

# **The Book of Isaiah**

## **The Day of the LORD Chapters 24-27**

### **Chapter 25**

The Lord having “turned the world upside down” in chapter 24 now moves to the establishment of the theocratic kingdom, Christ’s Millennial reign and issues surround that time.

**The Praise for the Faithfulness of God (1-5):** The “praise” and “exaltation” of God is the result of Israel witnessing the fulfillment of God’s promises to the nation of Israel. The “counsels of old” are all the prophetic utterance concerning the promises to the nation of Israel, the fulfillment of all the prophetic passages that remain:

**Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (Isa 46:9-10)**

**By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (Heb 11:9-10)**

**(vs. 2)** The city and its destruction is the city of Babylon:

**Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. (Re 18:10)**

**(vs. 3-5)** The supernatural protection of the Remnant of Israel during the Tribulation.

**The Time of Celebration (6-8):** The establishment of the Kingdom brings with it a time of great rejoicing. It is when the mountain of the Lord’s house is established upon all the hills that this will transpire: **“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.” (Isa 2:2)**

It is the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy when the rock cut without hands smites all the kingdoms of this world and it becomes a great and mighty mountain:

**Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (Da 2:34-35)**

(vs. 6) The feast of "fat things" and the "wines on the lees" is the issue of this time being a very special celebration. The "fat things" is the flavorful things and the "wine on the lees" is the issue of letting the wine rest in the vats producing a well refined flavorful wine. This is not just any old celebration but more a coronation ceremony.

(vs. 7) The veil that is covering all the nations is a spiritual blindness that God will give to all the people as they turn from the truth unto the lies of the Antichrist: **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2Th 2:9-12)**

**And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. (Re 18:23)**

**And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Re 19:20)**

The nations whom the antichrist deceived will see him for who he really is: **Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. (Eze 28:18)**

**I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. (Da 7:11)**

**(vs. 8)** The nation of Israel will reach their end of judgment for there sins. The end of Danile's 70<sup>th</sup> seek will come, the Tribulation will be over, and all the convent promises made to the people of Israel will see their fulfillment, tears will be no more: **Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Re 7:15-17)**

**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Re 21:4)**

**The Long-Awaited Return (9-12):** Israel has been waiting a very long time, for the bible testifies to this very long time. Our Dispensation has been lingering a long time, but Israel has been waiting since the day God created the nation of Israel and gave promises to them!

**(vs. 9)** **"Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him..."** It will be that in "that day" that the nation of Israel will look on Him whom they have pierced: **And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zec 12:10)**

**Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. (Re 1:7)**

**(vs. 10)** **"for in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest..."** The blessings associated with the hand of God being on a place or a people. This is contrasted with the hand of God being lifted in judgment. Blessings to God's people and God's place, Jerusalem but judgment on the surround Arab nations.

**(vs. 11-12)** The visual given is as a swimmer that spread forth his hands to swim so shall the LORD bring down the pride and their walls of protection to the ground. They will be wiped clean.

**And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. (2Ki 21:13)**

**And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair. (Eze 5:1)**

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### **Chapter 26**

This chapter is continuing thought of the previous chapter. Verses 1-11 are a song of praise sung by the Jews upon their return to their own land, and the establishment of the Kingdom as the LORD reigns and rules in Zion.

**The Song of the Returning Remnant (1-11):** The day this will be sung is found in the previous chapters (24:23; 25:6-12). The time in which the LORD of hosts is in Zion, when all the people of Israel are gathered from among the nations and feast within the walls of Jerusalem and when all the enemies of the LORD are subdued, and all tears are wiped away.

Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. (Zec 8:1-8)

It was usual for Israel to celebrate any great event without a song of praise, as the book of the Psalms would testify<sup>1</sup>. The praise is that Israel is dwelling safely under the protection of the LORD, **“for in the Lord Jehovah<sup>2</sup> is everlasting strength” (vs.4).**

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<sup>1</sup> Think back to the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt following the passage through the Red Sea. The nation sung the song of Moses in Exodus 15.

<sup>2</sup> The compound names of Jehovah being employed, the great “I AM”

The song continues (**vss. 5-11**) by contrasting the now “strong city” (**vs. 1**), Jerusalem with the heathen “lofty city” (**vs. 5**) and by contrasting the righteous with the unrighteous (**7-11**). The lofty city would be prophetically Babylon (**Rev. 17-18**).

(The righteous are finally vindicated, for they waited for the Righteous Judge to come and judge the world in righteousness and then the wicked might learn right ways (**vs. 9**). The “hand of the Lord is lifted up” in judgment over all the earth for the Lord rules and reigns in Zion (**24:23; Psalm 2:6, 110:2; Micah 4:7**).

**The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD. (Isa 2:1-5)**

**The Confession of Israel (12-19):** This confession is the result of centuries of chastisement from God on His people, Israel. This confession should be viewed in light of Israel’s continual hard heart and pride (see [Isa 48:4, 46:12](#); [Ps 78:8](#); [Zec 7:11-12](#))

(**vs. 12**) All the works of the LORD were shown to Israel, but they still rebelled. (**See all of Psalm 107**)

(**vss. 13-14**) Israel’s confession that “other lords” have had dominion over them is a truth; for they have been under the Gentile powers from the time they entered the promised land. Israel’s subservient to Gentile powers will only end when the Lord returns (**Daniel 2:34-35**). It is because of Israel’s disobedient that this judgment has come (**Deut. 28**).

(**vss. 15-18**) The confession that of Israel that it was only when they were chastened to the uttermost, as a woman in travel, a reference to the Tribulation period.

(**vss. 19**) The hope of the resurrection was a biblical truth for the nation. Martha concerning the death of Lazarus proclaimed, “I know that he shall rise again in the

resurrection at the last day.” (**John 11:24**). Our Lord continually confirmed the truth of the resurrection (**Matt. 22:30-32**). The resurrection of Old Testament saints was seen following the Lord’s resurrection (**Matt. 27:52-53**). Daniel was told of this resurrection (**Dan. 12:2-3**) and when inquiring about the time that this resurrection would take place (**Dan. 12:8**) was eventual given it (**Dan. 12:10-13 cf. John 5:28-29**). Paul when defending the resurrection says, **“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.”** (**Ac 24:14-15**)

This resurrection is the hope of Israel, the resurrection to enter His Kingdom on earth.

**The Turning of the Tide (20-21):** One day the Lord will come to judge the world in righteous indignation. He will no longer be judging His nation but those who persecuted her (**Psalms 63:1-6 cf. Rev. 19:11-21**).