

Salvation Is Coming Soon

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I. A COMING SALVATION, 56:1-2

A. Keeping Judgments And Justice, 1

1. Instruction to keep God's judgments. This is because these judgments, or commandments, were given to Israel to foreshadow the coming of their Messiah, Jesus Christ.
2. They were to continue to observe their priesthood, their worship in their temple, sacrifices and offerings to show forth the soon coming of the Messiah.
3. They were to "do judgment," or to do right, the right thing.
4. When they went back into their land and into Jerusalem, they immediately built their wall and their temple, and these judgments and justice began again and was to continue for some time to come.

B. Soon Coming of Salvation, 1

1. Sometime after Israel's release from bondage and their building of the temple began the numbering of the days until Messiah would come.
2. Daniel 9:25-26 *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*
3. Seventy weeks were determined upon the Jews. It took seven weeks (49 years) to build the wall and the temple, and after 62 weeks (at the baptism of the Lord), Jesus, the Messiah, was cut off in the midst of the week.
4. This is true salvation, the real act that procured our redemption with the blood of the Lamb of God, the transaction that so pleased God that it need be done only once, once for all.
5. Although it took 490 years to come, salvation did come, and it the work is finished. Sinners can come to him by grace through faith and be saved.

C. Encouragement To Be Faithful, 2

1. Isaiah encourages the Jews to continue faithful to their legal practices so they may see this soon-coming salvation.
2. Also, they are to keep their hands from doing evil.
3. To do good is to turn away from evil.
4. 2 Corinthians 6:14 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

II. AN COMPREHENSIVE SALVATION, 56:3-6

A. The Stranger (Gentile), 3

1. This coming salvation will include, not only Jews, but also the stranger, the Gentiles.
2. This was part of the mystery that was hidden beforehand and was made clearer when Jesus came, taught, died, rose again, and then sent his Holy Spirit to lead unto all truth.
3. Ephesians 3:6 *That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:*

B. The Separate People (Gentiles), 3

1. In God's calling of the Jews, he left the Gentiles alone and did not make them his chosen people, as he did Israel.
2. So, the Gentile may say, "The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people"
3. God says that the "son of the stranger" should not say this.
4. Ephesians 2:14 *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*
5. Romans 10:12 *For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.*
6. Isaiah 56:6 *Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;*
 - a. The Gentiles will take hold of his covenant; that is, the holy covenant, the everlasting covenant for those who believe through grace.

C. The Eunuchs, 3

1. The eunuch, men who can have no children, were neither to say "Behold, I am a dry tree."
2. Eunuchs were not allowed to worship in the tabernacle or temple – Deuteronomy 23:1 *He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.*
3. But here God invites them into his Holy Temple, the real Temple in Heaven, to salvation, as the middle wall of partition will be broken down, and all can worship together as one.
4. Invitation to the Eunuchs:
 - a. Isaiah 56:4-5 *For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.*
 - b. We all know the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch, that he had gone to Jerusalem to worship, but he was not allowed to go into the temple.
 - c. The Holy Spirit led Philip to him, and he heard the Gospel as it is told here in the

book of Isaiah, and the Eunuch believed, was saved, and was baptized. (Acts 8:27-39).

III. THE COVENANT OF SALVATION, 56:7

A. In the Covenant there are three things mentioned here: (1) a holy mountain, (2) a house of prayer, and (3) burnt offerings and sacrifices.

B. A Holy Mountain

1. Isaiah 2:2 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*
2. Isaiah 2:3 *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*
3. Isaiah 30:29 *Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.*
4. Micah 4:2 *And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*
5. Zechariah 8:3 *Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.*
6. And then – Revelation 21:10 *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

C. A House Of Prayer

1. Mark 11:17 *And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.*
2. This is the “house of God,” – Matthew 12:4 *How he (David) entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?*
3. The house of God today is the church – 1 Timothy 3:15 *But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*

D. Burnt Offerings And Sacrifices

1. Our offering is Jesus Christ –
 - a. Hebrews 13:10 *We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.*
 - b. Hebrews 10:10 *By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*
2. Our Sacrifices
 - a. Hebrews 13:15 *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God*

continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

IV. THE COMPANY OF SALVATION, 56:8

- A. A great company will be gathered by God unto Himself
- B. From The Jews
 - 1. “Outcasts of Israel” – Those who not the scholars and intelligent men, who have been outcast from the mainstream of society and especially of religious leaders.
- C. From The Gentiles
 - 1. Others beside those that are gathered to him.
 - 2. These are the Gentiles, whom God has gathered by his grace unto the love of God, bringing them into his watch-care.

V. THE CORRUPTION OF THE LEADERS, 56:9-12

- A. The Punishment, 9
 - 1. Here God announces the punishment before he announces the sin.
 - 2. The punishment is an invitation to the beasts to come and devour, 9
- B. The Sin, 10-12
 - 1. Isaiah 56:10 *His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.*
 - 2. Seven indictments against the watchmen, those who should be looking out for the welfare of Israel, but they are lazy.
 - 3. Isaiah 56:11 *Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.*
 - 4. Here are four more indictments against the watchmen.
 - 5. They are not satisfied to be lazy alone, but they desire others to participate with them.
 - 6. Romans 1:32 *Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*