

# BOOK OF ISAIAH

## Outline

### Chapter 28

**\*When God said, "Ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...," He *really* meant POWER, UNEARTHLY POWER, POWER FROM ON HIGH, as we shall see in this study. It's BEYOND DYNAMITE, though the Greek word is the word from which our word, dynamite, is derived! REMEMBER that old Andy Griffith show when the goat ate the dynamite stored in Mayberry for the blasting work they were doing outside the town? That scrawny goat caused quite a stir because he had POWER in him! Deputy Barney Fife said, "If you touch that goat, "BLOOEY!" That goat has put us BELIEVERS to SHAME!**

#### 1. CHAPTER 28

Verse 1 "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of **Ephraim...**" Ephraim is another name for the Northern Kingdom, Israel, whose **capital city was Samaria**. (Remember Jesus' story about the Good **Samaritan** in Luke 10:33?...Also in Jesus' ministry, John 4:4, it is said that Jesus "must needs go through **SAMARIA**." **WHY?** Because there was a woman of SAMARIA who would be coming to Jacob's Well who needed SALVATION. Although the Northern Kingdom had collapsed hundreds of years prior, Jesus was acknowledging them as being part of the Covenant Nation at one time--even though when the Assyrians carried them captive, the Assyrians **INTERMINGLED** other nations with them when they repopulated that area. The people of Judah did not hold these people in high regard, since they were not considered to be **FULLY HEBREW**. But Jesus' actions in **NEEDING** to go there also foreshadowed **SALVATION COMING TO ALL PEOPLES**.)

Isaiah is prophesying that the Northern Kingdom will be judged and will fall. He was speaking of the future time when the Empire of Assyria would lay siege to the capital, Samaria, for 3 years. If you remember, the siege was so horrific that the **people were engaged in cannibalism**. **AMAZINGLY**, God, through His servant, Moses, **HUNDREDS OF YEARS EARLIER**, before entering the Promised Land, warned them that if they rebelled **HE** would bring a **FIERCE NATION** against them to besiege them **AND** they would ultimately **"EAT THE FRUIT OF THINE OWN BODY."** (Deut. 28:48-53)

Verse 7 "...the **priest** and the **prophet** have **erred through strong drink**, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision they stumble in judgment." This scripture shows the **importance of spiritual leadership in a nation** staying true to the call, else as the priest is, so go the people. The **"influence"** of strong drink can also **symbolize or be a metaphor for anything apart from the Holy Spirit** who is the One Who should be ruling our actions. The New Testament states, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be **FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**." Ephesians 5:18

Verse 9-10 **ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SCRIPTURES IN THE ENTIRE BIBLE REGARDING HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD AND HOW TO "GO DEEPER" WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WORD.** "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For PRECEPT must be upon PRECEPT, PRECEPT upon PRECEPT; LINE upon LINE, LINE upon LINE; here a little, there a little." This scripture is teaching that "SCRIPTURE INTERPRETS SCRIPTURE." The DIVINE LAYERING of the Bible is much like peeling away the layers of an onion!

Verse 11-12 "For with STAMMERING LIPS and ANOTHER TONGUE will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the REST wherewith ye may cause the **weary** to **rest**; and this is the REFRESHING: yet they would **not hear.**" This scripture has multiple meanings. The word "**STAMMERING**" means "foreigner," "buffoon," or "mocker." At that moment in time, FOREIGN nations, such as Assyria, would be used as God's instrument to judge His people. God was SPEAKING to them through the judgment--to turn from their sins and they would find REST. But the ULTIMATE JUDGMENT upon sin would occur hundreds of years later at Calvary's Cross. **Fifty days** after the resurrection and in **fulfillment of the Old Testament Feast of Pentecost**, the Holy Spirit fell upon those 120 in the upper room in Acts 2. They spoke with OTHER TONGUES. This STAMMERING caused some in attendance to MOCK the 120 and accuse them of being drunk with wine. God was SPEAKING through the mouths of those 120. He was validating what He had promised from the beginning--that through the Abrahamic Covenant, ALL NATIONS (TONGUES, TRIBES) could have their sins JUDGED at Calvary and come into the EVERLASTING COVENANT--this REST, this REFRESHING. This "**power** of God unto salvation" that was given on the day of Pentecost, made us--the WEARY from self efforts at righteousness--to REST and be RE-FRESHED! In Acts 3:19, after Peter and John ministered to the lame man at the Gate Beautiful of the Temple and he was healed--(walking, and leaping, and praising God), Peter tells the people **this is IT!**--the TIMES OF **REFRESHING** from the presence of the Lord. The Hebrew word and the Greek Word for **REFRESHING** connotes REST and **THE RECOVERY OF BREATH** or REVIVAL! (Remember in Jesus' post resurrection appearance to the disciples and BEFORE the day of Pentecost, He suddenly appeared to them in a room with the doors shut. He showed them his crucifixion scars and commissioned them. THEN, JESUS DID SOMETHING **ODD!** He **BREATHED** on them and said, "**Receive ye the Holy Ghost.**")

**QUESTION: In the Book of Genesis, what was the FIRST recorded incidence of GOD BREATHING?**

**ANSWER: He BREATHED into Adam, thereby making Adam LIKE HIM--carrying the BREATH OF GOD. Making man in His very own image!**

This **REFRESHING** prophesied by Isaiah is the **RECOVERY** of **DIVINE Breath!** The Cross allowed humanity to RECOVER from the fall in the Garden of Eden! HALLELUJAH! Just as David at Ziklag (1 Samuel 30:19) RECOVERED ALL from what the enemy had stolen from him and his army, (even the wives, sons, daughters of the men)--the ARMY OF THE LIVING GOD, THE CHURCH, YOU AND ME...we **RECOVER ALL** because of JESUS! **Even our relationships, as demonstrated in David's recovery of their wives, sons, and daughters!** GOOD, GOOD, GOOD NEWS!!! CHURCH of The Most High God, you've made a **FULL** RECOVERY! We can now be **FILLED** with the Holy Spirit--we can be **FULL!**

The last part of this verse in Isaiah states that God's Covenant Nation of Israel would **NOT** hear. This has been fulfilled in that the Gospel has now been taken to the Gentiles. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11

Verse 16 "...I lay in Zion for a FOUNDATION a STONE, a TRIED STONE, a PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE, he that believeth shall not make haste." The New Testament tells us that "For other FOUNDATION can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 3:11) Jesus is the Cornerstone and is the "stone the builders rejected." (see Psalm 118:22 and Matthew 21:42) The nation of Israel was the "builders," but they rejected Jesus as the Messiah. The Cornerstone is the CHIEF stone that establishes the foundation of the temple. The prophet **Zechariah** graphically predicts it in **chapter 10:3-5**. Look how it reads in the Living Bible:

"My anger burns against your shepherds--your leaders--and I will punish them--these goats. For the Lord of Hosts HAS ARRIVED to help His flock of Judah. I will make them strong (*sounds like RECOVERY TO ME!*) and glorious like a proud steed in battle. From **them** will come the **CORNERSTONE**, the PEG on which **ALL HOPE HANGS**, the BOW that wins the battle, the **RULER over ALL the earth**. They (*us, the Church*) will be **MIGHTY WARRIORS** for God, grinding their enemies' faces into the dust beneath their feet. The Lord is with them (*us*) as they fight; **THEIR ENEMY IS DOOMED!**"

**PRAISE GOD!!! THE ENEMY IS DOOMED!--so says the RULER OVER ALL THE EARTH!!!**

Not only is Jesus the TRUE TEMPLE of God, (He said, "Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up.") but **our bodies** have become the **temples of the Holy Spirit**. Jesus, the **Cornerstone**, is **IN** us. He is **IN** us--that's the unfathomable TRUTH of the Gospel--CHRIST IN US! May God help us to TURN THAT POWER LOOSE on a world so desperately in need of that POWER--the Power to become "the sons of God."

Additionally, Daniel's AMAZING vision of the 5 kingdoms that would come upon Earth, (see Daniel 2:32-35) shows us that in the "end times" a **STONE** that was **not made with human hands** (i.e. this stone was born of a virgin--the Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary and created this "stone.") **came from HEAVEN** (that's **Jesus**) and struck the image in the Book of Daniel which signified the **5 major world kingdoms**. Daniel shows us that this stone becomes a MOUNTAIN (i.e., a KINGDOM--that's the Kingdom of God) that fills the WHOLE EARTH!

Verse 18 Because of this **PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE** that God would **lay in Zion** (i.e., Jesus, **LAI**D by God and stretched upon a wooden, rugged cross), JUDGMENT would be "LAID to the line." Jesus took the FULL MEASURE of judgment for us--to the line. God says He will **DISANNUL** (powerful LEGAL term) "your covenant with death...and your agreement with hell shall not stand" because of the judgment laid upon Christ, yet the people who continue to trust in themselves and their idols will be swept away and trodden down.

Verse 21 This would be a STRANGE (i.e., foreign) ACT, STRANGE WORK, that God would judge Israel of Isaiah's day through foreign enemies invading, but this STRANGE ACT also is prophetic in the STRANGE ACT, STRANGE WORK of Jesus upon the cross, taking judgment for us upon our enemies: DEATH, HELL, and THE GRAVE.