

BOOK OF ISAIAH
Outline
Chapter 59

1. **CHAPTER 59** Isaiah continues to denounce the sins of the people, but in doing so, Isaiah is speaking to **ALL of HUMANITY!** We **ALL** have a **SIN PROBLEM!**

Verses 1-2: “Behold, the Lord’s **HAND** is **NOT SHORTENED**, that it **cannot SAVE**; neither **HIS EAR HEAVY**, that it **cannot HEAR**: **BUT YOUR INIQUITIES** have **SEPARATED** between you and **YOUR GOD**, and **YOUR SINS** have **HID HIS FACE** from YOU, **THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR.**”

QUESTION: In looking at verse 2, is there ever a time when God will **NOT hear** us?

ANSWER: _____

Verses 3-4, 7, 10: “For your **hands** are defiled with **BLOOD**...None calleth for **JUSTICE**...Their **feet run to evil**, and they **make haste to shed INNOCENT BLOOD**...We **grope** for the wall like the **BLIND**, and we grope as if we had **NO EYES**: we **STUMBLE** at **NOON DAY** as in the **NIGHT**; we are in **desolate places** as **DEAD MEN.**”

QUESTION: What kind of society is Isaiah picturing in the above verses and do you see any modern day parallels?

ANSWER: _____

Verse 14: “...for **TRUTH is FALLEN** in the street...”

QUESTION: Can you give an example of **TRUTH FALLEN** in the streets of our nation—perhaps a particular judicial decision that, unfortunately, reflects the hearts of the people?

ANSWER: _____

Verse 15: “...and the **LORD** saw it, and it **displeased Him** that there was **NO JUDGMENT.**”

QUESTION: How do we reconcile the scripture that says “Judge not that ye be not judged” with God being **DISPLEASED** that there was **NO JUDGMENT**? (*Is this a **CONTRADICTION** in the Bible???* Remember, there is an entire book of the Old Testament called **JUDGES**, so God considers **JUDGMENT** very important!)

ANSWER: _____

The prophet Isaiah does **NOT** see a **HUMAN SOLUTION** for the **evils his people** are committing, but there is a **DIVINE SOLUTION**. God’s own “**ARM**” will bring **SALVATION!**

Verse 17: “For He put on **RIGHTEOUSNESS** as a **BREASTPLATE**, and an **HELMET** of **SALVATION** upon His head; and He put on the garments of

VENGEANCE for **CLOTHING**, and was clad with **ZEAL** as a cloak.”

QUESTION: Who is the “**ARM**” of God who **brings salvation** and has **RIGHTEOUSNESS** as a **BREASTPLATE**?

ANSWER: _____

Did you notice that in predicting the Messiah’s coming, Isaiah is using the **same terminology** about the **Breastplate of Righteousness** and the **Helmet of Salvation** that we, as Christians, are told to “put on” in **Ephesians 6**? (*Notice handout picture.*)

Isaiah uses the word **ZEAL** in association with the coming of Jesus. In John 2:14-17 it says of Jesus:

- “And (*Jesus*) found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting : And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, 'Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, **The ZEAL of thine house hath eaten me up.**”

Verse 19-20: “...When the **ENEMY** shall come in **LIKE A FLOOD**, the **SPIRIT** of The **LORD** shall **LIFT UP** a **STANDARD** against him. And the **REDEEMER** shall come to Zion, and unto them that **TURN** from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.”

Remember, God is painting **physical pictures** in the Old Testament to help us understand the **UNSEEN**—the **SPIRITUAL REALM**. Just as there were **physical armies** of **ENEMIES** which opposed God’s chosen people in the Old Testament, so it is today with the **UNSEEN, SPIRITUAL ENEMIES** that attack us-- **THE CHURCH, The BRIDE of Christ**. We have “**ENEMIES**” **within** us in our **EVIL desires** which come out of the **FALLEN FLESH nature** and we have “**ENEMIES**” **outside** of our bodies. These “**enemies**” are cited in Ephesians 6:12:

- “For we wrestle **NOT** against **FLESH and BLOOD**, but against **PRINCIPALITIES**, against **POWERS**, against the **RULERS of DARKNESS** of this world, against **SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS** in high places.”

Remember, when **LUCIFER**, the **ANOINTED CHERUB**, rebelled and became **SATAN**, the **ADVERSARY, 1/3 of the angels** bought into his plot to take over Heaven and, consequently, **FELL with him**.

“**Principalities**” is the Greek word **ARCHE** (*pronounced ar-khay*). It is the root word of **ARCHANGEL**, which means the “beginning” or “first” or “**CHIEF**” angel. Here it refers to **FALLEN ANGELS** who are **CHIEF angels**, associated with spiritually affecting certain geographical regions. We are given insight as to these **FALLEN PRINCIPALITIES** in **Daniel 10:12-14**. Daniel prayed for understanding in the vision God had given him. God sent **GABRIEL**

to give Daniel understanding the moment Daniel prayed **BUT, Gabriel COULDN'T get through the SPIRITUAL REALM** because the **PRINCIPALITY of PERSIA** fought against him. Gabriel told Daniel that this **WARFARE in the SPIRITUAL HEAVENLIES** was the reason he had been delayed and that **MICHAEL** (*the ONLY NAMED ARCHANGEL in scripture*) had to come and assist in fighting to get Gabriel through to Daniel with the answer.

- “Then said he (*the angel, Gabriel*) unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the **first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand**, and to chasten thyself before thy God, **thy words were heard**, and I am come for thy words. But the **PRINCE of the KINGDOM of PERSIA withstood me one and twenty days**: but, lo, **MICHAEL**, one of the **chief princes**, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.”

The Old Testament prophet of the **DOUBLE PORTION of the Spirit, Elisha**, alludes to this **“other third” of fallen angels** during the time the Syrian army surrounded him. **Elisha prayed** for God to **OPEN the SPIRITUAL EYES** of his young servant so that he could **see God's HEAVENLY ARMIES** surrounding them. Notice Elisha also tells the servant that **THERE are MORE** with them than there are with the enemy army.

- “And when the **servant of ELISHA**, the man of God, was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an **HOST compassed the city** both with horses and chariots. And **Elisha's servant** said unto him, **Alas, my master! how shall we do?** And **Elisha** answered, **Fear not**: for **THEY** that be **WITH US** are **MORE** than **THEY** that be **WITH THEM**. And **Elisha prayed**, and said, **LORD**, I pray thee, **OPEN HIS EYES**, that he may **SEE**. And the **LORD OPENED THE EYES** of the young man; and **HE SAW**: and, behold, **THE MOUNTAIN** was **FULL of HORSES** and **CHARIOTS of FIRE** round about **Elisha.**” (*II Kings 6:15-17*)

Look again at **Isaiah 59:19-20**, for the **SECRET of SUCCESSFUL SPIRITUAL WARFARE** is found there. We see that the **ENEMY** operates in trying to **OVERWHELM** us!!! When Satan launches an attack against one of God's servants, it is like a **FLOOD**, a **TORRENT** hitting us. When one **WAVE** passes, **another WAVE hits!!!** But Isaiah sees 700 years into the **FUTURE** and how **God will intervene**. Isaiah says that the **SPIRIT of the LORD** will **“LIFT UP”** a **STANDARD**.

Do you remember in the New Testament Jesus likened His crucifixion to the time in the Hebrews' wilderness wanderings when they were **bitten by poisonous snakes** and Moses was told to make a **BRAZEN SERPENT upon a POLE**? Moses was to **“LIFT UP”** that **POLE**, like one of the **STANDARDS** of the **BANNERS** of each tribe. Each person who just **LOOKED** upon that Serpent on the pole was **HEALED and LIVED**. Jesus said that just as Moses **LIFTED UP** that pole (**STANDARD**), so also would **He be LIFTED UP**. **CALVARY IS THE STANDARD! CALVARY IS OUR WAR BANNER!** Furthermore, Isaiah foresees **REPENTANCE** in these verses which describe our deliverance from the enemy. Isaiah says that this **deliverance is for those who “TURN”** from their transgressions. **Repentance** means **“to TURN.”**

CHILD of GOD, this is our **wartime strategy!** Keep **LIFTING UP JESUS!** **TURN** when God says **TURN**, i.e., **REPENT** as often as needed! As Isaiah said, **THE REDEEMER WILL COME TO YOU!!!**

Look at the **GLORIOUS PROMISE** to those who have entered this **NEW COVENANT** with **JESUS** which Isaiah foresaw:

Verse 21: “As for **Me (God)**, this is **MY COVENANT** with them, saith the Lord: My **SPIRIT** that is **upon THEE (YOU!)** and **My Words** which I have **put in thy mouth, SHALL NOT DEPART** out of **thy mouth**, nor out of the **mouth of thy SEED**, nor out of the **mouth of thy SEED’S SEED**, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever.”

This is a tremendous scripture to claim for your children and grandchildren, **BUT** the **ultimate FULFILLMENT** of this scripture is **THE TRUE CHURCH**, which began on the **DAY OF PENTECOST** when the **SPIRIT** was poured upon them and the **WORD** was spoken through them. That day, the **120-member FIRST CHURCH** produced **SEED** totaling about **3,000 souls** when Peter preached. (*Acts 2:41*) Through the centuries the **CHURCH** has continued to produce **SEED** and **SEED’S SEED**, etc., and **WILL CONTINUE** producing the **COVENANT SEED** of those with the **WORD of GOD in their mouths** because this is the **EVERLASTING COVENANT**.

The **EVERLASTING COVENANT** is **JUST THAT!!! EVERLASTING!!!**

NOTHING can **KILL IT**, much less even **HINDER IT!** The **GOSPEL** of **REDEMPTION** in **JESUS CHRIST WILL FOREVER PREVAIL!!!**

Jesus said it **HIMSELF!** He told Peter that **THE ROCK** of **REVELATION** that He, **Jesus**, is **THE CHRIST, The SON of the LIVING GOD**, is the **ROCK UPON WHICH** He will build His **CHURCH**—that the gates of **HELL** shall **NOT PREVAIL AGAINST THE ROCK OF REVELATION OF WHO JESUS IS!**