

Building Zion Series
God Builds Zion
Isaiah 57:14-21

- I. God's Exalted Work (14-15)
 - A. The building and preparing of the way
 - 1. A piling up of material for elevation
 - 2. A removal of debris for smooth passage
 - B. The High and Exalted One (cf. Isaiah 6:1 – same Hebrew phrase)
 - 1. Lives forever
 - 2. His name is Holy
 - C. God's dual dwelling
 - 1. High and holy place
 - 2. With the contrite and lowly
 - 3. Why both? – To “revive” (make alive again: this is Incarnation language)
- II. An End To God's Anger (16-19)
 - A. I will not stand against my people forever
 - 1. God's character
 - 2. Man's purpose in creation design
 - B. God's just anger (17)
 - C. God's merciful restoration (18-19)
 - 1. I see your actions, but will heal anyway
 - 2. God's action
 - a. Heal
 - b. Lead
 - c. Restore comfort
 - d. Create praise
 - e. Give peace
- III. Justice Upon The Continuous Wicked (20-21)
 - A. Wicked are like the tossing sea – no stopping the noise

- 1. Constant
- 2. Destructive
- B. “No peace”
 - 1. In their actual lives
 - 2. In their coming lives