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*In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption*

## **"Your Dead Ones Will Live"**

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### **Devotion and Discussion Questions**

**Key Texts (TLV):** Isaiah 26:13-21; Rev. 16:10-11; Exodus 16

There are passages in Scripture that stop you in your tracks—verses that make you want to shout on your way out the door. Isaiah 26:13-21 is one of those passages. It takes us from the rubble of what we have failed to produce, through the pain of God's discipline, all the way to resurrection hope. Isaiah walks us through the reality of waiting on the Lord, trusting in the Rock of Ages, and recognizing that everything that stands against Him—every "master of the moment"—will crumble, but His name endures forever. Israel had endured overlords, oppressors, rulers who elevated themselves like gods, but Isaiah says plainly: *Only Your Name we remember*. Everything else fades.

This chapter keeps sweeping us forward into the future and then back into the present—a rhythm that mirrors the life of faith. We look at God's glorious promises, then look at our current distress. We see His victory, then face our own weakness. Yet Isaiah reminds us that even when we have travailed and produced only "wind," God's purposes are unstoppable. When all we have left is a whispered prayer squeezed out through pain, He hears. And then—into the emptiness of all we've failed to bring forth—God declares: *"Your dead ones will live."* This is the hope that carries us: not what we can accomplish, but what He will accomplish.

#### **1. OTHER LORDS FALL, BUT HIS NAME ALONE STANDS FOREVER (Isa 26:13-15)**

Israel knew what it was to be lorded over by powers they did not choose—Pharaohs, kings, oppressors. They also knew what it was to run after other lords by choice—idols, alliances, powers they trusted more than God. Isaiah names it clearly: *"Other lords besides You have had dominion over us."* But those lords—those masters of the moment—do not last. They disappear into dust, their names forgotten. The so-called great ones who strutted across the earth believing themselves to be gods are shown to be nothing. Their memory is wiped away. But the name of Adonai—the Rock of Ages—remains. He alone is worth fearing. He alone is worth trusting. He alone is worth remembering.

And while those false lords vanish, God increases His people. *"You have added to the nation... You have expanded all the borders."* Far from being crushed under oppression, God's people grow. His kingdom expands. Jew and Gentile are grafted together as one people streaming from the ends of the earth to the mountain of His name. Human kingdoms shrink, fade, and fracture, but God's kingdom expands beyond every border. So the call is simple: don't be awed by the powers of the moment. Don't be intimidated by those who boast in strength or political control. Worship the One whose name alone endures.

#### **2. WHEN GOD ATTENDS TO US, OUR RESPONSE REVEALS OUR HEART (Isa 26:16-18)**

The text shifts from future glory back to present distress. He says that during God's discipline, *"they poured out a whisper."* The word used—*paqad* (פָּקַד)—means "to attend," "to meet with," "to deal with." When God attends to the wicked, it results in judgment and destruction. When He attends to His own people, it brings out a whisper—a humbled cry for help. This is the dividing line: do we shake our fist at God when His correction comes, or do we bend our knee? Rev. 16 shows the tragedy of a hardened response—people gnawing their tongues in pain yet refusing to repent. But Isaiah shows a different path: a whispered, humbled prayer.

The imagery intensifies: a woman in labor crying out, trembling, writhing in pain. That is what it felt like for God's people under His discipline. But then comes the devastating confession: even

after all that pain, “*we gave birth to wind.*” All our striving, all our effort, all our best attempts at producing righteousness—nothing. No deliverance for the earth. No new life. No salvations. We cannot bring forth what only God can. Discipline reveals that we do not have the strength to produce salvation; we only have the strength to whisper, “Help.” And that whisper—small as it feels—is the ground where resurrection hope takes root.

### **3. GOD WILL DO WHAT WE CANNOT: “YOUR DEAD ONES WILL LIVE” (Isa 26:19–21)**

Into the emptiness of our labor comes the declaration of God: “*Your dead will live. My corpses will rise. Awake and shout for joy, you who dwell in the dust.*” We produced only wind, but God produces resurrection. Where the wicked in verse 14 are dead and will not stand again, God’s own people—even those who have settled in the dust—will rise. His dew is “*like the dew of lights,*” like the refreshing manna of morning, like the breaking of a new day after a long night. Death is darkness; resurrection is light. God says, “Wake up. I am making all things new.”

But before the resurrection comes, He gives a compassionate command: “*Go, my people, enter your rooms... hide for a little while until the wrath has passed.*” The same God who brings judgment on iniquity also shelters His people. The imagery echoes Noah’s Ark and the Exodus—judgment outside, safety inside. God will expose every hidden sin, uncover every buried injustice, attend to every unrepented wrong. But His people—those whose response to His discipline is a whispered humility—are told to rest under His covering. Tribulation and distress may come. But wrath? No. For His people, resurrection is on the horizon. *Your dead ones will live.*

### **CONCLUSION**

All other names fade. But His name stands forever. And for those who whisper repentance instead of raising fists of rebellion, His attending is not destruction—it is deliverance. This is the hope we cling to: even when all we’ve produced is “wind,” even when our efforts collapse, even when our strength is gone, God says, “*Your dead ones will live.*” His purposes will prevail. His kingdom will stand. And one day, all who rest in Him will rise with joy. The question is not whether God will keep His promise—He will. The question is how we will respond when He attends to us. Will we harden our hearts or whisper in humility, “Here I am, Lord”?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Where do you see “other lords” trying to rule over your heart, and how does Isaiah 26 call you to remember God’s name alone?
2. How have you seen God “attend to” areas of your life—bringing correction not to crush you but to restore you?
3. Why is the whispered prayer of humility so central to the life of faith, especially during seasons of discipline?
4. What does the promise “*Your dead ones will live*” reveal about God’s power versus human ability?
5. What does it look like in practical terms to “hide in Him” while the world around you faces the consequences of its iniquity?

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Adonai our God, You are the Rock of Ages. Every false lord falls before You, but Your name endures forever. Today we come with humbled hearts, whispering our need. Attend to us, Lord—not in wrath, but in mercy. Expose what must be exposed, heal what must be healed, and strengthen what is weak. Where we have produced only wind, breathe Your resurrection life. Help us trust You in distress, cling to You in waiting, and hope in You for the day when *Your dead ones will live.* Shelter us under Your covering and teach us to walk in righteousness until the dawn breaks. In Yeshua’s name, Amen.