

Water Out of the Wells of Salvation

“Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.”
Isaiah 12:3

Introduction:

1. We identified chapters 6-12 of Isaiah as the *Book of Immanuel* – Jesus as the King of God’s kingdom.
 - a. In chapter 6 a great blinding is foretold, but an elect tenth got the kingdom (Is 6:9-13; Luke 12:32).
 - b. In chapter 7 Immanuel is promised as a sign as a coming virgin-born King (Is 7:14-15; Matt 1:23).
 - c. In chapter 8 Immanuel as rock and stone would be a sanctuary and stumbling (Is 8:8,14; I Pet 2:8).
 - d. In chapter 9 promises of David’s Son and His kingdom are given (Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7; Luke 1:32-33).
 - e. In chapter 10 is an obscure reference to Messiah – David’s Anointed Son (Is 10:27; Acts 4:26-28).
 - f. In chapter 11 we found it entirely about the Son of David’s reign and recovery of God’s remnant.
2. Do not attempt this chapter without understanding chapter 11, because it sets the context and timing.
 - a. *That day* in this chapter (Is 12:1,4) should be connected to *that day* in that chapter (Is 11:10,11).
 - b. Paul quoted Isaiah 11:10 as being fulfilled by Gentile worship in the church at Rome (Rom 15:12).
 - c. The entirety of Isaiah 11 is about the N.T. gospel era of Jesus and His apostles from various angles.
 - d. The prophecy was fulfilled and took place at the first coming of Jesus, not a future Jewish fable.
 - e. Verses 1-5 describe the Holy Spirit making Jesus great in wisdom, righteousness, and faithfulness.
 - f. Verses 6-9 describe the change in character and nature of men by the grace and gospel of Christ.
 - g. Verses 10-12 describe the ensign of Jesus Christ for Gentiles and the recovered remnant Jews.
 - h. Verses 13-16 describe the elimination of enmity and obstacles for rapid conversion of all the elect.
3. *Exposition of Isaiah 11 (for its content and timing)* ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/isaiah-11.pdf>.
4. *Exposition of Isaiah 12 (for its content and timing)* ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/isaiah-12.pdf>.
5. Let us grasp the text above and use it to draw out satisfying drinks of spiritual water from Isaiah 53.
 - a. Salvation by God, clearly in context in Isaiah chapters 11-12, should cause Christians great joy.
 - b. The wells of salvation are a metaphor for the storehouse of God’s grace and the gospel telling it.
 - c. The water from the wells is pleasant, nourishing, and refreshing for souls filled with joy in God.
 - d. They can draw out nourishment and pleasure from the incredible depth of His grace in saving us.
 - e. Their joyful pleasure should be to consider every angle, aspect, facet, and phase the Bible shows.
 - f. Let’s use Isaiah 53 by this same prophet to analyze some of its choice phrases as water of salvation.
 - g. Each phrase in Isaiah 53 is full of meaning, value, doctrine, and love-building matter for our souls.
 - h. *The Facets of Salvation* ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/facets-of-salvation/sermon.php>.
 - i. *Exposition of Isaiah 53 for Water of Salvation* ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/isaiah-53.pdf>.

52:13 ... *Behold, my servant shall deal prudently* ... God’s servant Jesus was gloriously wise by the Holy Spirit, as shown in Isaiah 11:1-5, but this great King died for you and me.

52:14 ... *His visage was so marred more than any man* ... Jesus’ face was greatly altered by abuse, yet it was this very means that brought forth His blood to sprinkle us Gentiles.

52:15 ... *the kings shall shut their mouths at him* ... those with royal authority and power of life and death can best appreciate a king dying for enemies, like King George II in 1742.

53:1 ... *Who hath believed our report?* ... the best news and greatest story ever told, but only a few believed it, in spite of a timed prophecy, stupendous miracles, perfect life, etc.

53:2 ... *there is no beauty that we should desire him* ... the Jews did not think Him good enough; they wanted someone and something else; He is fairer than all men to a few. You?

53:3 ... *and we hid as it were our faces from him* ... friends slept as He wept; they deserted Him after an intimate evening; a favorite totally denied him; all the healed just watched.

53:4 ... *smitten of God* ... the Jews ignorantly, maliciously assumed God punished Him; they ignored His godliness and their devilishness; God smote only for your sins and mine.

53:5 ... *the chastisement of our peace was upon him* ... we hated God and violated His kindness; we despised and destroyed the fellowship; He was tortured for our atonement.

53:6 ... *and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all* ... if Jehovah had laid your sins on you, it would have sunk you to the lowest hell, but He laid them on His only Son.

53:7 ... *yet he opened not his mouth* ... the disjunctive means much; they abused and tortured Him; He knew each adversary; He knew their ends; He submitted quietly to death.

53:8 ... *and who shall declare his generation?* ... Jesus was killed in the prime of life without wife or children; what family or legacy would He have? None without His elect!

53:9 ... *because he had done no violence* ... Jesus was innocent; false witnesses disagreed, Pilate knew Jewish envy; Judas knew him innocent; Pilate also did, but condemned Him.

53:10 ... *he hath put him to grief* ... the thrice-holy God, whose anger was not turned away, but his hand stretched out still (Is 9:12,17,21; 10:4), caused grief to His Son instead of you.

53:11 ... *by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many* ... Jesus knew the will of God perfectly and kept it, so that His death imputed His perfectly righteousness to us.

53:12 ... *and made intercession for the transgressors* ... Jesus asked God to forgive the men that had tortured Him, stripped him, and were now watching Him die (Luke 23:34).

Conclusion:

1. Isaiah 55:1-5 is the prophetic, future-looking offer of refreshing nourishment from the gospel of Christ.
2. Revelation 22:16-17 is a fitting conclusion to our goal to draw water out of the wells of salvation.
3. Jesus and the Spirit close out the Bible and book of Revelation inviting thirsty souls to come to Christ.
4. Use Isaiah 53 to come to Christ and partake of gospel fatness and its wine and milk free to seekers.

For Further Study:

1. *Exposition of Isaiah 53... (sermon outline for details analysis of phrases) ...* <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/isaiah-53.pdf>.
2. *Who Shall Declare His Generation? ... (outline for Isaiah 53:8) ...* <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/who-shall-declare-his-generation.pdf>.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!