This offering is a payment for sin. A Redemptive offering designed to remove sin & any further consequences. "Compare to N.T. Rom. 3.25; 8.3; 2 Cor. 5.21; 1 John 2.2; 4.10; Heb. 9.14. Surely this is one of the high points of the whole Bible, and the heart of its great Good News." Jones p.140. Here is also a picture of the resurrection and the Kingdom of God. Here we see this is all part of God's will & plan to redeem man.

11) All his suffering will be rewarded through His knowing that sin has been paid for because unlike other sacrifices His was complete and he actually carried them in Himself on the cross. Christ was well aware of what was happening and the need for His death. He had to surrender His will to the Father's to complete the transaction.

12) God will reward the servant sacrifice with riches. In His case He is the King of the Kingdom of God. The reason for this reward is restated. He lowered Himself to live and die for "the transgressors." In doing this He served as the perfect redemptive sacrifice, clearing the sins of any who accept Him in their place on the cross.

1) Paul quotes this verse in Gal. 4.27 in reference to the church. Isaiah returns to the restoration of the People of God and the blessings that are planned for them. Here, as seen by Paul, the church or barren one replaces the unfaithful wife which up to now has been described as Zion or Jerusalem. Here God is about to bless the nations w/ the church and eternal salvation. New children of God are born to those who previously were estranged to Him.

2) Here is a prophecy to make preparations for growth that is coming. The picture of a tent in reference to the growth of the church is symbolic of the temporary dwelling on earth of its members. The promise is for unexpected and unprecedented growth. All preparations must be made as God plans to fill it to overflowing.

3) Here, as Young points out (p.36), "the conquest here depicted is spiritual and not physical." The growth of the church reaches in all directions and the nations of the earth are conquered. The populating of desolate cities is the life of Christ coming to the people as they are born into the family of God. Here we see the growth and spiritual conquest of the earth by God's people.

- 4 "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be
disgraced;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood you will
remember no more.
- 5 For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.
- 6 For the LORD has called you
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,
says your God.
- 7 For a brief moment I deserted you,
but with great compassion I will gather you.
- 8 In overflowing anger for a moment
I hid my face from you,
but with everlasting love I will have compassion
on you,"
says the LORD, your Redeemer.
- 9 "This is like the days of Noah to me:
as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry
with you,
and will not rebuke you.
- 10 For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,

- 4) Here is a call to not be overcome by the past. It must not stop them or hold them back. The shame of their youth may refer back to when the early followers turn from Christ at His arrest and only came back after the resurrection. It could refer to Jerusalem's shame in not trusting God and turning to Egypt & idols. This reproach of womanhood was in either case a period of unfaithfulness God will forgive. He plans to remove these sins and restore His people.
- 5) Here is the reason she must not fear. She has no ordinary husband. He is the maker, creator of all. He is overall he has made. This God, husband is the one who watched over Israel in holiness. He is the Redeemer. This is Boaz to Ruth. This is Hosea to Gomer. This is restoration of the lost wife of God to her rightful position. This is God preparation for the wedding of the Church, the bride of Christ, to His faithful Redeemer son Jesus.
- 6) As in Jeremiah 2 & 3 we see God's desire to restore lost fellowship. He seeks a DEEP RELATIONSHIP w/ His people. He longs for a close and lasting love that is faithful and true. Here the people are restored or loved anew.
- 7) It is remarkable that God DESCRIBES HIMSELF OF DESERTING His bride, or His people when in fact it is they who left Him. He speaks of a "brief moment" of separation, but it is He who restores this relationship. It is HIS COMPASSION THAT TRANSCENDS THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS. He restores the relationship.
- 8) THE HURT THE PEOPLE CAUSED TURNING FROM Him to idols was real and brought about THE SEPARATION. Yet, it is His Love that brings compassion to forgive. Here again He is the Redeemer. He is the savior who prepares the bride to wear white.
- 9) As God restored the world AFTER THE FLOOD, He now shows how He will restore His people. He will remove His anger & all that may cause Him to turn away. THIS NEW SPIRITUAL BRIDE WILL BE PERFECT, w/out FAULT. HIS BRIDE THE CHURCH WILL NEVER BE SEPARATED FROM Him IS HIS PROMISE.
- 10a) Here he restates how committed He is to His people, THE CHURCH. Herz creation may pass away, which it will at THE LAST TRUMPET BLAST, but...

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but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

- 11 "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted,
behold, I will set your stones in antimony,
and lay your foundations with sapphires.
- 12 I will make your pinnacles of agate,
your gates of carbuncles,
and all your wall of precious stones.
- 13 All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
and great shall be the peace of your children.
- 14 In righteousness you shall be established; (FOUNDATION)
you shall be far from oppression, for you shall
not fear;
and from terror, for it shall not come near you.
- 15 If anyone stirs up strife,
it is not from me;
whoever stirs up strife with you
shall fall because of you.
- 16 Behold, I have created the smith
who blows the fire of coals
and produces a weapon for its purpose.
I have also created the ravager to destroy;
no weapon that is fashioned against you shall
succeed,
and you shall refute every tongue that rises
against you in judgment.
- 17 This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD
and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."

- 10b His love will endure forever. This covenant is the New Covenant in Christ's Blood. This is AN ETERNAL COVENANT, OR CONTRACT THAT HE HAS INITIATED AND CANNOT BREAK.
- 11 THE SECOND PICTURE USED HERE IS OF A CITY BUILT BY GOD. He calls those who will respond the "afflicted." These have come thru difficult times. This spiritual city is where His people live. He will build it from the finest materials available.
- 12 He will make this city of materials only He, God, can afford to use. This may also be the city of God described in Rev. 21. The description uses earthly terms to describe how wonderful Heaven will be. 1 Peter 2:5 "you yourselves are living stones." Each believer is part of this spiritual city where Christ is the Cornerstone. Eph 2:20
- 13 John 6:45 Jesus quotes this verse. When the word of God is taught to the children there is great peace. Guided by the Holy Spirit, following God's written word, saved by Jesus are those who become the children of God. "As a result Zion's sons will possess an abundance of peace (Phil. 4:7; cf 3:15), such as comes only to those who know the Lord? are His Disciples. ^{you are} 370
- 14 Here the city of God's people is established in righteousness. This is a picture of the foundation the city, people, the church sets on. Because of this the people of the city are protected, fear is cast out and cannot enter. They are totally protected. This righteousness was missing from the people of the Old Covenant.
- 15 Those living in righteousness will never come under attack from God. This new city will be protected because defends the righteous.
- 16 God's weapons will defeat their weapons. The believers main weapon is the "sword of the spirit, which is the word of God." Eph 6:17
- 17 Here is the ultimate promise to believers, citizens of God's city. They are protected from all and any attacks. Physically, Spiritually, emotional, etc. This promise is for all believers of all ages.