

## **Isaiah 12:3 – 13:4**

### **Haftarah**

Paired with the story of Rebekah, the verse that jumps out is vs. 3:

**Isaiah 12:3** - “Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.”

Salvation is “yeshua” in Hebrew.

Her drawing water from the well was the point of transition in her life, the point where everything flipped. It was a providential sign, and an answer to prayer for Eleazar, Isaac and Abraham.

At the Feast of Tabernacles, the priests went in solemn procession to the Pool of Siloam, filled a golden vase with water, carried it to the Temple, and poured it out on the western side of the altar of burnt offering, while the people chanted the great Hallel (Hymn of Praise). The Talmud expressly connects the act with the symbolism of Isaiah’s words here (Jer. Succa, v. 1), and the prophet’s reference to the “waters of Shiloah” in Isaiah 8:6, confirms the inference. The Jews say it signifies the drawing out of the Holy Ghost. (T. Bab. Succa, fol. 48. 2. & 50. 2.; Bereshit Rabba, sect. 70. fol. 62. 3. T. Hieros. Succa, fol. 55. 1.)

The Tabernacles feast was linked to Jewish weddings, which are eight-day celebrations patterned after it. It’s appropriate that this haftarah is linked to the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah.

**Isaiah 12:1** - “In that day...” This means the day when all God’s promises are realized, the days of Messiah, when justice and judgment reign and God’s kingdom breaks forth into this world.

**Isaiah 12:6** - “... great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.”

Not only does he reign on earth, but he lives within us.

It is also the day of judgment for Babylon.

Remember, the blessing on Rebekah was “be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.” (**Genesis 24:60**)

**Isaiah 13:2** - “On a bare hill raise ‘a signal pole’ - shout to them, wave your hand, so they might enter the gates of the princes!”

This word (*nec*) that usually means ensign or signal flag is also used in **Numbers 21:8-9** for the pole on which Moses attached the serpent of brass. Whoever looked on it

(the rabbis said whoever “trusted in the word of the Lord”) was healed.

**John 3:14-15** - “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

**John 12:32** - “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.” He said this to signify the kind of death He was going to die....”

Fulfilled when Jesus was crucified, lifted up on a cross on the bare hill of Calvary.

The calling of Rebekah and her marriage to Isaac was the continuation of God’s plan to bring forth the Promised Deliverer.

**Isaiah 13:4** - “The LORD who commands armies is mustering forces for battle.”