

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapters 23-25

1. CHAPTER 23 JUDGMENT IS COMING!

Verse 1 The burden of TYRE, city of Phoenicia, THE **MARITIME CENTER OF THE WORLD AT THAT TIME**. *Important as representing the strength of man in his **FALLEN NATURE** creating a dominant world force/system while being **RELIGIOUS**. This was the country from which wicked Queen Jezebel (married to King Ahab of Israel) came. She introduced **BAAL** worship into the nation and was at the center of the great showdown on Mt. Carmel with **ELIJAH**, the true prophet of Jehovah, calling the people to return to their God. **IMPORTANT: Ezekiel chapters 26-28 will prophesy against Tyre and its PRINCE. As with Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 14 about the King of Babylon, Ezekiel's prophecy will lift to a SUPERNATURAL, SPIRITUAL PRINCE OF TYRE, Lucifer or Satan who "was in the Garden of God,...and the anointed cherub that covereth."**

Verse 3 Tyre was called "a mart of nations." A picture of **COMMERCE**. DOES THAT SOUND LIKE A NATION YOU KNOW TODAY?

Verse 13 Specific prophecy that although the Assyrians had oppressed them, they would be besieged many years then conquered by the **BABYLONIANS**-- though many survivors would live on the island following the Babylonian siege of the mainland city. Ultimately, **KING ALEXANDER THE GREAT** would take the **RUINS** from the **BABYLONIAN SIEGE** and lay the debris to create a causeway out to the island for the **COMPLETE OVERTHROW OF TYRE** in perfect fulfillment of prophecy!!!

Verse 17 Isaiah, prince of prophets, clearly predicts the number of years Tyre will be in captivity--70 years--same as the time of captivity for Jerusalem and the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

2. CHAPTER 24

Verse 1 Isaiah 24 is a complimentary of Jesus speaking in **MATTHEW 24**, where He speaks of the entire world reaching **CRITICAL MASS** and the imminent judgment of God. It says the Lord is making the "earth empty" and is turning it "upside down" in preparation for the culmination of His Plan for the planet.

Verse 2 "as with the people, so with the priest." Everyone will feel the effects.

Verse 10 "The city of **CONFUSION** is broken down." This is a picture of lawlessness, fear and chaos. **IMPORTANT: These nations experienced a judgment that was but a foreshadowing of the CULMINATION OF THE END OF THIS AGE--** coming upon the whole Earth. Much of this is reflected in the Book of Revelation.

Verse 13 God will SHAKE this Earth one more time--as the SHAKING OF AN OLIVE TREE. The OLIVE TREE is a symbol of COVENANT. This is the REMNANT, His redeemed, who will remain.

Verse 15 When God's FIERY judgment begins to fall, what is the response of His Remnant, His Redeemed, The True Church? **"Wherefore glorify ye the Lord IN THE FIRES, even the name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea."** This scripture has a double meaning in that God's FIERY JUDGMENT fell upon Jesus at the Cross FOR US. We are to GLORIFY HIM for that!

Verses 19-20 **VERY IMPORTANT: This is the future of the Earth and is reiterated in 2 Peter 3:10-13.** Isaiah sees into the future and states under the unction of the Holy Spirit that "THE EARTH IS CLEAN DISSOLVED, THE EARTH IS MOVED EXCEEDINGLY...THE TRANSGRESSION THEREOF SHALL BE HEAVY UPON IT; AND IT SHALL FALL, AND **NOT RISE AGAIN.**" ****While the Earth will self-destruct and not rise again, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST DID RISE AGAIN!** He will, as Isaiah and Peter said, CREATE A **NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH WITH HIS NEW CREATURES, US!** He WILL RESTORE EDEN (Paradise), but with the **FIFTH PART ADDED**, i.e., **never** the chance for humans to **fall again!**

Verses 21-23 Punishment for the **angels** who rebelled in verse 21. Again reiterated by Peter in 2 Peter 2:4. Punishment for Kings who are in rebellion against the Plan of God, punishment throughout. BUT God Himself will reign in ZION, as He promised to ETERNALLY ESTABLISH the DAVIDIC KINGDOM. The "New Heavens and New Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13) is INCOMPREHENSIBLE to us in our mortal, finite condition. BUT EVEN JOB KNEW A CHANGE IS COMING: REMEMBER HE SAID, " Until my change come." (Job 14:14) Verse 23 AGAIN mentions the SUN and the MOON, which is often associated with COVENANT/FAMILY relationship in the scriptures. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the **physical** covenant God has with the sun and the moon and that God could not break that covenant any more than He can break His covenant with us. There is a GLORY to the SUN and a GLORY to the MOON, but even this GLORY will DIM in comparison to the GLORY OF GOD UPON THE THRONE OF MT. ZION! Remember: There is a PHYSICAL ZION and a SPIRITUAL ZION. Though a specified "DAY OF THE LORD" is coming which will have PHYSICAL EFFECTS upon this earth, through Jesus' sacrifice for our sins at Calvary and His resurrection we can have **"Spiritual Zion" reigning in our hearts TODAY!** We can share HIS GLORY with those in the world who desperately need it.

3. CHAPTER 25

Verse 6 AMAZING INSIGHT BY ISAAH INTO THE WORK OF THE CROSS!!! Isaiah states that "in this **mountain,**" that mountain of Jerusalem--specifically **Golgotha, Calvary, the Place of the Skull, MOUNT MORIAH where Abraham's covenant was demonstrated in offering Isaac his only son--** WINE will be given. This is the NEW WINE of the Holy Spirit infilling that was

foreshadowed when Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding. Remember the BEST was SAVED FOR LAST? The Lord Jesus speaks of putting NEW WINE in NEW BOTTLES --clearly depicting a CHANGE that has to take place in the VESSEL to receive the NEW WINE. (Matthew 9:17)

Verse 7 THIS VERSE SHOULD MAKE EVERYBODY SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT!!!

Isaiah is prophesying that in that **mountain** (Calvary) Jesus will DESTROY the **COVERING of death** upon us. Isaiah speaks of this COVERING, this SIN SEPARATION between mankind and God as a **VAIL** that Messiah WOULD DESTROY. Remember what happened to the Temple Vail when Jesus said, "IT IS FINISHED"? **NO MORE SEPARATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN!!! DEATH DIED THAT DAY! Isaiah said Messiah would DESTROY the covering over ALL the earth! The New Testament, with scripture interpreting scripture, tells us that "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might DESTROY the works of the devil." (I John 3:8)**

Verse 8 **It just keeps getting better!!!** Isaiah says Messiah will "**SWALLOW UP DEATH IN VICTORY.**" "Scripture interpreting scripture" amplifies this and associates it with Jesus' victory at the cross in I Corinthians 15:54. This "**SWALLOWING UP**" was **FORESHADOWED** when MOSES (a type of Christ) threw down his rod in the court of Pharaoh and it became a serpent, however Pharaoh's magicians threw down rods that became serpents also, BUT, what did MOSES' serpent do? It **SWALLOWED UP** the magicians' serpents!!! This is a picture of EVIL (SIN AND DEATH) being SWALLOWED UP by the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah also says that "the Lord God will wipe away TEARS from off all faces." DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR? John speaks of this in the Book of Revelation, 7:17 and 21:4. Again, an example of scripture interpreting scripture, "precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little."

Verse 10 "In this MOUNTAIN shall the **HAND** of the **LORD REST** and Moab shall be trodden down under him..." At **MOUNT** Calvary, God the Father CUT COVENANT with His Son ON OUR BEHALF. (Again, as the scripture says, "Because He (God) could swear by no greater, He swear BY HIMSELF." (Hebrews 6:13) Covenant has to be cut with an **equal**. God, cut covenant with Himself in the Person of His Son on Mt. Calvary because **FALLEN SINFUL MAN COULD NOT** covenant with the **HOLINESS OF GOD!**) Remember we saw what happened to UZZAH trying to approach **just the SYMBOL** of the **HOLINESS** of God when he attempted to stabilize the ARK of the COVENANT!

The terminology of God's HAND RESTING is a **symbol** of the COVENANT **BLESSING**. When the Old Testament patriarchs conferred a blessing, (as the aged Jacob did upon his sons in Genesis 49) they placed their hands on the THIGH of their offspring. The **THIGH** symbolized their **STRENGTH and THEIR ISSUE**, that is, the **FRUIT of their LOINS**. It foreshadowed the faith in the Messiah coming from the "LOINS" of the Hebrew nation. (NOTE: The Book of Revelation, Chapter 19, verse 16 tells us that when Jesus returns on His

white horse, that He "hath on his THIGH a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.")

But the **Lord's HAND RESTING** at Mt. Calvary also symbolizes the REST that Jesus said He would give us--it is a **SABBATH REST** of CEASING from our own FUTILE EFFORTS to be HOLY, SINLESS, RIGHTEOUS before God.

Moab, in this scripture in Isaiah, is a symbol of God putting UNDER HIS FEET all UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. (Remember the Kinsman Redeemer we studied and HIS REDEMPTIVE FEET?) The New Testament tells us HE WILL EVENTUALLY PUT ALL ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET.

Verse 11 INCREDIBLE!! **A picture of the crucifixion!** "He shall **SPREAD FORTH HIS HANDS** in the midst of them... and he shall bring down their pride...lay low...bring to the ground, even to the dust." A picture of the CROSS OF CHRIST completely DESTROYING the kingdoms of darkness and SIN! All accomplished because of the Lord Jesus Christ WILLINGLY **spreading forth** His Holy Hands upon an old rugged cross in PERFECT FULFILLMENT of ALL that was PROPHESED!

REMEMBER WHAT THE BOOK OF REVELATION TELLS US: "THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE **SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.**"

FULFILLED PROPHECY VALIDATES WHO JESUS IS AND WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHED!

PRAISE THE LORD FOREVERMORE!!!