

Study 93: Isaiah, Part 49

Isaiah 51 (cont.)

¹⁷Awake, awake!

Rise up, **Jerusalem,**
you who have drunk from the hand of the Lord
the cup of his wrath, [Revelation 16:19; cp. 1 Peter 5:13]

you who have drained to its dregs
the goblet that makes people stagger.

¹⁸Among all the children she bore
there was none to guide her;
among all the children she reared
there was none to take her by the hand.

¹⁹These **double calamities have come upon you**— [Revelation 18:6]
who can comfort you?—
ruin and destruction, famine and sword—
who can console you?

²⁰Your children have fainted;
they lie at every street corner,
like antelope caught in a net.
They are filled with the wrath of the Lord,
with the rebuke of your God.

²¹Therefore hear this, you afflicted one,
made drunk, but not with wine.

²²This is what your Sovereign Lord says,
your God, who **defends his people**: [Rev 17:6, e.g.]

“See, I have taken out of your hand
the cup that made you stagger;
from that cup, the goblet of my wrath,
you will never drink again.

²³**I will put it into the hands of your tormentors,**
who said to you,
‘Fall prostrate that we may walk on you.’
And you made your back like the ground,
like a street to be walked on.”

Isaiah 52

Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with strength!

Put on your garments of splendor, [Rev 6:11; 7:9-14; 19:8]
Jerusalem, the holy city.

The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again. [Rev 21:27]

²Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

³For this is what the Lord says:
“You were sold for nothing,
and **without money you will be redeemed.**”

⁴For this is what the Sovereign Lord says:
“At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

⁵“And now what do I have here?” declares the Lord.
“For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,” ^[a]

declares the Lord.

“And all day long

my name is constantly blasphemed.

⁶Therefore **my people will know my name**; [Heb 8:11; Rom 9:26-27]

therefore **in that day** they will know
that it is I who foretold it.

Yes, it is I.”

⁷How beautiful on the mountains

are the feet of those who bring **good news**, [“gospel” = “good news”]
who proclaim peace,

who bring good tidings,

who proclaim salvation,

who say to Zion,

“Your God reigns!”

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 52:5](#) Dead Sea Scrolls and Vulgate; Masoretic Text *wail*