

# BOOK OF ISAIAH

## Outline

### Chapters 26-27

1. CHAPTER 26 ISAIAH CONTINUES TO REJOICE IN GOD, EXPLAINS WHY GOD JUDGES, SPEAKS OF THE **RESURRECTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**.

**\*This is the AUTHENTIC, "I see DEAD people," and not some dumb movie!**

Verse 1 The SONG in the land of Judah for salvation is come! Isaiah sees into the distant future: **MESSIAH (Jesus) becomes our SONG**. This is a fulfillment of Psalm 118:14, "The Lord is my STRENGTH and SONG, and is become my SALVATION." Remember, too, The **SONG** of Solomon was all about **JESUS, our Bridegroom**. The land of Judah in this scripture foreshadows the CHURCH, the born-again believers of Jesus. Also, on a personal level, the LAND is your physical bodies, wherein Jesus resides and is your SONG!

Verse 3 "Thou wilt keep him in **PERFECT PEACE**, whose **mind** is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

One of the **5 sacrificial offerings** God commanded Moses in the Tabernacle worship was the **PEACE OFFERING**. It foreshadowed Jesus' sacrifice on the cross bringing RECONCILIATION or PEACE or AT-ONE-MENT with Jehovah. The Bible tells us that in our fallen, sin nature we were at ENMITY (enemies) with God. The great Apostle Paul tells us in the New Testament that the ministry of the New Covenant in Jesus is one of RECONCILIATION (2 Corinth. 5:18). Romans 5:1 further interprets Isaiah's statement of PERFECT PEACE and the FULFILLMENT of the Peace Offering in Leviticus, for it states "Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

NOTICE the word "MIND" in Isaiah's statement of PEACE. When the Roman soldiers mockingly placed the CROWN OF THORNS on the HEAD of our Lord, we were graphically shown that our CURSE (remember, **thorns** are associated with the curse in Genesis) of NO PEACE OF MIND was being born by Him. Everything humanity lost in the fall of Adam and Eve was REDEEMED by the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary! Isaiah told us earlier in chapter 9 that this coming redeemer would be called, "PRINCE OF PEACE." Jesus is PERFECT PEACE. HE IS **COMPLETE PERFECTION** in ALL ASPECTS--**no FAULT** in Him, as Pilate even had to declare! This PEACE that passes all understanding LACKS NOTHING!

Verse 4 "...in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting STRENGTH." Again, fulfillment of the above mentioned Psalm 118:14. Also, **Samson**, as the **STRONG MAN** of Israel hundreds of years prior, foreshadows **JESUS, the Greater Samson**. Samson's PHYSICAL strength against the enemies was pointing to the SPIRITUAL STRENGTH Jesus would purchase for us at the Cross--"POWER over ALL THE POWER of the ENEMY." Because Jesus LIVES IN US, we have the SPIRITUAL STRENGTH to live Godly in this life--to **overcome** those sins

which so easily beset us. Jesus, in His Earthly ministry, said it Himself *and* about Himself:

"But if I with the finger of God (**notice Jesus' terminology of "the finger of God."** It was the "finger of God" which wrote the **LAW on the two tablets of stone at Mt. Sinai**) cast out devils, no doubt the Kingdom of God is come upon you. When a **STRONG** man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a **STRONGER** than he shall come upon him, and **OVERCOME** him, he taketh from him **ALL** his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils."

Jesus is the **STRONGER** man who **overcomes** the strong man (Satan, sin, the world, flesh, etc.).

Verse 9 **HERE IS THE REASON WE SEE GOD INTERVENE AND JUDGE IN THE EARTH:** "...for when thy judgments are in the earth, the **inhabitants** of the world **WILL LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS.**" When the world has devolved into such wickedness, **JUDGMENT IS THE KINDEST THING GOD CAN DO FOR US!**

Verse 15 "Thou has **INCREASED** the nation, O Lord...**unto all the ends of the earth.**" In Isaiah 9:7 the prophet states: "Of the **INCREASE** of His government and **PEACE** there shall be **NO END.**" Again, the nation of Judah was a foreshadowing of God's Church, His Kingdom, His Government. The Kingdom of God and His Government has been **INCREASING** since the resurrection and it is going to **ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**--just as God promised His servant and friend, Abraham, "all nations of the Earth will be blessed" because of Abraham's obedience.

Verse 19 Here the prophet Isaiah prophesies something **ASTOUNDING:** "Thy **DEAD** men **SHALL LIVE**, together with my dead body shall they **ARISE.**" Isaiah had previously predicted the resurrection of the Messiah, but here he predicts the **RESURRECTION OF THE BELIEVERS!** Even Job, the oldest book of the Bible, states the **INEVITABILITY** of his **OWN** resurrection **BECAUSE HIS REDEEMER LIVES** (Job 19: 25-26)!

Verse 21 All of these promises are sure to come about because **GOD** is coming to "punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity" one future day--that to which Peter referred on the Day of Pentecost--"that great and notable **DAY** of the **LORD!**"

## 2. CHAPTER 27

Verse 1: In Isaiah's time this scripture probably referred to their **PHYSICAL** enemies of great nations such as Assyria, Babylon, etc., but the **SPIRITUAL** interpretation for the present day believer is "in **THAT DAY**" the Lord with His "sore and great and strong **SWORD** shall **PUNISH LEVIATHAN** the **PIERCING SERPENT** ...that **crooked SERPENT**; and he shall slay the **DRAGON** that is in the **SEA.**"

**QUESTION: USING SCRIPTURE TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US THE "SWORD" OF THE LORD IS?**

**HINT: Remember, it is illustrated graphically in the Book of Revelation as coming OUT OF JESUS' MOUTH.**

**ANSWER: THE WORD of GOD (Ephesians 6:17).**

**QUESTION: With this SWORD, God will PUNISH WHOM?**

All of these names are associated with Satan, the Devil. In Job 41:1, when God shows up at the end of Job's sufferings, God asks Job, "Canst thou draw out LEVIATHAN with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down." God was illustrating to Job that in his NATURAL state, he was NO MATCH for overcoming LEVIATHAN, Satan. It is especially significant that Isaiah calls Satan a **PIERCING SERPENT**. Jesus was **PIERCED** at the cross and the Bible clearly tells us that men who were under the influence of Satan committed this act. The Book of Genesis tells us that the coming redeemer would BRUISE Satan's head, but that Satan would BRUISE the redeemer's HEEL. Satan was the catalyst for the CRUCIFIXION, manipulating the hearts and minds of sinful men to accomplish the heinous deed of PIERCING THE SAVIOR. Satan is also called the DRAGON in the Book of Revelation. Furthermore, Job makes an astounding statement in Job 26:13, "...His Hand hath formed the **CROOKED SERPENT**." (That's "scripture interpreting scripture.") The Book of Revelation also uses the term "**SEA**" to represent the masses of humanity, Satan is AMONG us and is attempting to oppress and possess the vast sea of humanity BUT...THE SWORD or WORD OF GOD defeats him. It is what our Lord used in the temptation in the wilderness when He squared off with the Devil.

**QUESTION: WHAT DID JESUS SAY TO THE DEVIL AT EVERY TEMPTATION?**

**ANSWER: "IT IS WRITTEN." CAN YOU SEE WHY KNOWING THE WORD OF GOD IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN OVERCOMING THE DEVIL'S TEMPTATIONS?**

Just as God instructed Job in the 41st chapter, we cannot use our NATURAL strength or abilities to overcome the enemy, Satan. We must have the POWER of the STRONGER man, Jesus, **in us** to do battle. We can't **PLAY** with Leviathan like **playing "with a bird"** as God told Job. EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW THAT IF THE CROSS SAID ANYTHING, IT SAID: **"THIS IS HOLY WAR!!!"**

**THIS 'AIN'T' PLAYING!**

Verse 2 Just as Judah was God's physical VINEYARD, the CHURCH has become His **SPIRITUAL VINEYARD**. Jesus said, "I am the **VINE**, ye are the branches" (John 15:5). In Matthew 20 and 21 Jesus speaks of the VINEYARD that was originally His covenant nation of Israel. He is telling them that as this vineyard that was "let out" to Israel as husbandmen, they rejected the prophets and those God sent to them to instruct them-- mistreating these servants-- beating, killing, and stoning them until the **owner** of the vineyard (God) **sent his son**, whom they also **killed**. Jesus then asks the disciples what do they think the OWNER of the

VINEYARD will do when He returns to find the husbandmen even KILLED HIS OWN SON? The prophecy is given in the disciples' answer:

"The owner will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will **let out his vineyard unto OTHER husbandmen**, which shall render him (the owner, God) the fruits in their seasons."

HERE IS A CLEAR PREDICTION THAT THE GOSPEL, THE NEW COVENANT, WILL BE **GIVEN TO THE GENTILE WORLD--A GENTILE VINEYARD!!!**

Verse 3 We are God's NEW COVENANT VINEYARD and He promises to KEEP US "NIGHT AND DAY." He will WATER us with HIS LIVING WATER--out of our bellies shall flow rivers of LIVING WATERS, the New Testament declares.

Verse 6 Not only has the PHYSICAL nation of Israel taken root, blossomed, and budded to bring forth the MESSIAH, but the CHURCH has also taken root, blossomed, and budded to bring forth FRUIT.

**QUESTION: WHERE DID WE READ ABOUT SOMETHING BUDDING, BLOSSOMING, AND BRINGING FORTH FRUIT OVERNIGHT?**

**ANSWER: AARON'S ROD LAID UP BEFORE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD. WHY IS THAT SIGNIFICANT???**

The New Testament tells us that as born-again believers, we are Kings and **PRIESTS** unto God (Revelation 1:6)!

Verses 7-11 Isaiah looks into the future captivity of his nation. God speaks of His punishment upon them for the purpose of bringing them back to Him, to purge them of their sins. God will destroy all of their idolatry. Isaiah speaks of the "east wind," which most likely refers to the armies of the East--Babylon. However, the "East Wind" is significant in Jewish history, for it was an **EAST WIND** that blew upon the RED SEA all night and parted the waters for their **RELEASE FROM EGYPTIAN CAPTIVITY**. Jesus is that deliverance. He was and is the **EAST WIND**. HE is the **WAY-MAKER!**

**QUESTION: IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHAT "DIRECTION" DID JESUS ASSOCIATE WITH HIS SECOND COMING?**

**ANSWER: THE "EAST."**

Verse 12 Not only is God promising a regathering of Israel as the physical nation, but this scripture foreshadows God's gathering of His "ELECT"--the Church.

NOTICE: He gathers them "one by one." This is a **PERSONAL SALVATION!** The preacher won't be standing beside us to represent us before **GOD** in that day.

Verse 13 "the **GREAT TRUMPET** shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish... and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem." This is a picture of the final ingathering of the redeemed and is alluded to in one of the Old Testament Feasts, The Feasts of Trumpets. The apostle Paul amplifies it in I Corinthians 15:52:

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the LAST TRUMP: for the **TRUMPET** shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be CHANGED."

There it is in Paul's own words--THE GRAND FINALE! He is showing us, just as Isaiah had seen, DEAD BODIES being raised at the LAST TRUMP and, just as Job had declared, CHANGE.

**SCRIPTURE INTERPRETS SCRIPTURE!**  
**ONLY THE DIVINE MIND CAN ACHIEVE SUCH A FEAT IN CREATING SUCH A BOOK!**

**Hey, better days are ahead, Jack!**