

Sunday, September 2, 2018 (Aug. 2, 2020)

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

6. Religious Rot – Isaiah 2:5-22

Review: First Prophecy – Isaiah 2-4: Last Days – 2:2-4, Religious Condition in Jerusalem – 2:5-22, Social Conditions in Jerusalem – 3:1-4:1, The New Jerusalem – 4:2-6

I. Come and Let Us Walk – vs. 5

A. Come

1. Let Us Reason – 1:18
2. Let Us Go Up and Be Taught – 2:3
3. Let Us Walk
4. Why Come? Sin – leave the place where you are and come to Me

B. Live Like This – walk to and fro

C. In the Light of YHWH – His presence and truth, what He teaches – Psa. 27:1; 43:3; Eph. 5:8; 1 John 1:7; 2 Cor. 4:6

II. The Consequences of Sin – vs. 6-9

A. Forsaken – the Lord abandons His people – 1 Sam. 12:22; Psa. 94:14

B. Because They Are Filled/Full (vs. 6-8)

1. Eastern ways, foreign influence, soothsayers – Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10 (a matter of what the people seek and trust)
2. Associated with Other Nations – rejecting Israel's history and showing preference for those who are not heirs of the promise – 1 Sam. 8:19-20 – they should be a magnet to the nations but instead go after the nations to be like them
3. No End – never satisfied – Matt. 6:19-21
4. Full of Riches – Deut. 17:16-17; Isa. 39:5-7 – overabundance leads to a heart that wanders from the Lord as we “have all we need”
5. Full of Chariots and Horses – confidence in human ability, relying on human power – Psa. 20:7; Isa. 31:1
6. Full of Idols – Elohim vs. Elilim – from the glory of God to nothingness
 - a. Anything created by man being worshipped
 - b. False religion
 - c. False philosophies
 - d. Judah is a living violation of the First Four Commandments – Ex. 20:1-11

C. What should satisfy us? – Matt. 5:6; Psa. 17:15; 65:4

D. They Bow Down and Will be Brought Low (vs. 9)

1. They willingly worship idols
2. They will be humbled
3. Forgiveness is Unthinkable! – Rom. 14:11-12 – once judgment comes, the confession is a declaration of truth, but not salvific (Quote #1)

III. Crushing Men, Exalting God – vs. 10-17 (vs. 11, 17 – the Lord alone will be exalted - one glimpse of God's glory causes human arrogance to shrivel)

A. Hiding in the Dust (vs. 10)

1. Trying to hide in the lowest places – “God's judgment is dreaded more than 1,000 deaths.” – Calvin

2. Can we hide from God? – Gen. 3:8-10; Psa. 139:7-12
 3. God’s glory in judgment – Rev. 6:14-16
- B. Haughtiness Humbled (vs. 11)
1. It has not happened yet, but is certain (perfect tense) – Psa. 18:27; Prov. 21:4; Isa. 10:12
 2. God alone will be exalted as men are brought low (Quote #2)
- C. Everything Fallen Man Trusts Consumed in Judgment (vs. 12-17)
1. A storm that sweeps over all that men have exalted and trusted
 2. The Creation worshiped instead of the Creator – Rom. 1:18-25
 - a. Seven Trumpets – Rev. 8-11 – vegetation, seas, fresh water, heavens – struck
 - b. Trees – Cedars of Lebanon and Oaks of Bashan – Jer. 22:6
 - c. Mountains and Hills – things made by God and relied upon by men in His place – Psa. 90:2
 - d. High Towers and Fortified Walls – security and self-reliance – Isa. 30:25
 - e. Ships of Tarshish and Egypt – commerce and pleasure
 - f. What is judged? Creation? Man as they misuse creation! (repeats vs. 11)
- IV. Casting Off Idols (too late) – vs. 18-21 (vs. 18, 21 – when He rises to shake the earth)
- A. Idolatry Perverts what God has Made – Isa. 17:7-8
 - B. Gone in a Snap!
 - C. Fleeing the Wrath, Overtaken by Terror – Judges 5:4; 2 Sam. 22:8-16; Hab. 3:6-10; Heb. 12:26
 - D. Men Cast Idols Away (but too late) – thrown to mice and bats in the dark caves where they try to hide – those made by God become god makers, but they are useless
 1. Terror – 2 Cor. 5:10-11
 2. Glory – Jude 1:25
 3. Judgment – Ezekiel 38:18-23; Rev. 16:17-21
- V. Confidence in Men – vs. 22
- A. Cease Trusting Men – Psa. 146:4
 - B. Of What Account is Fallen Man? None – Job 31:24-28; Psa. 118:8; Prov. 25:19
 - C. Press On, Counting Gain as Loss – Phil. 3:1-14

Quote #1 – “The people have lived in worldly glory and utter contempt of the glory of the true God; they will, therefore, one day feel the weight of punishment, and will be bowed down under it.” – EJ Young

Quote #2 – “All previous judgments and exaltations are but precursors of the final judgment and exaltation.” – EJ Young

Cross References

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 43:3

Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

1 Samuel 12:22

For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people.

Psalm 94:14

For the Lord will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

Leviticus 19:26

'You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.

Deuteronomy 18:10

There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

1 Samuel 8:19-20

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Deuteronomy 17:16-17

But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' 17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

Isaiah 39:5-7

Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: 6 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the Lord. 7 'And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'

Psalm 20:7

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

Isaiah 31:1

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the Lord!

Exodus 20:1-11

And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Psalm 17:15

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

Psalm 65:4

Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.

Romans 14:11-12

For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.” 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Genesis 3:8-10

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

Psalms 139:7-12

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

Revelation 6:14-16

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Psalms 18:27

For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

Proverbs 21:4

A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.

Isaiah 10:12

Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He will say, “I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks.”

Romans 1:18-25

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the

truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Jeremiah 22:6

For thus says the Lord to the house of the king of Judah: "You are Gilead to Me, The head of Lebanon; Yet I surely will make you a wilderness, Cities which are not inhabited.

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Isaiah 30:25

There will be on every high mountain And on every high hill Rivers and streams of waters, In the day of the great slaughter, When the towers fall.

Isaiah 17:7-8

In that day a man will look to his Maker, And his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. 8 He will not look to the altars, The work of his hands; He will not respect what his fingers have made, Nor the wooden images nor the incense altars.

Judges 5:4

"Lord, when You went out from Seir, When You marched from the field of Edom, The earth trembled and the heavens poured, The clouds also poured water;

2 Samuel 22:8-16

"Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. 9 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. 10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. 11 He rode upon a cherub, and flew; And He was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12 He made darkness canopies around Him, Dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 13 From the brightness before Him Coals of fire were kindled. 14 "The Lord thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice. 15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them. 16 Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered, At the rebuke of the Lord, At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

Habakkuk 3:6-10

He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations. And the everlasting mountains were scattered, The perpetual hills bowed. His ways are everlasting. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; The curtains of the land of Midian trembled. 8 O Lord, were You displeased with the rivers, Was Your anger against the rivers, Was Your wrath against the sea, That You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation? 9 Your bow was made quite ready; Oaths were sworn over Your arrows. Selah You divided the earth with rivers. 10 The mountains saw You and trembled; The overflowing of the water passed by. The deep uttered its voice, And lifted its hands on high.

Hebrews 12:26

whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Jude 1:25

To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

Ezekiel 38:18-23

18 “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord God, “that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, 20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ 21 I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.” ’

Revelation 16:17-21

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” 18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. 19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. 20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

Psalms 146:4

His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.

Job 31:24-28

“If I have made gold my hope, Or said to fine gold, ‘You are my confidence’; 25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, And because my hand had gained much; 26 If I have observed the sun when it shines, Or the moon moving in brightness, 27 So that my heart has been secretly enticed, And my mouth has kissed my hand; 28 This also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, For I would have denied God who is above.

Psalms 118:8

It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.

Proverbs 25:19

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

Philippians 3:1-14

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.