

# Isaiah 54–57

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## Lesson 22

# Chapter 54

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# Questions and Notes

- Chapter 54 begins with the people being told to “sing,” or “break forth into singing.” Why?
  - Captivity had left them barren and desolate—without child, but now they would have MANY children. They’re going to need a bigger tent. They would no longer experience the shame and disgrace of widowhood.
  - From whom would this increase ultimately come?

# Questions and Notes

1. Who was Israel's "husband"? By what is He named and called?
  - 54:5.
  - Now that He has taken them back, look what He will do for them (54:6–12).

# Questions and Notes

2. What shall children who are taught about the Lord have?

- 54:13.
- A prominent theme in Isaiah—word appears 34 times.

# Questions and Notes

- 54:14–17 speaks of the Lord's protection for His people.
  - Some may gather against His people, but they will not be sent by Him.
  - Because He created both the one who makes the weapon and the one who uses it, He has control over how successful they are.

# Chapter 55

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# Questions and Notes

- What invitation is extended at the beginning of this chapter?
  - What do the water, wine, and oil represent?
  - “Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life...” (John 6:27).
  - “The sure mercies of David” (55:3)—this passage is quoted in Acts 13:34 and applied to the resurrection of Jesus.



# Questions and Notes

3. Upon whom will God have mercy and pardon?

- 55:6–7.
- “Abundantly pardon” (55:7)—He doesn’t measure it out in teaspoons.

# Questions and Notes

4. How much higher are God's thoughts than man's and His ways above ours?
  - 55:8–9.
  - Anything in the context that offers a contrast between God's ways and man's ways?

# Questions and Notes

- The word that goes forth from God's mouth—what does the text say about it in the latter part of this chapter?
  - 55:10–11.

# Chapter 56

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# Questions and Notes

5. Why were they to keep judgment and do justice?
- 56:1.
  - Note in 56:2–8 how the “outcasts of Israel” (56:8) will have the same opportunity for salvation (“son of the foreigner”; the “eunuch”).

# Questions and Notes

6. What was God's house to be called?

- 56:7.
- “A house of prayer for ALL nations.”

# Questions and Notes

- What charges are made against Israel's watchmen (rulers, leaders) in 56:9–12?

# Chapter 57

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# Questions and Notes

7. When a righteous man dies, what should be considered?
  - 57:1–2, which continues the thought of 56:9–12.
  - Contrast with 57:21.

# Questions and Notes

10. The Lord describes ways by which His people had become spiritually “sons of the sorceress, and the seed of the adulterer” in 57:3–10.

- Inflaming themselves with what?
- Slaying whom?
- Offered drink and grain offerings to what?
- Went up to offer sacrifice where?
- Set up their remembrance where?

# Questions and Notes

- And what will become of all these idols they worshipped, according to 57:10–14?

# Questions and Notes

8. Who dwells with God in the high and holy place?

- Full thought in 57:15–19.
- Same principle in 66:1–2.

# Questions and Notes

## 9. What are the wicked like?

- 57:20.
- “Raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever” (Jude 1:13).