

Isaiah 24-27 – 7 December 2023

“Isaiah’s Apocalypse”

Introduction

- *Isa Section 1 (Chap 1-12), God spoke of the coming judgement but also the coming of Messiah for them!
- *Isa Section 2 (Chap 13-23), God addressed mostly foreign nations reminding Israel of justice & salvation
- *Today is Section 3 of 8 – Isaiah’s Apocalypse
- *Chap 24 speaks of the final 7-year Tribulation
- *Chap 25-27 are praises, mostly the God’s people will sing during the 1,000 Millennium
- *Let’s 1st look at Chap 24 as we see the Tribulation

Man’s pride gets its final judgement (Chap 24)

Read Chap 24:1-3

1. Isaiah now describes a world-wide destruction that will affect all mankind

2. Notice there's no amount of power, influence or position that can spare from its destruction
3. This can only be the coming Day of the Lord and 7-year Tribulation

Read Vs 4-6

1. So ultimate cause of man's destruction is our own haughtiness & rebellion against God's order
2. We've broken the "everlasting covenant"
 - a. Many covenants in Old & New Testaments called everlasting (W/ Noah, Abe, Heb 13:20)
 - b. This is "God's overall plan of redemption"
3. The "curse" b/c of our haughty rebellion has devoured the earth since Garden of Eden
 - a. Cursed if don't do whole law (Deut 27:26)
 - b. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law being made a curse for us (Gal 3:13)
 - c. In the final everlasting state, we see there's no more curse as we have humble, joyful obedience to God Almighty (Rev 22:3)

Read Vs 7-13

1. All partying & joy cease during Tribulation
2. Notice, 'every house is shut up'
3. Hunkered down b/c of lack of care for others
(Matt 24:12) & for pestilence (Matt 24:7)

Read Vs 14-18

1. We see believers going thru the Tribulation magnifying God
 - a. Just as in Rev 7 with the 144,000
2. All while these believers are enduring leanness

Read Vs 19-20

1. The earth itself shall fall into destruction

Read Vs 21-23

1. 'Army of the high ones' looks to be fallen angels
2. In Rev Satan is casted into the pit at end of the Tribulation to be released at the end of Millenium
3. Of course, the 7-year Trib is capped w/ Jesus reigning in Jerusalem for 1,000 years

So with that set up, let's look at the defeat of our 3 enemies as God's people stand in victory in the end

#1: Praise God, the World System is defeated (Chap 25)

Read Chap 25:1

1. Praising God in the end that His ancient wisdom stands in the end of time
2. Jesus is called Faithful & True at 2nd Coming

Read Vs 2-6

1. Jesus puts down rebellious Babylon & in Mil all nations come to Jerusalem's Feasts to worship

Read Vs 7

1. In II Cor 3 Paul speaks of a spiritual veil that's over Israel to not believe the Gospel
2. In the Mil, this blindness will be gone for good

Read Vs 8

1. Paul quoted swallowing up of death in I Cor 15:54 at time of our bodies changing to incorruption

2. No more death, tears or division at all

Read Vs 9

1. In Luke 21 Jesus, said “in our patience we possess our souls”
2. Rev 13 & 14 says the patience of the saints is to keep His commandments and the faith of Jesus
3. Those wait on the Lord shall renew their strength

Read Vs 10-12

1. I refer you to our study of Isa 16 to see why Moab is mentioned here & their involved in end
2. A great picture of our 2 choices
 - a. Either to be received by His hand of rest
 - b. Or to be trodden under His foot

#2: Praise God, our Flesh is defeated (Chap 26)

Read Chap 26:1-2

1. We will sing this song in Jerusalem together
2. Jerusalem will be for salvation to the righteous

Read Vs 3-4

1. Keeping our minds fixed on what is true is a form of trusting and having faith in God
2. Primary battleground is our mind thru which we'll allow either our flesh or spirit to dominate
 - a. The World (Acts 14:2) & the devil (Dan 7:25) attacks us here
 - b. Be renewed & choose only true beliefs (II Cor 10:5, Rom 7:25, Eph 4:22-24, Rom 12:1-2)
3. What do we gain? Perfect peace (Shalom, Shalom)
 - a. Repeated words are for intensity
 - b. Only comes by knowing the Prince of Peace

Read Vs 5-9

1. These are the things the Prince of Peace convinces us of as we learn of Him
2. From 5-6, God will bring down the proud
3. From 7-8, righteous should follow in God's steps
4. From 9, we seek to understand God w/ spirit

Read Vs 10-11

1. Unbelievers will live in the Millennium having only good around them & yet will reject God when given the chance at the end of Millennium
2. Millennium will prove flesh in given to evil

Read Vs 12-18

1. Rejoicing in the completed work of Christ in us until the point of glorification in eternity
2. From 12, the Lord has done the work in us
3. From 18, our work was as substantial as wind
4. It's as if the Holy Spirit told Isaiah & Paul the same idea (Read Eph 2:8-10)

Read Vs 19-21

1. Even the OT gives us revelation of the bodily resurrection of all men
2. Read II Tim 1:10 – It's only thru Jesus we see clearly

#3: Praise God, the Devil is defeated (Chap 27)

Read Chap 27:1

1. Job 41 give a description of this great dragon
 - a. Satan is the great dragon from Gen to Rev
2. Satan both 'pierces' thru toward us and is 'crooked' meaning tortuous
3. Satan will have his punishment & banishment

Read Vs 2-6

1. With Satan destroyed, Israel can blossom again as God's beloved vineyard as we saw in Isa 5
2. Notice the vineyard can only bloom as it takes hold of God's strength or abides in the vine

Read Vs 7-9

1. God's chastisement on Israel has accomplished the good work of restoring Israel to obedience
2. They no longer serve these idols which are devils

Read Vs 10-11

1. All the great military installations and strong economic cities shall be brought back to nature
2. Since the Tower of Babel God make this clear to spread out not to gather
3. That's where satanic spiritual Babylon began

Read Vs 12-13

1. This is not shofar (call to battle) but the Silver Trumpets (Num 10) gathering all Israel in the end

Conclusion

So, we've had our wrath removed at the cross, but for the rest, it will be paid during the 7-year Tribulation

1. We'll stand in the city of our Lord, praising God that the *world system* has been defeated
2. We'll sing in the spirit, praising God that *our flesh* has been defeated
3. We'll take hold of God's strength, praising Him that *Satan* has been defeated