

07. HE REBUILDS HER

YOUR SOUL & THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING

“O YOU AFFLICTED ONE, TOSSED WITH TEMPEST, AND NOT COMFORTED, BEHOLD, I WILL LAY YOUR STONES WITH COLORFUL GEMS, AND LAY YOUR FOUNDATIONS WITH SAPPHIRES.” ISAIAH 54:11

Jesus is a brilliant Architect, and Abraham’s dream of the Eternal City built by God is still the yearning of this age. It is still the inheritance of the saints. “To Him who can do exceedingly and abundantly beyond anything we can ask or think” we can assign no limitations. When He says He will restore all things, He will restore all things. He’ll restore the years lost to rebellion. He’ll restore the harvest devoured by locusts. He’ll restore the inheritance squandered by our drunken stupor. And He’ll restore the Kingdom to Israel.

I. SUFFERING BEAUTIFIED BY MANIFOLD WISDOM

- A. Ephesians 3:9-11
- B. James 1:2-8
- C. Isaiah 54:11-17
- D. John 21:15-19
 - 1) Lots of people have lots of questions. Jesus only has the one.
 - 2) He is the [John 2](#) God who takes our stormy water and transforms us into mature, ‘better’ wine.

II. ZION’S SONG

- A. Isaiah 12:1-6
- B. Zephaniah 3:14-15
- C. Zechariah 9:9
- D. The new song of [Isaiah 24 & 42](#) hits Jerusalem “MARANATHA”
- E. In Jerusalem is a type of Peter, by whose early confession the foundation of the faith was built; by her patriarchs and prophets and promises and laws the ground was cleared for the Gospel foundation to be laid.
- F. Peter was a man of promise. Jesus pulled him from obscurity and handed him a future he couldn’t earn and didn’t deserve.
- G. Then when trouble came, all his rhetoric dissipated.



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- H. This man who denied the Messiah so many times met him later on the shore, only to have the Holy One Incarnate make him breakfast and take him for a walk.
- I. When Jerusalem's covenantal infidelity catches up to her, when she denies Him some too many times before the fire, when she drowns in the rage of the nations she gave herself away to, He will meet her on the shores of restoration, melt her fears, sing over her, and wash her accusations with one simple question: "Do you love Me?"
- J. He is not there to prove a point. He is there to prove Himself.
- K. He will take all your afflictions and beautify them.
 - 1) [Genesis 50:20](#)
 - 2) [Romans 8:28](#)
- L. Lean into the trustworthy hand of your Potter.