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Unit I: The Prophets Proclaim GOD’S Power:

The title of this quarter’s study is “The Righteous Reign of GOD.”

This study deals with biblical teaching about the nature of GOD’S reign, starting with the Old Testament declarations of GOD’S righteous power.

Unit I, “The Prophets Proclaim GOD’S Power,” is a five-week study of the reign of GOD as told in the book of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Zephaniah, and Zechariah. Lesson one (1) and two (2) deals with the theme of GOD’S powerful reign. Lesson three (3) gives us the concept of GOD’S Servant-King (JESUS CHRIST), the promised Messiah. Lesson four (4) and five (5) explore the concept of GOD’S appointed King.

Subject: Stop the Chaos

Text: Isaiah 52: 7-12

Key Verse: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy GOD reigneth (Isaiah 52: 7, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Praise (Isaiah 52: 7-9)
- 2) Publish (Isaiah 52: 10-12)

Introduction

The word **Chaos** is defined as “a state or condition of great confusion and disorder.” It is well known that people experience chaos in different ways, which includes abuse, oppression, emotional conflict or stress, cluttered surroundings, and scattered thoughts. Sometimes these types of chaos may be a result of personal disobedience or from an unprovoked wickedness of others. Instead of surrendering to this miserable type of fate, just ask GOD to intervene in your chaos. You see, no matter how hard or tough the situation may be, GOD offers peace of mind to those who turn their thoughts unto HIM (GOD). **Isaiah 26: 3** “Thou will keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.”

Lesson Pointer # 1

- Praise (Isaiah 52: 7-9).

Isaiah the prophet of GOD describes the joy of the people of GOD experienced when they were released from captivity. When someone experience GOD’S deliverance they have a reason to give GOD praise. You see, no matter our circumstances, GOD is never absent or defeated. Why, because HE (GOD) reigns, even in the aftermath of our failures and tragedies. Know that with GOD there is always hope; no matter how chaotic the circumstances, GOD will send messengers of “good news” to pronounce peace, joy, and salvation for HIS (GOD’S) people (Isaiah 52: 7). The prophets or Pastors who looks out for the people of GOD will lift their voices in unity, singing praises unto GOD while inviting and invoking others to join with them in praises unto GOD (Isaiah 52: 8).

The words “break forth into joy, sing together,” is a spontaneous, communal praise break. Now the expressions of praise become more meaningful when one realizes that as GOD’S people, we are not going to a new sanctuary but are going home, no matter how ruin or waste the home maybe. Just imagine one rejoicing over the very sight of something demolished; you see know one can judge another person’s praise because you do not know their struggles. They know that GOD is the source of their comfort and redemption (Isaiah 52: 9).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Publish (Isaiah 52: 10-12)**

After Judah had spent many decades in bondage in Babylon, GOD openly showed HIS (GOD) power in plain view of all the nations of the earth (Isaiah 52: 10). GOD published HIS victory and showed HIS mighty power in the land by revealing HIS power as HIS “holy arm” made able Israel’s salvation and deliverance. It was GOD who made the way for the people’s safe, peaceful journey back to their homeland. Now as the people moved from bondage to freedom, GOD gave them instruction to follow HIM (GOD) completely, and not to touch any forbidden thing or to move independently, without strategy and purpose. GOD also instructed the people to remain consecrated before HIM (GOD), and not to indulge in any sinful habits while they pursued the promise of GOD. Do not forget that GOD knows the temptation to follow our own understanding, so HE (GOD) warns us and guides us along the path of righteousness. Do know that chaos is all around us, but we do not have to engage in madness. It is GOD who calls every believer to stand boldly as HIS light, and as righteous vessels in this dark and unholy world (Isaiah 52: 11). GOD made the way so clear and plan for HIS people, not like in Egypt (Read Exodus 12: 31-33), there were no need to rush. In Jerusalem, there awaits an abundance of peace because GOD went before HIS people, moving on the people’s behalf and for their benefits (Isaiah 52: 12). We believers who trust GOD need not to worry, GOD paves the way and proves HIMSELF. There is a truth, that the true reward is the presence of GOD in our lives.

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