



Noach

(Noah)

B'reshit [Genesis] 6:9-11:32



Haftarah Noach

Yeshayah [Isaiah] 54:1-10

The Barren One

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:1

“Sing, barren, you that did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you that did not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife,” says YHWH.

There is a comparison being made here in this verse: that of one who is barren and without child, being compared to the married wife who has children. So the first question that we must seek an answer to is: who is YHWH speaking about with these two women?

Yirmeyah (Jeremiah) 3:7-8

7 “And I said after she had done all these things, ‘She will return to me;’ but she returned not; and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Judah her sister feared not; but she also went and played the harlot.”

After the nation of Israel split into two nations, YHWH refers to them as sisters. These two sisters committed spiritual adultery (idolatry). The result was that YHWH wrote one sister (Israel) a bill of divorce. The other sister only needed to be disciplined to turn away from her adultery. So, we have one

sister who is married to YHWH still and one sister who is not married to YHWH because He divorced her. These are the two women spoken of in this passage.

But there would be a day coming in which the children of the barren one would outnumber the children of the one who stayed married to YHWH. Why? YHWH tells us in the verses to come.

Desolate Cities

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:2-3

2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; spare not; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.

3 “For you shall spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.”

What makes a city desolate?

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 1:4-7

4 “Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that deal corruptly! They have forsaken YHWH, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged and gone backward.

5 Why will you be still stricken, that you revolt more and more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and fresh stripes; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with oil.

7 Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.”

According to YHWH, what brings desolation is sin. So, when YHWH speaks of making the desolate cities inhabited He seems to be speaking of removing the desolation by way of repentance. Consider this: all the cities of this present Babylonian system are spiritually desolate because of a lack of repentance. In order for us to cause these cities to be inhabited we must do several things in their proper order. First, we must become a nation again. Then we may begin filling the cities that are desolate with His people.

Our Husband

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:4-5

4 “Fear not; for you shall not be ashamed; neither be you confounded; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth; and the reproach of your widowhood shall you remember no more.

5 *“For your Maker is your Husband; YHWH Tzava’ot is His name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; the Elohim of the whole earth shall He is called.”*

Now remember that YHWH had divorced Israel for her adultery. But now we see that He is once again her Husband. How is this possible since Israel had gone and married another, and Torah prevents a wife from returning to the first husband after marrying a second? It is for this very reason that Yeshua came to die. For where there is a death, the covenant of marriage is no longer in force, but one is now free to marry once again without limit from the Torah in this regard. So, after His death, YHWH/Yeshua was free to receive Israel back as His wife. It will be her children, the children of faith, that will greatly outnumber the children of Judaism.

Mercy and Compassion

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:6-8

6 *“For YHWH has called you as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off,” says your Elohim.*

7 *“For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercies will I gather you.*

8 *“In overflowing wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting lovingkindness will I have mercy on you,” says YHWH your Redeemer.*

YHWH has given us a call. That call is to come back to Him. That call is to come out of Babylon. Being in Babylon and participating in her sins is what caused YHWH to divorce Israel in the first place. What makes a person think that YHWH will accept him back if he continues to participate in the sins of Babylon? There is nothing redeemable about the Babylonian system. It is only His lost ones in that system who hear and respond to His call, and come out and return to Him in full repentance, who will receive of His everlasting lovingkindness.

So, what are we waiting for? What is so alluring in Babylon that we desire to stay and try to fix it and make it a better system? Do we not understand that until the sins of a nation are full, YHWH will not pass judgment upon that nation? But the greater question is this: what nation do you belong to? What nation are you trying to repair? What nation are all your energies going into to build up? Is it the Kingdom of Heaven (Israel)? Or, is it some nation of the Babylonian system? Do you desire mercy? Or, do you desire judgment? Your actions will determine which you will receive.

Covenant of Shalom

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:9-10

9 *“For this is as the waters of Noach to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noach shall no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.*

10 “For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but My lovingkindness shall not depart from you, neither shall My covenant of shalom be removed,” says YHWH that has mercy on you.

As we examined in the Torah portion, the word “shalom” means nothing is missing, nothing is broken, and everything is in harmony. It means that one is whole and complete in every sense of the word. It means that one is full and prosperous. This is why this word came to be used as a greeting for both when a person meets another person and when parting from another. In this way one is bestowing all the fullness of YHWH’s blessings upon another’s life. Now let us prayerfully consider what Yeshua taught us concerning this word.

YHWH has offered a covenant of shalom to us who would hear His call and come out of Babylon. For those who refuse to come out of Babylon, this covenant of shalom is out of reach. However, for those who are willing to remove themselves from Babylon and to stop participating in her sins, then this is exactly what YHWH will bestow upon each one of us as individuals first; then He will do this for us as a people, a nation, as He molds us into Israel.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 55:3

“Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.”

Each one of us desires to live in an everlasting covenant with YHWH our Elohim. But in order for this to become a reality, YHWH expects us to listen to and obey His Voice. It is by doing this, our obedience, that we come to life. Not doing this is sure death.

ABBA YHWH, open our eyes that we may see; open our ears that we may hear; give us the understanding and wisdom that we need to walk in complete and perfect obedience to You; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Shabbat Shalom

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