

# BOOK OF ISAIAH

## Outline

### Chapter 22

#### **\*HOW IMPORTANT IS THE WORD OF GOD?**

Luke 16: 19-31 **NOT A PARABLE.** "There was a **CERTAIN** rich man."

Verse 29 is Key Scripture: "They have **Moses and the prophets**; let them **hear** them."

Verse 30: "And he (the rich man in torments) said, Nay father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent."

Verse 31: "And he said unto him, If they **hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**"

Jesus is telling us that a "sign or wonder or miracle" **CANNOT** bring salvation to the heart of fallen man. The **signs, wonders, and miracles** are much like **John the Baptist**, leading us to the **Word, which has the POWER WITHIN ITSELF to SAVE!** Signs, wonders, and miracles are **INSPIRATIONAL** and oftentimes illustrate **Biblical principles/precepts--** but they have **no power** to cause **INWARD TRANSFORMATION.** **THE WORD OF GOD (EXCLUSIVELY AND UNIQUELY) BEGETS LIFE!** As pastor pointed out in his sermon when Jesus spoke of John the Baptist--that "among them that are **born of women** there hath **not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**" **John the Baptist was "born of woman,"** but those in this **New Testament salvation through the Cross** would be **"born of God!"** The Redeemed, His Church, would be "born" out of the **incorruptible SEED of the Living Word.**

Another example--the **outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost** when the 120 in the upper room experienced the **signs and wonders of a rushing mighty wind, split flames of fire upon their heads, and speaking in the languages** of those from surrounding nations attending the feast that day in Jerusalem. The onlookers asked about such a sign and wonder: **"What meaneth this?"** It drew their attention but did not save the onlookers. Peter stood up and answered their question with, **"This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."** **Peter PREACHED THE WORD AND 3,000 WERE SAVED.**

**Ephesians 2:8 "By grace are ye saved through FAITH..." Romans 10:17 states: "So then FAITH cometh by hearing, and hearing by THE WORD OF GOD."**

WHAT AN AWESOME THOUGHT! AS WE FEED UPON HIS HOLY WORD, GOD IS CONTINUING TO **BEGET THE LIFE OF HIS SON** (THE LIVING WORD, THE PROMISED, INCORRUPTIBLE SEED) IN US!!! God's **PRIMARY** purpose in our lives is **TO FORM CHRIST IN US** (Galatians 4:19)--to **CONFORM** us to the **IMAGE OF HIS SON** (Romans 8:29). Our inner man, the spirit man, is **RENEWED (TRANSFORMED)** Romans 12:2. We cannot physically see the spirit man within us, but the Word of God is causing that eternal part of us to go "from glory to glory." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

1. CHAPTER 22

Verse 1 The burden of the "valley of vision" which is JERUSALEM. Even with the "harbinger," or warning from God in allowing the great Assyrian army to literally be at the gates of Jerusalem, the people continue in their sins. Isaiah pronounces that the day will come--the day of "MIGHTY CAPTIVITY" Verse 17.

**(Remember, the Old Testament is replete with the physical representing the spiritual. These were lessons in PHYSICAL CAPTIVITY for their disobedience--severe captivity, BUT it would represent the GREATER, SPIRITUAL CAPTIVITY from which the Lord Jesus would deliver us. It is proclaimed in Ephesians 4:8 that in dying for us on the cross, and then his subsequent ascension "up on high", Jesus "led CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE." This principle is throughout the scripture: It's an "either-or" situation. For example, Jesus told us we would wear a YOKE--either His yoke or the yoke of SELF and SATAN. We are either HIS captive or Satan's captive. Paul declared that he was a "captive" of Jesus when he stated that he was Jesus' SERVANT (i.e., bond slave) in Titus 1:1.)**

Verse 20 Isaiah speaks of a man named Eliakim (not the King of Judah by the same name) whom he would raise up in the court of the King's house at that time, BUT, as with the passage about the King of Babylon in Isaiah 14 which clearly lifts to a spiritual level and describes a SUPERNATURAL being with authority--Satan--this passage begins to describe Eliakim in a way that can only be describing the Lord Jesus Christ and His ministry hundreds of years later.

Verse 21 Isaiah says that God will REPLACE the FORMER, corrupt officer of the court with this man, ELIAKIM, who is a type of Christ. God will CLOTHE this man with the former man's robe, strengthen him with the former's girdle, commit the former's government to him, make this replacement a FATHER to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all of Judah. **(God CLOTHED Jesus with HIS Own Righteousness. Jesus was the True Greater High Priest who would be GIRDED for service. Remember, Jesus demonstrated His "Girding" for service when He GIRDED Himself to wash the feet of the disciples. John 13: 3-5. In Isaiah 9, it is said of the Messiah that the GOVERNMENT will be upon HIS SHOULDER and that one of Jesus' titles was Everlasting Father. Jesus' Mighty Shoulder was foreshadowed in the specific directions concerning the SHOULDERS of the sacrificial animals in the Tabernacle of Moses. Furthermore, as Wes preached today, the Ark of the Covenant (representative of the PRESENCE AND GOVERNMENT OF GOD) could only be carried on the SANCTIFIED SHOULDERS OF THE PRIESTS. This foreshadowed the ONLY SHOULDERS--DIVINE SHOULDERS of JESUS CHRIST--WHICH COULD BEAR UP UNDER THE SIN LOAD OF ALL OF HUMANITY UPON A WOODEN CROSS AND, AS THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR OF DEATH, HELL AND THE GRAVE, WOULD CARRY THE ETERNAL GOVERNMENT OF JEHOVAH. REMEMBER, WE ARE IN THAT GOVERNMENT AS FORESHADOWED BY ALL 12 TRIBES' NAMES BEING ENGRAVED**

**IN ONYX STONE UPON THE SHOULDERS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT HIGH PRIEST! HALLELUJAH!!! WE REIGN WITH HIM--KINGS AND PRIESTS BEFORE OUR GOD--IN THIS GOVERNMENT HE PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN PRECIOUS, SPOTLESS BLOOD!!!**

Verse 22 Isaiah says of this man that God will LAY the KEY of the HOUSE OF DAVID upon HIS SHOULDER. This chosen man will use this "KEY to OPEN, and none shall shut; and he shall SHUT, and none shall OPEN". **Here is another example of precept laid upon precept in the scriptures. The GOSPEL of the Cross/Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is THE KEY--IT is the standard whereby men are judged. It shuts the door to those who REJECT it and OPENS the DOOR to the Kingdom of God and Heaven to those who RECEIVE it. The two thieves on the Cross demonstrated this--one REJECTED Christ's work on the cross while the other one RECEIVED Christ and was given the DOOR to Paradise THAT DAY, according to Jesus' own words on the cross--"Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Jesus declares in the Book of Revelation that He has the KEYS of Hell and of death. Rev. 1:18**

Verse 23 THIS IS CRUCIFIXION TERMINOLOGY!!! "I will FASTEN him as a NAIL in a SURE PLACE; and he shall be for a GLORIOUS throne to HIS FATHER'S HOUSE. (Remember, Jesus stated during His Earthly ministry that in HIS FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS.) God the Father FASTENED the SON OF GOD with NAILS to the SURE PLACE of salvation to those who believe--the old rugged CROSS of Calvary! The Resurrection brought the Lord Jesus Christ to a GLORIOUS ETERNAL THRONE. Jesus had prayed to His Father in John 17 (referred to as the High Priestly Prayer) to restore the GLORY that He had with the Father BEFORE THE WORLD WAS.

Verse 24 "And they shall **HANG** upon him all the GLORY of HIS FATHER'S HOUSE, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons." Notice the term "HANG." With scripture interpreting scripture, we find the use of the word "**hang**" in reference to the "curtains" at each **entry point** of the Tabernacle of Moses. The Bible calls them "HANGINGS." This was prophesying that **access to God** would be made possible through something that was HANGED. The Old Testament (later repeated in the New Testament) also tells us that anyone that is HANGED upon a tree is CURSED: Deuteronomy 21:22 "And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death and thou HANG HIM ON A TREE; his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him THAT DAY; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy LAND be NOT DEFILED, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance." **NOTE:** God pronounced the CURSE upon the ground at THE FALL OF ADAM AND EVE. Jesus has REDEEMED us from the CURSE, as meticulously foreshadowed in this Old Testament Law. Even His Holy Body was removed THAT DAY in PERFECT FULFILLMENT OF WHAT THE LAW REQUIRED! As the New Testament states from Jesus Himself, "Think not that I am come to destroy the

law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one **jot** (smallest letter of Greek alphabet) or one **tittle** (the tiniest of points that differentiate Hebrew letters that look similar) shall in **no wise pass from the law, till ALL BE FULFILLED."** **Matthew 5:17-18.** Jesus is that HANGING. He "makes the way;" Jesus is ALL the entry points of the Hangings in the Tabernacle to access the Presence of God above the Mercy Seat. Jesus FULFILLS all the **colors** prescribed by God for inclusion **in the hangings** and is the GLORY represented by the embroidered CHERUBIM upon the hangings. The Book of Hebrews declares that Jesus' own body was the TRUE VEIL that was rent for us to have access to God.

It also is worthy of our attention that the word "HANG" is used in the New Testament by Jesus in an unusual but PURPOSEFUL way, "On these two commandments (First commandment is **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Second commandment is **love** thy neighbor as thyself) **HANG ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."** Jesus is associating **LOVE with the Hanging**--that EVERYTHING HANGS upon that CONSTANT--THE LOVE OF GOD. As prefigured in the HANGINGS of the curtains in the Tabernacle, GOD'S **LOVE IS THE UNDERPINNING, THE "FIBERS" OF HIS PURPOSE IN RECONCILING FALLEN MANKIND UNTO HIMSELF!**

It cannot be overlooked that also in verse 24 the "OFFSPRING and ISSUE, the small vessels, cups, and flagons" as was contained in the Old Testament Tabernacle/Temple worship, are associated with the term HANGING. Acts 17:29 tells us that because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, WE ARE HIS OFFSPRING: "Forasmuch then as we are the OFFSPRING of God..." The Church is foreshadowed in this scripture. We are His HOLY vessels as was foreshadowed in the vessels of the Tabernacle/Temple worship.

Verse 25 The NAIL that is FASTENED in the SURE PLACE on THAT DAY will be **removed**. Again, although this relates to Eliakim replacing corrupt Shebna in the King's Court, it lifts spiritually to the NAIL of the CROSS--the SURE PLACE of Redemption and Jesus being REMOVED from the Cross because **"IT IS FINISHED."** The term **"cut down"** is the Hebrew term for **FELLING A TREE!** This scripture states that when the removal and cutting down is accomplished, the BURDEN that was upon the Cross (i.e., the SIN DEBT LOAD FOR UNTOLD NUMBERS OF HUMANITY), "shall be CUT-OFF: for the Lord hath spoken it." THE WORD **"CUT-OFF" MEANS COVENANTED!!** Just as the Book of Daniel states that in the 69th week, Messiah will be "CUT-OFF" or COVENANTED. The CRUCIFIXION WAS GOD CUTTING COVENANT WITH HIMSELF IN THE PERSON OF HIS SON ON OUR BEHALF!