

Isaiah 54 (Nancy Micsko)

Introduction:

This chapter concerns Zion, Yahweh's Capitol Organization. Zion is made up of Yahshua and the 144,000. Isaiah 2:3 brings out that the law comes from Zion, showing that Zion is the supreme organization, the one that hands down the law, which all must be submissive to:

...for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Yahshua has been made supreme over all creation, Ephesians 1:21, RSV:

[He is raised] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Matthew 28:18:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

So if both are supreme and no one comes between Yahweh and either Yahshua or Zion, then Yahshua is the head of Zion. Isaiah 28:16, as correctly translated:

Therefore thus speaks God Yahweh: behold, lay in Zion stone, stone approved, corner, precious [a] foundation foundation, he who is firm not make haste.

In fact, Zion is made of Yahshua and His Bride or Body, the New Jerusalem, and Zion is Yahweh's Wife. Both Yahshua and Zion are submissive to Yahweh. Concerning Yahshua, see 1 Corinthians 15:24-28, *The James Moffatt Translation*:

Then comes the end, when he hands over his royal power to God the Father, after putting down all other rulers, all other authorities and powers. For he must reign until all his foes are put under his feet. (Death is the last foe to be put down.) For God has put everything under his feet. When it is said that everything has been put under him, plainly that excludes Him who put everything under him, then the Son himself will be put under Him who put everything under him, so that God may be everything to everyone.

See also Isaiah 2:11, E.B.

Zion is likened to a woman whose husband is Yahweh. And a woman is submissive to her husband. 1 Corinthians 11:3, Gspd.

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, while a woman's head is her husband, and Christ's head is God.

As further proof that Yahweh's Woman would be in power toward the end of the devil's reign, and that this Woman, which is really an organization is headed by a male, see Genesis 3:15, E.B.:

And enmity will I put between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, He shall crush thy head, But thou shalt crush his heel.

The enmity is between satan and the woman, Zion, but *He*, Yahshua, crushes the devil. The devil crushing His heel refers to the vicious attack by the devil on the Remnant, the last Members of Yahshua's Body.

Zion was born in October of 1913 with the resurrection of the Heavenly Class. This is the birth of the Man Child spoken of in Revelation Twelve. This is when Yahshua is installed as King in Zion. See Psalm 2:6,7 in the Authorized Version and in Moffatt's. Psalm 2:6,7 Moffatt's:

The Eternal's edict let me tell: I, I have installed my king on Sion, on my sacred hill.
Let me tell the Eternal's message, 'You are my son this day I am your father.'

[He is also made High Priest, Zechariah 6:13: "a priest upon his throne."] Yet He does not begin to rule until 1917, after satan has been cast out of heaven. See Psalm 110:1,2:

The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Sixty years after the birth of the Man Child, in April, 1973, Earthly Israel was born. In the type, Jacob, the man who pictured Earthly Israel was born in the spring of 1973, B.C., sixty years after the birth of Isaac, who prefigured the Man Child.

And Earthly Israel are the children of Zion, her followers, those whom she nurtures as a mother would her children.

We will see in this chapter the pictures used to typify Zion and how they are fulfilled in the end days.

Verse 1:

Sing, O barren, thou [that] didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou [that] didst not travail with child: for more [are] the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

Yahweh is speaking to Zion of an event which was typified by Sarah Abraham, who was called the friend of Yahweh (Isaiah 41:8) is used to picture Yahweh. This is due to his great faith. See Genesis 22:5, Hebrews 11:17-19 and Genesis 22:16-18. [Abraham had such great faith, that when told to sacrifice his only son Isaac he carried out Yahweh's command fully believing that he would come back with Isaac alive.] Hebrews 11:17-19:

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Then Yahweh said in Genesis 22:16-18:

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, And hast not withheld thy son, thine only sons: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore, and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou has obeyed my voice.

Thus Abraham is the father of the faithful. Abraham's wife, Sarah is used to picture Yahweh's Wife, Zion.

Now Sarah was barren, Genesis 11:30:

But Sarai was barren, she had no child.

In the days of old, childbearing was a woman's greatest honor. If she was unable to bear children, then a woman would feel that she was a failure and no woman at all. In fact when childbearing was

withheld from Rachel, she spoke these agonizing words: "Give me children, or else I die" (Genesis 30:1). Many times a woman would give her handmaid over to her husband hoping to gain a measure of fulfillment through someone that belonged to them. Sarah did this, as did both Leah and Rachel, Jacob's wives. Both Leah and Rachel bore children during their youthful productive years, but Sarah did not. With Sarah this was a double blow, for it failed to fulfill the promise that Yahweh had made to Abraham. Genesis 12:1-3,7:

Now the Lord had said unto Abram. Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. . . And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing...[vs.7]...unto thy seed will I give this land....

Genesis 13:14-16:

And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy see forever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

Certainly Sarah knew of this promise. It was to be fulfilled through her. But time went on and Sarah had no child. Proverb 13:12:

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.

At the age of 75, Sarah gave her handmaid Hagar to Abraham, as in recorded in Genesis 16:1-3:

Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

Page 78 of *YAHWEH The Unknown GOD, The Mystery of HIS Secret Purpose Revealed*, Volume One concerning Sarah's feelings has this to say:

Sarai could at this time feel nothing but emptiness and despair. In solemn reflection she remembered the years gradually slipping by her with an ever-increasing anxiety within her breast as to the possibility of disappointment, and now, the dream she had so longingly cherished with all of her womanhood was never to be realized. Many were the tears that must have been shed during the silent hours of the night when YAHWEH threw a cover of darkness over the face of the earth, and a deep unbroken stillness overcame the activities of the day and became the watchman of the night.

But Yahweh visited Abraham again, and this time specifically mentioned Sarah. See Genesis 17:15-19, R.S.V. Verse 19 states:

...Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac...

And finally, the joyful fulfillment is recorded in Genesis 21:1-3:

And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that born unto

him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90.

As it was with Abraham and Sarah, so it is with Yahweh and Zion. Zion has been unproductive for centuries (not just 90 years). Zion has been desolate, without children or followers. They experience the same feelings as Sarah Isaiah 49:14, N.E.B.:

But Zion says, "The Lord has forsaken me; my God has forgotten me."

Since the devil has taken over the authority and rulership of this world, Zion has not flourished or prospered. Zion is like a woman who is childless, causing most people to believe that Yahweh will not bring about any great change, that things will just continue on as they are. This is not so. Yahweh does not lie and with Him all things are possible. As He did the seemingly impossible with Sarah. So He does with Zion and in 1913 the Man Child was born.

The long expanse of time between the promise and the fulfillment with Sarah pictured the length of time it would take for Yahweh's Promise of His Kingdom to be established.

And we have arrived at the time when Zion is beginning to bare children. So He says, "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear." The time of fulfillment has arrived. Zion was desolate and unproductive but no more. Having more children than the married wife, or the one who would normally have children, shows the extent of Zion's productivity. She will flourish abundantly.

As one last proof the Abraham and Sarah pictured Yahweh and Zion, Isaiah 51:1-3:

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him. For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places, and he will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

It is Zion who bore us but it's typified by Sarah.

Now the events in Sarah's life cannot provide all that is needed to typify Zion. So we will see that Yahweh also used the Zion that existed in the Israel of old to typify True Zion.

Verse 2:

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

Here Yahweh is illustrating that the increase will be so great that there will be no room to contain them. At that time they lived in tents around Palestine, so its as though a mother and father have so many children that they have to increase the size of their tent. It can't contain them all.

The children of Zion will number close to 200,000,000.

Verse 3:

For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

The seed of the woman are her children. The children of Zion are the ones she nourishes as a mother would. They are Earthly Israel. So when He says, "thy seed shall inherit the gentiles," He is speaking of Israel. This means that Israel inherits what the gentiles now possess.

This is not saying that the Jews will possess the wealth of the world. "The children of the flesh are not the children of God." (Romans 9:6-8). Yahweh brought out in Hosea that those who were not His People (the gentiles) would become His People. They would become Israel. Yahweh is no respecter of persons and He will not choose any one race above another. He does not show partiality in this way.

But the Israel of Promise, those who are faithful will inherit that which the gentiles possess.

Verse 4:

Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

The shame of a woman in Israel was to be unproductive, in other words to bear no children. Her role was to bear children and if she could not, it was a disgrace to her. She felt that she was no woman.

Zion was like a woman put to shame because the devil had taken over. She had no children. Zion did not produce or had no followers for centuries. This is likened to the time of her youth or widowhood--unproductive times, times when a woman would bear no children.

But all of this will pass away. She will not remember that which once shamed her. Zion will really rejoice when the members begin to come in. We are living in this time of fulfillment now. Zion's children are being gathered and we are the first of them.

Verse 5:

For thy Maker [is] thine husband; the LORD of hosts [is] his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

The Emphasized Bible states:

For thy husband is thy maker, Yahweh of hosts is his Name; And thy redeemer the Holy One of Israel, THE God of all the earth shall he be called

So Zion is the wife of Yahweh, or the husband or Zion is Yahweh. Yahweh likens Himself to Zion's Husband because, for one thing, the husband is the head of the wife (1 Corinthians 11:3) and also nothing comes between a husband and his wife. Likewise, nothing comes between YAHWEH and Zions. Remember Zion is made up of Yahshua and His Bride, the New Jerusalem, the 144,000.

He says here, "the Holy One of Israel." Israel *only!* No one else: no Christians, etc. Psalm 147:19,20: He deals with no other nation! Redeemer-

Verse 6:

For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

Zion appeared to be a woman forsaken, a woman who is rejected and is now grieved in spirit or heartbroken. This is the agony Zion suffers. At's actually the feelings of those who make up Zion, the 144,000. They have a tremendous zeal to see Yahweh's Purpose fulfilled and yet they go on living, day after day, year after year, knowing the Truth, having the desire, but nothing really happening. So it's like a rejected woman--in pain and agony.

Naturally this all passes away when Yahweh begins to fulfill the desire of Zion.

Verse 7:

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

The forsaking took place in the period of time when His Purpose was not fulfilled. In the very beginning, Yahweh created man and promised great blessings. But the devil stepped in and led the very first pair astray. He has proceeded to deceive the whole world. Ever since Zion was set back, Yahweh's Purpose was set back and Zion could not go on. But Yahweh allowed this to happen and it is

for our benefit. It is for our benefit. It is for our education, that we will never resort to any authority other than Yahweh. We will thoroughly understand where disobedience leads and we will never doubt Yahweh. yahweh lovingly allows us to suffer in order to give us the greatest education we could receive and so that we may enjoy eternal blessings.

Verse 8:

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Yahweh is using the first Zion, or earthly Zion as a type of His True and permanent Heavenly Organization. He pictures His anger at earthly Zion, which resulting in His abandoning her until such time as He build True Zion, as though it were directed at True Zion. He blends the two together as though it were all happening to Heavenly Zion--that it was established and then forsaken and later redeemed with mercy and everlasting kindness.

So He makes it appear as though He had an argument with Zion and stayed away from Her. This is illustrating that there was a time when He did not deal with her, did not bless her or give her children.

But Yahweh promises that this will change and when He blesses Zion, it will be everlasting. The Kingdom will be established and will last forever.

Verse 9:

For this [is as] the waters of Noah unto me: for [as] I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

In Genesis 9:11-17, Yahweh made a covenant with Noah and with every living creature that He would not destroy the earth with a flood. Yahweh's promise is true.

And just as He made that promise, He makes another one to Zion. He promises never to be wroth with her, or angry. In other words, He will never forsake Zion throughout eternity.

Verse 10:

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Yahweh is here showing something of a long duration. Throughout eternity nothing will ever change between Yahweh and Zion. The blessings will continue eternally. Even after a tremendous amount of time, Yahweh will still bless Zion.

Verse 11:

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, [and] not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

Yahweh is beginning to describe the emotions, the feelings of Zion, her sorrow, showing that Yahweh is truly a God of understanding.

Zion has gone through this shame, this agony--apparently being neglected, rejected by Yahweh. Now She's being comforted. She is promised that not only will she be restored, but she will be something most precious. It is pictured as a building made up of many colored stone, with sapphires as her foundations. It is an organization that is precious in Yahweh's eyes.

Verse 12:

And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

Again this is indicating the preciousness of Zion. It is beyond price. It belongs to Yahweh eternally, no one being able to afford the price of Zion.

Verse 13:

And all thy children [shall be] taught of the LORD; and great [shall be] the peace of thy children.

And all thy children shall be taught by the Lord..." Being as this is Yahweh's Organization, the children who are taught by Zion are taught by Yahweh. Zion is doing the will of Yahweh. When does this happen? It certainly doesn't happen when the devil holds sway over the earth. It happens in His Kingdom, when Zion is in authority. Now the devil is in control of the earth and Zion is not teaching the devil's children. She does, however, use Earthly Israel to publicize Her message and wake up those with righteous hearts.

"...and great shall be the peace of thy children." The the world peace is any period of time when they are not at war. We don't really know what true peace is because we have not yet experienced it. You could only experience true peace when there is no problem left on earth to afflict you. You would have to be totally convince that there is nothing else but the organization you're living in, that the God you are serving is right and everything else is wrong. Peace can only be experienced by an educated people who have seen what is wrong, fully understand it, and want no part of it. To have peace you must be serving Yahweh and doing what is right. You must also have all problems and the opposition of the devil removed. So no one has yet experienced peace. Only in the Kingdom may we do so.

Verse 14:

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

Yahweh elevates Zion into the heavens. The devil is removed, then finally destroyed. No one will ever oppose Zion again, and Yahweh's Kingdom will endure forever. Nahum 1:9: Rivalry does not come up a second time.

Verse 15:

Behold, they shall surely gather together, [but] not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

In referring to the devil and his organization, Yahweh say, "they shall surely gather together." They make organizations, unions, leagues. They make efforts to remain in power and authority. But these are not from Yahweh.

Their efforts, those that do not consider Zion, will fail. Anyone so presumptuous as to think that he can do something on his own is a criminal, an outlaw. He is doing his own will and not Yahweh's. Those who do this in ignorance are forgiven, but hose who persist will be destroyed.

Verse 16:

Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

He creates both. Those who build and those who destroy. In other words, He will have those who do build, Israel. They will construct. But He's also got those who are going to destroy and bring an end to this system. In other words, He's in charge of everything. "I create good and I create evil" He says.

Actually He doesn't make the evil but the organization rises up and because they disobey Him, they get into trouble. In other words, He does create evil through Israel. The world's going to destroy itself because of Israel. But He does it with love, justice.

Verse 17:

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This [is] the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness [is] of me, saith the LORD.

Yahweh is picturing the efforts of men, the schemes of men to fight Yahweh's people and thereby fight Zion as weapons that will be useless. All efforts to oppose Zion are futile.

He's speaking of Zion here but the wisdom of Zion is given to Earthly Israel, and we reflect this wisdom, this backing. When people hear Israel speak, they will know that they are the children of Zion--those taught of Yahweh's Heavenly Organization. The knowledge is enormous and no one can compare to it. Also see Luke 21:12-15.

Questions:

Q: In the type, Zion was a mountain in the city of Jerusalem?

A: It was a mountain and the temple was built on it and Jerusalem was right next to it, attached to it like

Q: Is Zion where the king was?

A: Not necessarily. He was in Jerusalem. But it was like a mountain, a stronghold and the Temple was there. It's very hazy just what the mission was. But it was a stronghold and it was almost impenetrable to capture. The Temple was on it. And Yahweh speaking of it as Mount Zion. In other words, His Holy Organization because it is the peak of a very strong mountain, and His organization is likened to a mountain. There isn't really that much on it. But Jerusalem was built right next to it, so in other words, there was a connection between Zion and Jerusalem. We have the understanding that Zion is made up of Yahshua and the 144,000.

Q: The birth of Zion's children, her children are Earthly Israel?

A: Earthly Israel. Because those who are part of the Church are part of herself.

Q: When Zion is no longer barren and she has children is that in 1973, when Earthly Israel is born?

A: For them to be her children, naturally they have to recognize her and it could only be Israel who recognizes her. Yes, it starts this way. Yahweh is going to pick some and He selects a few to start the ball rolling and through these few, the great multitude comes in. In other words, she's having children now, but the children she has selected are being prepared for a specific work. And when they do come in they will come in. This is when she'll just be swamped with children.

Q: So in verse one is it talking about a specific time?

A: When it's really fulfilled, when they really come in, when the multitudes are here. Not only will her children be innumerable, they'll also have a tremendous affect (and we're not having that affect.)

Q: In verse three, make the desolate cities inhabited?

A: In other words a restoration. They were once in existence, they went down. A restoration as though the cities were pleasant and inhabited and everything else. It just means as restoration but not patterned after the old--it will be beautiful.

Q: Verse 16:

A: He creates both. Those who build and those who destroy. In other words, He will have those who do build, Israel. They will construct. But He's also got those who are going to destroy and bring an end to this system. In other words, He's in charge of everything. "I create good and I create evil" He says. Actually He doesn't make the evil but the organization rises up and because they disobey Him, they get into trouble. In other words, He does create evil through Israel. The world's going to destroy itself because of Israel. But He does it with love, justice.

Q: Are Jehovah's Witness children of Zion?

A: They're really not considered anything until they come to Ephraim because the blessing is with Ephraim.