

Isaiah 24-35 : Thy Kingdom Come

In this 12 chapter section the spotlight returns to Israel and the marshaling in of the Millennial Kingdom. The prophet is shown the events of the evening of the great tribulation and the morning of the Millennium.

Isaiah 24 : The Great Tribulation

Vv 1-12 the judgments

v1 The Lord describes his thorough purging of the land. From the viewpoint of the prophet, historically Isaiah recalls the flood of Noah (Job 12:15). Spiritually, he sees the coming Babylonian invasion. Doctrinally we discern the worldwide tribulation judgment of the wicked. [this passage may also be a literal rendering of the judgment of angels between Gen 1:1 and 1:2]

v2/3 This judgment takes in all, from the firstborn in the palace and temple, to the captive in the dungeon and the maidservant behind the mill.

v4 The judgment strikes both the natural realm (*the earth*) and the social realm (*the world*).

v5 Explains why there is a curse on nature (Rom 8:22): *because they have transgressed... the everlasting covenant* (Rev 14:6-7; Rom 1:21).

v6 *earth..devoured, burned* (Deu 32:22)

v7-9 Their mirth and joy is turned to mourning, weeping, and wailing. Now their *wine and strong drink is bitter* (Rev 8:11; Lam 3:15).

v10-12 Focuses in on Jerusalem: *the city of confusion* (Lev 18:23) rapidly deteriorates into *desolation and destruction*.

Vv 13-15 the remnant

At the time of judgment *in the midst of the land there shall be as the gleaning grapes* (v13), i.e. a faithful remnant of worshippers (v14). In every dispensation God has kept himself a witness (Rom 11:5). *Wherefore, glorify ye the LORD in the fires* (v15). Believers need to gather grace to glorify our Saviour in all circumstances.

Vv 16-23 the misery

v16 The verse opens with a preview of the 2,000 year church age with Gentiles praising the Lord while the fallen Jews (Rom 11:11) experience *leanness and woe*. *The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously* (Mt 27:25; Lk 24:20) at His first coming. The verse quickly moves into the tribulation, *yea the treacherous dealers...repeat their error prior to His return* (Hos 6:7,10; Dan 9:27).

v17/18 The triad of misery brought upon the *inhabitants of the earth* when God pours his wrath out in the tribulation; and there is no escape (Jer 48:43-44, Eze 15:7).

fear (spirit; 2 Tim 1:7) - through the years various leaders (Churchill, F.D.R., popes, etc.) have futilely tried to dispel fear with their *fair speeches*, but to no avail. Fear will be multiplied worldwide at that time.

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the pit (body) - represents death and the danger of death hanging over folks like the proverbial 'sword of Damocles'.

the snare (soul) - is the deception the enemy uses to lead souls to destruction, e.g. works based religion (Rom 11:9, look back to v6). Our Lord warned us to, *Take heed that no man deceive you* (Mt 24:4).

v19/20 There shall be *great earthquakes in divers places* (Lk 21:11) before Jesus returns, just as he said (Rev 6:12; 8:5; 11:13,19; 16:18).

v21/22 The proud of heaven, *the host of the high ones that are on high* (Dan 10:13,20; Jude 6; Isa 14:15-16) and earth (*the kings of the earth*) will be humbled in the day of judgment.

v23 The *glorious* light of our Lord literally exceeds that of the *moon and sun*. Spiritually, our Lords glory outshines the church and the nation Israel. We should be talking of his excellence at all times.

Isaiah 25 : The Great Triumph

v1 *O LORD, thou art my God* - salvation is founded upon personal knowledge of God, in both testaments. [i.e. the who]

I will exalt, I will praise - the proper response for those who are saved. [i.e. the what]

thou hast done wonderful things - God's works

thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth - God's words } [i.e. the why]

Note the Lords words are *old* (Lam 2:17a)

v2/3 God's destruction of the nations is completed, *therefore* he shall be *feared*.

v4 The Lord is the *strength* of his people, and *a refuge from the storm*.

v5 *the branch of the terrible ones* is the antichrist.

v6 *in this mountain* (Mt. Zion - Isa 24:23) *shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast*

The marriage supper of the Lamb will take place on planet earth ('the banquet hall') after the ceremony is performed in heaven ('the temple') see Rev 19:1, 7-8; Lk 12:36.

v7/8 *he will destroy the face of the covering cast over all people..and the vail=death* (v8).

People will not die of 'natural causes' or disease during the Millennium.

***v9 *this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

This verse reveals the Jew whose heart was circumcised (Jer 4:4); his confidence was in the salvation of his God, not in his religion. His confession was that of Thomas (John 20:28).

v10-12 The LORD removes his enemies from his city. **Mo**-hamed the **Ar-ab**; the Dome must go!

Isaiah 26 : The Great Theme (Song)

v1 After great victories the Lord gives a song to his people (Ex 15 - the song of Moses; Jud 5 - the song of Deborah; Rev 14 - the song of 144,000; Rev 15 - the song of the Lamb).

a strong city - Jerusalem ('the city of peace') will abide peaceful because it is surrounded with *the bulwarks and walls of God's salvation*.