

# ISAIAH

"The Light in the Darkness"

**Isaiah 28-35**

"A Misplaced Trust  
Before a Just & Gracious God"

A topographical map of the Middle East region, showing the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Red Sea to the south. The landmass is color-coded to represent different historical or geographical regions. The largest area, covering the northern and eastern parts of the region, is colored blue and labeled 'ASSYRIA'. A smaller area to the west of Assyria is colored green and labeled 'SYRIA'. Further south, a narrow strip of land is colored red and labeled 'ISRAEL'. The southernmost part of this strip is colored yellow and labeled 'JUDAH'. The rest of the landmass is shown in naturalistic brown and tan tones, representing the desert and mountainous terrain.

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*'For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the Lord will speak to this people,'* (28:11)

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*“We have made a covenant with death... we have made lies our refuge.” (28:15)*

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*"This iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall... whose breaking comes suddenly..."* (30:13)

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*“Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of Justice; blessed are all those who wait for him” (30:18)*

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*“Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty... For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our lawgiver; the Lord is our king...” (33:17, 22)*

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*"Vengeance belongs to the Lord." (Romans 12:19)*

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*'The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad ... it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing... They shall see the glory of the Lord , the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water...' (35:1-7)*

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*'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'* (Revelation 21:4)

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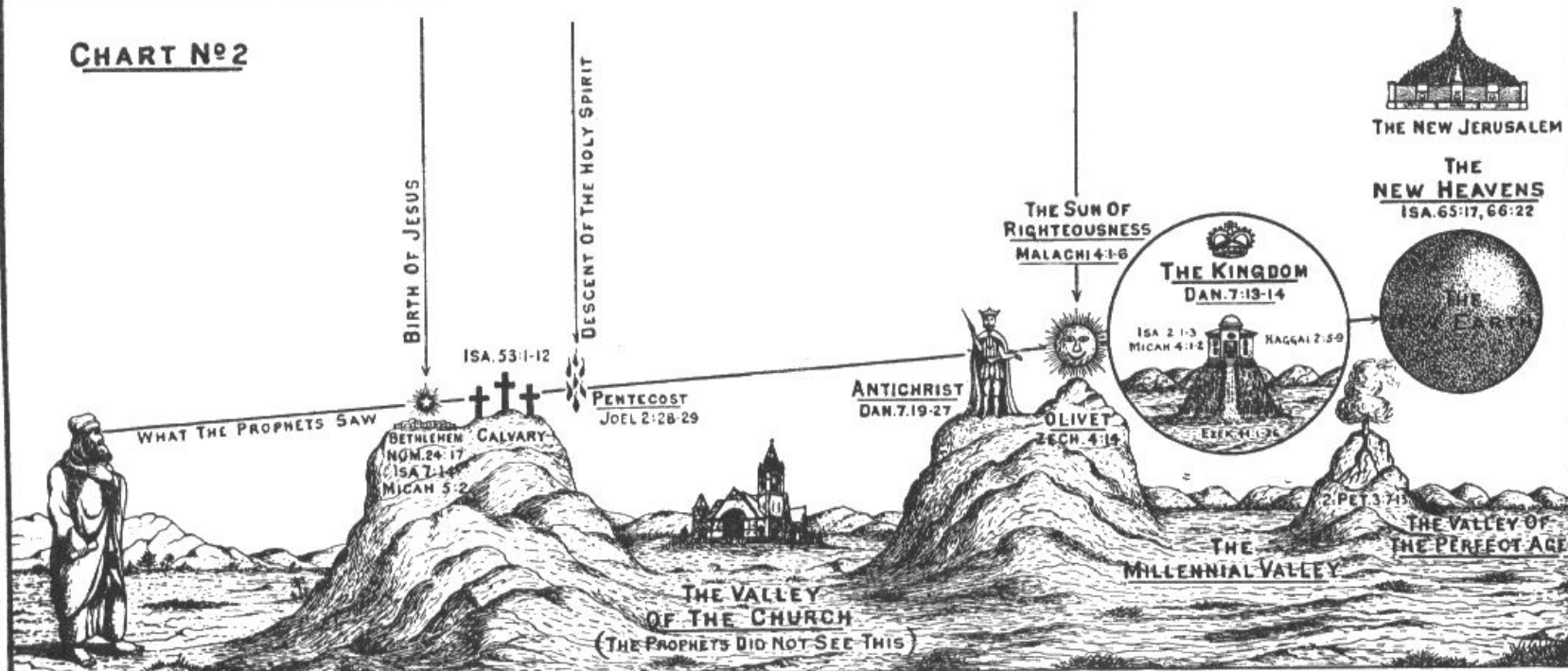
*Timothy 4:3-4*

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