

<u>Lesson</u> Noach / "Noah"

Genesis 6:9 – 11:32

Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5; Isaiah 66:1-24

Luke 1:1-80

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All scripture references are Hebraic Roots Bible (HRB) unless otherwise indicated.

Isaiah 66:1-24 replaces the Isaiah 54-55 readings when Shabbat Noach falls on Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan.

## My Notes: Your Notes:

## Background:

- During Isaiah's lifetime, the Davidic monarchy was strong and Jerusalem enjoyed relative prosperity and security.
- He saw corruption and Torahlessness at work and warned of a coming time of retribution.
- He foresaw the land as uninhabited
  - Isaiah 1:7-9 Your land is a desolation; your cities burned with fire. Foreigners devour your land before you; and behold, ruin, as overthrown by foreigners.

And the daughter of Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

Except YAHWEH of Hosts had left a remnant for us, a few, we would be as Sodom; we would be as Gomorrah

- Isaiah 54 is written from this vantage point
- Isaiah 54:9-10 For this is the waters of Noah to Me; for as I swore to refrain from passing over the waters of Noah over the earth again, so I have sworn from being angry with you and rebuking you.

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My mercy shall not depart from you; nor shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says YAHWEH who has pity on you.

# **Summary: Haftarah Noach**

- Two oracles
  - o First: second person, feminine singular
    - City of Jerusalem: barren, widow, abandoned
  - o Second: ALL humanity!

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- Sections of this haftarah portion are also read on two other Sabbaths during the annual reading cycle.
  - Isaiah 54: 11-55:5 is read on Shabbat Re'eh as the third of the seven consolations following the fast day of Tisha b'Av
- Isaiah 54: 1-10 is read on Shabbat Ki Tetze as the fifth of the seven consolations.

### **Barren Woman:**

Isaiah 54:1 - Sing out, barren one who never bore; break out a song and shout, you who never travailed. For the sons of the desolate one are more than the sons of the married woman, says YAHWEH.

- Lamentations 1:1-4 How alone sits the city that was full of people! She has become like a widow, once great among the nations; a noblewoman among the provinces has become a payer of tribute.
  - She bitterly weeps in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks. She has no comforter among all her lovers. All her friends dealt deceitfully with her; they became enemies to her.

Judah went captive from affliction, and from great slavery. She dwells among the nations; she finds no rest. All her pursuers have overtaken her between the straits. The roads of Zion are in mourning without any going to the appointed feasts. All her gates are deserted; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted; and she is in bitterness.

- In Biblical times, barrenness was stigmatized
- Genesis 30:1
- Examples of barren women:
  - Sarah
  - o Rebecca
  - Rachel
  - Samson's mother
  - Ruth\* (Rabbinic tradition)
  - Hannah (Samuel's mother)

- The Shunamite woman
- Deuteronomy 7:14 You shall be blessed above all people; there shall not be a barren man or a barren woman among you, nor among your livestock.
- Midrashic story
- Isaiah 54:1
- 1 Samuel 2:5 They that were full have hired themselves out for bread; and the hungry have ceased, while the barren has borne seven; yea, she who had many sons has languished.
- Psalm 113:9 He causes the barren to live in the house as the joyful mother of sons. HalleluYah!

## Sarah's Big Tent:

Isaiah 54:2 - Make the place of your tent larger, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. Do not spare, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

- Isaiah 49:20 The sons of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; come near for me so that I may have place to live.
- Zechariah 4:2 and said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem will dwell like unwalled villages, for the multitude of men and livestock in her midst.
- Isaiah 54:3 For you shall break forth on the right hand and on the left. And your seed shall possess nations, and people will inhabit ruined cities.
- Isaiah 49:21 Then you shall say in your heart, Who has borne these to me, for I am bereaved and desolate, turned aside and an exile; who then has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone. From where do these come?
- Isaiah 33:20 Behold, Zion, the city of our Holy Day meetings! Your eyes shall see Jerusalem, a quiet home, a tent that shall not be moved; its stakes shall not be pulled up forever, nor shall any of its cords be pulled off.
- Genesis 18:9-10
- Genesis 24:7
- Midrashic connection between Sarah's Tent And Temple
  - Cloud
  - Tent curtains
  - Bread
  - Lamp

- Sarah's death
- Rebekah's return
- Apostle Paul
- Galatians 4:26-27 But the Jerusalem which is above5 is free, who is the mother of us all; for it has been written, "Be glad, barren one not bearing; break forth and shout, the one not travailing; for the sons of those who are forsaken, greatly outnumber the favored one."
- Galatians 4:31 Then, brothers, we are not sons of a slave woman but of the free woman
- Paul's interpretation includes Gentile believers.

### For a Brief Moment:

Isaiah 54:7 – For a little moment I have left you, but I will gather you with great pitying.

- Analogy: Angry husband and Weeping Bride
- How long?
- Perspectives!
- 2 Peter 3:8-9 But let not this one thing be hidden from you, beloved, that one day with YAHWEH is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. YAHWEH is not negligent concerning His promises, as some count negligence, but is patient toward us, not wishing any to perish, but all to come to repentance.
- Isaiah 54:8 In a flood of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but I will have pity on you with everlasting kindness, says YAHWEH your Redeemer.
- Matthew 23:37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning those sent to her. How often I desired to gather your children in the way a bird gathers her chicks under her wings! And you did not desire it.

# Days of Noah:

Isaiah 54:9 - For this is the waters of Noah to Me; for as I swore to refrain from passing over the waters of Noah over the earth again, so I have sworn from being angry with you and rebuking you.

- Comparison: Flood vs. Judgment on Jerusalem
- Messianic Era
- Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My mercy shall not depart from you; nor shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says YAHWEH who has pity on you.

- Ki mei vs. Kimei
  - כי מי 0
  - כימי 0
- Word spacing
- Complications
- Comparison: NASB vs. KJV
  - NASB For this is as the days of Noah to Me.
  - KJV For this is as the waters of Noah unto me.
- Masoretic text
- IQIsa
- Targum Yonatan This shall be before me as the days of Noah, when I swore by my Word, that the waters of the deluge, which were in the days of Noah, shall no more pass over the earth ...
- Yeshua
  - Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noah, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

#### **Precious Stones of New Jerusalem:**

Isaiah 54:11-12 - Afflicted one, storm tossed and not comforted! Behold, I am laying your stones with fair colors, and have founded you with sapphires.

And I will make your battlements of ruby, and your gates carbuncle stones, and all your borders stones of delight;

#### **All Your Sons:**

Isaiah 54:13 – and all your sons will be taught of YAHWEH; and the peace of your sons will be great.

# The Last Battle of Jerusalem:

Isaiah 54:17 - Every weapon formed against you shall not prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the inheritance of the servants of YAHWEH, and their righteousness is from Me, says YAHWEH.

Resources used:

First Fruits of Zion, Torah Club Volume 3, Voice of the Prophets