

ISAIAH 25

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INTRODUCTION

- Isaiah has been given all the prophecies about judgment
- Many of the prophecies were about judgment against his own brethren
 - Many of which grieved him deeply
 - Now God gives Isaiah this vision of the Kingdom of God
- Isaiah's is to pen this song of praise!

ISAIAH 25:1-5 NKJV

O LORD, YOU ARE MY GOD. I WILL EXALT YOU, I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME, FOR YOU HAVE DONE WONDERFUL THINGS; YOUR COUNSELS OF OLD ARE FAITHFULNESS AND TRUTH. [2] FOR YOU HAVE MADE A CITY A RUIN, A FORTIFIED CITY A RUIN, A PALACE OF FOREIGNERS TO BE A CITY NO MORE; IT WILL NEVER BE REBUILT. [3] THEREFORE THE STRONG PEOPLE WILL GLORIFY YOU; THE CITY OF THE TERRIBLE NATIONS WILL FEAR YOU. [4] FOR YOU HAVE BEEN A STRENGTH TO THE POOR, A STRENGTH TO THE NEEDY IN HIS DISTRESS, A REFUGE FROM THE STORM, A SHADE FROM THE HEAT; FOR THE BLAST OF THE TERRIBLE ONES IS AS A STORM AGAINST THE WALL. [5] YOU WILL REDUCE THE NOISE OF ALIENS, AS HEAT IN A DRY PLACE; AS HEAT IN THE SHADOW OF A CLOUD, THE SONG OF THE TERRIBLE ONES WILL BE DIMINISHED.

VERSE 1

- This chapter is a song of praise for God's deliverance of His people (deliverance of the end times spoken of in ch 24)
- The prophet:
 - Exalts God
 - Praises God
- Because:
 - He has done wonderful things
 - He is faithful and true to His word

VERSE 2 & 3

- Praise God for His judgment on their enemies
- City is representative of the world
 - No matter what fortifications
 - No matter what weaponry
 - God's judgment will conquer them
- The strong people (super powers) will fear the Lord

VERSE 4

- A strength to the poor and needy (God is the champion of the widow and orphan all throughout the OT)
- Refuge from the storm (of judgment in this case)
- Shade (shelter) from the heat
- The terrible ones (evil) are like a storm against the wall (the wall does not move).
 - Psalm 112:6-8
 - Psalm 55:22

VERSE 5

- Noise of the aliens (foreign oppressors) will go away
- Heat in dry place (not as oppressive)
- Heat in the shadow of a cloud (less oppressive)
- They will be humbled/silenced (the roosters will stop crowing so to speak)

ISAIAH 25:6-8 NKJV

AND IN THIS MOUNTAIN THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL MAKE FOR ALL PEOPLE A FEAST OF CHOICE PIECES, A FEAST OF WINES ON THE LEES, OF FAT THINGS FULL OF MARROW, OF WELL-REFINED WINES ON THE LEES.

[7] AND HE WILL DESTROY ON THIS MOUNTAIN THE SURFACE OF THE COVERING CAST OVER ALL PEOPLE, AND THE VEIL THAT IS SPREAD OVER ALL NATIONS. [8]

HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH FOREVER, AND THE LORD GOD WILL WIPE AWAY TEARS FROM ALL FACES;

THE REBUKE OF HIS PEOPLE HE WILL TAKE AWAY FROM ALL THE EARTH; FOR THE LORD HAS SPOKEN.

VERSE 6

- The mountain is Zion (Yahweh's dwelling place)
 - He will dwell, rule, judge, and teach from there
 - He will also provide lavishly
 - Choice cuts of meat (fat and marrow)
 - Wine on the lees (choice, aged) (the lees refers to the pulp/sediment that is in the bottom)
(extravagant wines use the lees)

VERSES 7 & 8

“Death, pictured as a shroud and a sheet, the covering placed over a dead body, will be swallowed up or done away with. This will mean that tears of grief caused by the separation of the dead from the living also will be a thing of the past.....The certainty of future prosperity and joy and absence of death would encourage Judah in Isaiah’s day to trust in the Lord and not lose heart.”

ISAIAH 25:9-12 NKJV

AND IT WILL BE SAID IN THAT DAY: "BEHOLD, THIS IS OUR GOD; WE HAVE WAITED FOR HIM, AND HE WILL SAVE US. THIS IS THE LORD; WE HAVE WAITED FOR HIM; WE WILL BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN HIS SALVATION." [10] FOR ON THIS MOUNTAIN THE HAND OF THE LORD WILL REST, AND MOAB SHALL BE TRAMPLED DOWN UNDER HIM, AS STRAW IS TRAMPLED DOWN FOR THE REFUSE HEAP. [11] AND HE WILL SPREAD OUT HIS HANDS IN THEIR MIDST AS A SWIMMER REACHES OUT TO SWIM, AND HE WILL BRING DOWN THEIR PRIDE TOGETHER WITH THE TRICKERY OF THEIR HANDS. [12] THE FORTRESS OF THE HIGH FORT OF YOUR WALLS HE WILL BRING DOWN, LAY LOW, AND BRING TO THE GROUND, DOWN TO THE DUST.

VERSES 10

- The long awaited moment has arrived and the people of God rejoice!
- Unlike vacation
 - We look forward all year with great anticipation
 - It arrives and we are gleeful yet halfway through the week, we are dreading its end.
 - Christ's kingdom will never end!

VERSES 10-12

- The Lord will trample all foes
- Just pushes them out of the way with ease as a swimmer pushes away the water or straw is trampled down under foot in a stable
 - Destroying their pride and treacherous ways
 - Walls (defenses/military prowess) will not bring safety
- Only God's people will enjoy the prosperity and blessings of the kingdom.