

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapter 29

1. **CHAPTER 29** Jerusalem, home of the Glorious Temple and Presence of God, yet idolatrous and rebellious against Him, is under siege by the Assyrian army, but probably due to Isaiah's presence and intercession, **God will deliver the city.** **NOTE: The Assyrians were the original terrorists.** They would take their captives and publicly **SKIN THEM ALIVE** in front of the other captives to gain complete control over them. (Just like the nature of the enemy of our souls, Satan.)

Verse 1 "**Ariel**" is another name for the city of **Jerusalem.** Means "**lion of God.**" Ariel is also referenced in Ezekiel with the altar of burnt offering. **Jesus** is called "**The Lion of the Tribe of Judah.**" He is our altar of burnt offering. He fulfills all that the city with its glorious Temple foretold.

Verse 13 "Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men..." Jesus quoted this scripture in His ministry about the religious leaders of the day. These are **MOUTH PROFESSING BUT NOT HEART POSSESSING "RELIGIOUS" PEOPLE.** They are "blind leaders of the blind." It was their "religious" spirit that **CRUCIFIED CHRIST!**

Question: Are "religious" people who are mouth professing but not heart possessing still among us today? If so, how do you know?

Verse 14-16 "Marvelous work." God will do a marvelous work in delivering Jerusalem from this attack of the Assyrians, but other scriptures show that the "**Marvelous Work**" is also **prophetically speaking of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ**--when, like the deadly Assyrian enemies, mankind's **enemies SIN, DEATH and SATAN are DEFEATED!** God would intervene and save the city of Jerusalem from the Assyrians and hundreds of years later, He would personally come in the body of Jesus Christ to **SAVE** us from the "Assyrians" **WITHIN US--OUR SIN NATURE!** Incredibly, even the ancient **Psalms** associate this "**Marvelous**" work with Jesus:

"The **stone** which the builders refused is become the **head stone of the corner.** This is the Lord's doing; it is **MARVELOUS** in our eyes." (Psalm 118:22-23)

Remember, in a prior teaching we talked about Daniel's vision of the coming world kingdoms and the "STONE" not made with human hands which fell from HEAVEN (that's Jesus) and struck the worldly kingdom to create the ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD. We will study this deeper in the Book of Daniel. (If the Lord doesn't come back before we get to the Book of Daniel!!!)

Look at how the Lord Jesus, during His earthly ministry, authenticates the **Psalms** and **Isaiah** when He **ties these two passages together** (though the **two passages** were **hundreds of years apart!!!**) and gives insight as to **their meaning and fulfillment**. Also, keep in mind that **Isaiah**, the **latter** of the two passages, was **700 years BEFORE CHRIST WAS BORN**.

(Parenthetical from Joanne, "Hey, this Bible is **MAGNIFICENT** and is a **STUNNER!** I may not be the brightest bulb in the package, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that a **Divine Hand** had to be moving upon the human hands of the writers of the **Word of God**. Statistically, the odds are against such continuity as we see in the following discourse given by the **Lord Himself** regarding the above passages.)

"Did ye never read in the scriptures, 'The **stone** which the **builders** (that's Israel) **rejected**, the same is become the **head of the corner**: this is the Lord's doing, and it is **marvellous** in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God** shall be **taken from you**, and **given to a nation** bringing forth the fruits thereof. And **whosoever** shall **fall** on this **stone** shall be **broken**: but on **whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder**. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard His parables, they perceived that He spake of them." (Matthew 21:42-45)

This **MARVELLOUS** work meant that the Lord would take the kingdom away from a "RELIGIOUS" mouth professing but **NOT** heart possessing people and **GIVE IT TO A NATION THAT WOULD BRING FORTH FRUIT!** Jesus brought an **END** to the **NATIONAL FORM OF WORSHIP** practiced by **ISRAEL** (attempts to obey the Law to become righteous, when the point of the Law was to show that **NO MAN IS RIGHTEOUS**). That new **NATION** Jesus referenced is none other than **THE CHURCH**, the "**CALLED OUT ONES**," from **ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH** including **ISRAEL...every kindred, tribe, and nation, as the Book of Revelation describes it.**

Verse 16 The terminology in Isaiah surrounding this **MARVELLOUS** work is "**turning of things upside down.**" What Jesus did on the cross in saving us **AND** placing **HIS DIVINE NATURE (LAW) WITHIN US**, would "**turn everything upside down.**" The message of the Gospel has a powerful **IMPACT**. It was said of Paul and Silas as they preached Christ in Thessalonica:

"These that have **turned the world upside down** are come hither also..." (Acts 17:6)

Verse 18 "...in **THAT DAY** shall the **DEAF HEAR** the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see..." **THAT DAY** was fulfilled in Christ. It is the **DAY OF SALVATION** in II Corinthians 6:2 where Paul states "...behold, now is the **ACCEPTED** time; **NOW** is the **DAY OF SALVATION.**"

Furthermore, regarding this verse 18, Jesus demonstrated His power to enable people to **HEAR SPIRITUALLY** by **HEALING** those who were **PHYSICALLY DEAF**. Likewise, He demonstrated His power to enable people to **SEE SPIRITUALLY** by **HEALING** those who were

PHYSICALLY BLIND...much like He did when the man sick of the palsy and lying on a bed was brought to Him. Jesus first told the man that his sins were forgiven. The scribes were angry and said Jesus blasphemed. But Jesus said,

"Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith He to the sick of the palsy) Arise, take up thy bed and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house." (Matthew 9:4-7)

Verse 19 "The **meeek** also shall increase their joy in the Lord and the **poor** among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel." This passage was **FULFILLED** in the Beatitudes of Christ:

"Blessed are the **POOR** in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven....Blessed are the **MEEK**: for they shall inherit the earth."

Verse 20 THE HALLELUJAH VERSE!!! "For the **TERRIBLE ONE** (the one full of terror--Satan is the original terrorist) is brought to **NOUGHT**..."

Mr. Big Shot is brought down and defeated, as we studied in Isaiah 14:16: "They (the world) that see thee (Satan) shall narrowly look upon thee (Satan), and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms..."

We may need to play Jean Knight's "Mr. Big Shot" song again!

Verse 24 "They also that **erred** in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that **murmured** shall learn **doctrine**." A great scripture and a great promise for all of us. There is enough **GRACE** to cover our **ERRORS** and our **MURMURING**. We can be changed and understand **HIS DOCTRINE**, because, as earlier stated, **HIS LAW WILL BE WITHIN US, FOR JESUS, THE PERFECTION OF THE LAW, IS IN US!** That's the unfathomable, incomprehensible truth of the Gospel!