

A Trek Through Isaiah 19 - Overview 13 - 24

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Prayer

Introduction

For today

- Looking back: 1-12
- Looking ahead: 13-27

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Looking Back

1:1 - 5:30 - Preface

- 1:1-31 Preface to the whole book
- 2:1 - 4:6 God's people: the ideal and the real
- 5:1-30 Parable of the vineyard: harvest and consequences
- God's people are not what they should be. Hope is gone; only darkness and despair can be seen.

6:1-13 - Isaiah's call and commission

- 6:1-7 Calling
- 6:8-13 Commission

7:1 – 9:7 Darkness and Light in Judah

- 7:1-12 Judah's Moment of Decision
- 7:13 – 8:8 Divine Judgement
- 8:9-22 A Believing Remnant Amid An Unbelieving People
- 9:1-7 The Royal Hope (A Child is born)

9:8 – 11:16 Darkness and Light in Israel

- 9:8-10 Israel's Choice of Self-Sufficiency
- 9:11 – 10:4 Consequences
- 10:5-19 Woe to Assyria
- 10:20-34 A Believing Remnant Preserved
- 11:1-16 The Coming King

12:1-6 -Individual and community salvation and praise

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Looking Forward 13 - 27

- From Motyer
- Setting: Kingdom panorama
 - The nations reviewed.
 - The great powers: Babylon (13:1, 21:9), Assyria (14:25), Egypt (19:1)
 - The smaller states: Philistia (14:29), Moab (15:1), Aram (17:1), Edom (21:11), Arabia (21:13), Tyre (23:1)
 - Over all God is sovereign
 - Isa 14:26-27 This is the purpose that is purposed concerning the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. (27) For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?
 - He is working to bring the whole world together. All will be one people gathered to Himself.
 - Isa 19:24-25 In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, (25) whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.”
 - God’s professing people are condemned for their failures
 - Isa 22:4 Therefore I said: “Look away from me; let me weep bitter tears; do not labor to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people.”
 - Yet they are central to the glory of the day when the Lord reigns in Zion
 - Isa 24:23 ...for the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.
 - Zion will be the city of peace whose people are believing and righteous.
 - Isa 26:1-3 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. (2) Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. (3) You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

- Theme
 - Single question: Where is security?
 - Five answers
 - Answer 1: World **empire**.
 - Security through a central government.
 - The spirit of Babylon. First appeared at Babel.
 - Gen 11:2-4 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.... Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”
 - Continues through history
 - Dan 2 Nebuchadnezzar’s dream: the great statue
 - Head of gold (Babylon), chest and arms of silver (Medes and Persians), middle and thighs of bronze (Greece), feet of iron and clay (Rome)
 - Represented successive kingdoms on the earth.
 - But God will bring down all earthly kingdoms that seek to be supreme.
 - Rev 18:1-10 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. (2) And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! ...for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ...“Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”
 - Answer 2: Davidic **monarchy**.
 - Security under the throne of David.
 - God promised David an eternal throne
 - 2Sa 7:11-16 ...the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. (12) When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. (13) He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever... (16) And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”
 - In Isaiah’s day, it seemed that the Davidic monarchy was broken forever.
 - But one day the coming King will reign from Zion.

- Answer 3: **Collective** security and **self-sufficiency**
 - Security through power and alliances. Determined to be self-sufficient. Rejecting the LORD’s salvation.
 - Isa 7:12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.”
 - Isa 9:9-10 ...Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart: (10) “The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.”
 - But one day all nations will enjoy the banquet provided by the LORD on Mt Zion. Moab will be excluded because of their pride.
- Answer 4: The **people** of God.
 - They seem to be caught up in the things of the world and in self-sufficiency
 - But one day they will see salvation and peace.
- Answer 5: **Triumphant** end
 - One world, one people, one God.

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Structure

- Three sections: 13-20, 21-23, 24-27.
- Each with five parts.
- First two sections subdivided by “oracle”; last by subject.
- First part, sections are clear. Second part, sections are enigmatic. Third part, sections are marked only by subject changes.
- Moves from clear current times to hazy future to the Last Day, when everything merges together.

	One-world Government	Davidic Monarchy	Collective Security and Self-sufficiency	The People of God	Triumphant End
1	13:1 – 14:27 Oracle of Babylon	14:28-32 Oracle of Philistia	15:1 - 16:13 Oracle of Moab	17:1 – 18:7 Oracle of Damascus	19:1 – 20:6 Oracle of Egypt
2	21:1-10 Oracle of the wilderness of the sea	21:11-12 Oracle of silence	21:13-17 Oracle of Arabia	22:1-25 Oracle of the valley of vision	23:1-18 Oracle of Tyre
3	24:1-20 The city of chaos	24:1-23 The King of glory	25:1-12 Salvation for all	26:1-21 The strong city	27:1-13 Universal Israel

- Section 1
 - One-world government
 - 13:1 – 14:27 Oracle of Babylon
 - Isaiah looks beyond Assyria to the greater Babylon
 - God is gathering an army of nations.
 - A day is coming when the great city will be destroyed.
 - Israel will be restored. They will take up a taunt against the king of Babylon.
 - Assyria is cited as a short-term example.
 - The Davidic monarchy
 - 14:28-32 Oracle of Philistia
 - The Philistines rejoice at the fall of the house of David.
 - But their judgment is coming.
 - Collective Security and Self-sufficiency
 - 15:1 - 16:13 Oracle of Moab
 - Moab seeks help.
 - Salvation is offered in Zion under the Davidic monarchy.
 - Moab is too proud to accept.
 - The People of God
 - 17:1 – 18:7 Oracle of Damascus
 - Aram and Ephraim are allied against Assyria. Aram named because it predominates.
 - But destruction will fall upon the ten tribes.
 - Triumphant End
 - 19:1 – 20:6 Oracle of Egypt
 - God will bring judgment upon the Egyptians for her sins.
 - But later they will cry out to God, and He will save them.

- Section 2
 - One-world government
 - 21:1-10 Oracle of the wilderness of the sea
 - A harsh vision, like a storm sweeping across the wilderness.
 - A watchman is set. This is Isaiah.
 - He watches, riders approach. They say, "Babylon is fallen."
 - The watchman announces the news to God's people.
 - The Davidic monarchy
 - 21:11-12 Oracle of silence
 - One calls from Seir (Edom): "How long is the night?"
 - The watchman answers, "Morning comes. Seek the true God and repent."
 - Collective Security and Self-sufficiency
 - 21:13-17 Oracle of Arabia
 - Arabia is in chaos; fugitives are fleeing from battle.
 - The fugitives band together for survival. There is no seeking after God.
 - The People of God
 - 22:1-25 Oracle of the valley of vision
 - Valley of vision refers to Jerusalem.
 - They were given a vision from God (His law).
 - Now Isaiah sees a vision of the city's destruction.
 - The cause is self-sufficiency.
 - Triumphant End
 - 23:1-18 Oracle of Tyre
 - Tyre will be destroyed by Babylon.
 - But later she will be visited by the LORD and will resume her commerce.
 - The results of her trading will be enjoyed by God's people.

- Section 3
 - One-world government
 - 24:1-20 The city of chaos
 - The earth is devastated.
 - The world city is destroyed.
 - The believing remnant gives praise and glory to God.
 - The Davidic monarchy
 - 24:1-23 The King of glory
 - The earth is devastated.
 - The LORD will punish the host of heaven, and the kings of the earth.
 - The LORD of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion.
 - Collective Security and Self-sufficiency
 - 25:1-12 Salvation for all
 - God is praised for His works and His faithfulness.
 - All nations feast at a lavish banquet provided by Him.
 - Proud Moab is excluded.
 - The People of God
 - 26:1-21 The strong city
 - God has made a strong city, guarded by salvation.
 - The believing remnant who trust in Him are kept in perfect peace.
 - Triumphant End
 - 27:1-13 Universal Israel
 - The LORD will slay the dragon in the sea.
 - Israel will be redeemed.
 - The world city will be destroyed.
 - Israel, Assyria, and Egypt will all worship the LORD in Jerusalem.

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Discussion

We will break into three groups to discuss today's passage. Each group will discuss the same topic:

As you look back over the class up to now,

- 1. SEE: What have you seen about God?**
- 2. KNOW: How have you come to know Him better?**
- 3. RESPOND: How have you responded to that knowledge?**

For next week: 13:1 - 14:27

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