

Isaiah 24-25 Notes

Precept study on Isaiah Part 1, Lesson 9

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1 Review

- Isaiah 1-5: God judges his people: Woe! as result of their sin. Call to repentance. Promise of future restoration.
- Isaiah 6: Isaiah before God's throne. His own sin, confession, atonement, call, and sending to a people who will not listen.
- Isaiah 7-9: Isaiah's message to King Ahaz: do not fear what they fear. Trust God, not man. Fear God, not man.
- Isaiah 9-12: Judgement on Israel and Assyria. Promise of restoration (Isaiah 11: the branch). His anger turns away (Isaiah 12).
- Isaiah 13-14: Oracle concerning Babylon. Babylon used by God to punish Israel, but became proud and then destroyed. Symbolic of the world.
- Isaiah 14:28-32: Philistia. Soothsayers. Remnant of Israel will destroy them.
- Isaiah 15-16: Moab. Ruined in a night; the LORD weeps.
- Isaiah 17: Damascus. Jacob will be few, looking to the LORD, trashing their idols.
- Isaiah 18: Cush (Ethiopia). And all the earth.
- Isaiah 19-20: Oracle concerning Egypt. Cruel master given because their leaders are fools, leading others astray. Nile dried up (economic base).

The LORD's plan: to strike them, so that they repent and seek the LORD. They repent *because* He strikes them. The Egyptians will worship the LORD, and He will heal them. He will even send them a Savior, *after* sending a cruel master (v4). And even more stunning, the LORD calls Egypt *My people*, and along with Assyria and Israel, a blessing in the earth.

The LORD disciplines those He loves. (Heb 12:5-6).

- Isaiah 20: the sign of Isaiah's nakedness

- Isaiah 21:1-10 Oracle concerning the Wilderness of the Sea. A harsh vision; Isaiah trembles & cries out.
- Isaiah 21:11-12 Oracle concerning Edom. meaning unclear.
- Isaiah 21:12-13 Oracle about Arabia
- Isaiah 22: Oracle concerning the Valley of Vision: Jerusalem. The leaders of Judah flee without giving battle. Isaiah weeps. The LORD broke down their defenses, brought panic. Judah tries to build them back up, but they do not trust the LORD. They trusted in their own strength. Judah did not repent when the LORD struck them, as they should have.
- Key verse: 22:11, emphasis added

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But you did not depend on Him who made it,
Nor did you take into consideration Him who **planned** it long ago.

- Isaiah 22:15-25: Shebna contrasted with v20-25: Eliakim. Shebna is self-regarding, Eliakim stable.
- Isaiah 23: Oracle concerning Tyre and Sidon Wail, destroyed, without house or harbor. Strongholds demolished. Restored after 70 years, profits go to Zion.

2 Isaiah 24: the destruction of the whole earth

2.1 Isaiah 24:1-6: The everlasting covenant broken

Isaiah 24:1-13	Genesis 6-9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• earth laid waste (v2-4)• exalted laid low (v4)• earth polluted by the sin of inhabitants (v5)• they broke the everlasting covenant (v5)• inhabitants burned (v6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• earth corrupt, filled with violence (v11-12)• all but a righteous few perish (6:13-17, 7:21-23)• covenant established with Noah (6:18, 9:16)• sign of the rainbow (9:12)

2.2 Isaiah 24:7-13: Joy turns to gloom

"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Matthew 24:37-39)

Isaiah 24:7-13	Matthew 24 (about Noah)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new wine mourns, vine decays (v7)• gaiety of tambourine and harp stops (v8)• city of chaos broken (v10)• joy turns to gloom (v11)• desolation left in the city (v12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• eating and drinking (v38)• marrying and giving in marriage (v38)• sudden destruction by the flood (v39)

2.3 Isaiah 24:14-16a: the people glorify the LORD

15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. 18 "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." (Revelation 11:15-18)

Isaiah 24:14-16a	Revelation 11:15-18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • earth and nations desolate (v1-12,v21) • <i>therefore</i> the people rejoice (v15) • from east to west, all people glorify the LORD (v14,16) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kingdom of the world fallen, earth destroyed (v15) • <i>therefore</i> the 24 elders rejoice (16) • reward for the LORD's saints (v18)

See also Isaiah 25:1-5

2.4 Isaiah 24:17-23: punishment of kings on earth and host of heaven

Isaiah 24:17-23	Zech 14:1-9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • earth split through (v19) • kings on earth and host of heaven punished (v21) • and confined in prison (v22) • the LORD of host with reign on Mount Zion (v23) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the LORD fights against the nations (v3) • earth split (v4) • no light (v6) • the LORD with be king over all the earth (v9)
Isaiah 24:17-23	Rev 12:7-12, 19:11-21
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3 Isaiah 25: Praise to the LORD; He swallows up death for all time!

3.1 Isaiah 25:1-5: Isaiah's praise

The plans and purposes of the LORD:

- Isaiah 14:24-27: judgment on Assyria:

24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have **planned** so it will stand, 25 to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains Then his yoke will be removed from them and his burden removed from their shoulder. 26 This is the **plan** devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. 27 For the LORD of hosts has **planned**, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

- Isaiah 19:12,17: oracle concerning Egypt: demoralized and struck, but then healed, so they return to the LORD. He gives them a Savior.
- Isaiah 22:11: the LORD's plan:

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- Isaiah 23:8-9: Tyre destroyed, silenced and ashamed.
- Isaiah 25:1-2: planned long ago, working wonders. Making the city a heap
- **Therefore** a strong people/ruthless nations will glorify/revere You. (Is 25:3)
- compare with Eph 1:4-11: chosen before the foundation of the world, his grace *lavished* on us.

3.2 Isaiah 25:6-9: Wipe away all tears; destroy death

Isaiah 25:6-9	Eph 1:4-11, 1 Cor 15:50-57
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• prepare a lavish feast (v6)• on this mountain (Zion) (v6-7)• swallow up death for all time, wipe away all tears (v8) (the veil: covering all nations, paralleled with <i>death</i> in 25:8)• remove our reproach (v8)• we rejoice; this is what we've been waiting for! (v9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lavish grace (Eph 1:8)• mortal puts on immortality (1 Cor 15:54)• death swallowed up (1 Cor 15:54-55)

3.3 How then should we live?

2 Peter 3:11-17:

- 11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
- 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!
- 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.
- 14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,
- 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,
- 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.
- 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,