

ISAIAH 24-25

- Burden
 - TYRE was the
 - They they
 - from to
 - They
 - by
 - Tyre...
 - The could help fell...
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 - Egypt
 - But it chose once
 - God RICH
 - But them

of Tyre...
[42 - [ṭṣx in OT - the greatest city of PHOENICIAN empire [Lebanon] were NOT a military power - were a maritime ECONOMIC power...

- Trading Egypt all the way Spain [and perhaps even England] would be a major economic power through FOUR kingdoms...
 - Conquered Assyria - Babylon - Greece - and Rome [Carthage]
- Destruction of nations who traded with TYRE do NOTHING to when the city
 - Tarshish [Spain] would wail Sidon [sister city] would be silent - would be in pain... was God who to humble the mighty city because of her PRIDE... had made the - and He had the power to take it away... He would TEST - by HUMBLING

them for SEVENTY years [Babylon]

o Yet in the end they would return to their HARLOTTRY [spiritually]

o They would NOT repent - so they would be DESTROYED - **Matthew 11:21**

● **1ST - THE APOCALYPSE... vs. 1-12**

o 1st - The Tribulation... vs. 1-3

▪ Scattered... vs. 1

- Behold the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste.
- Distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants!
- Isaiah spent ELEVEN chapters giving the BURDENS [מַשָּׂא] of the nations...
- Addressing individual kingdoms - pronouncing JUDGMENT upon them...
- Even Jerusalem [Valley of Vision] was NOT exempt from wrath of God...
- But he now expands to address the whole EARTH [הָאָרֶץ]
- For the LORD will make the earth EMPTY - and DEVASTATED...
- He will TWIST [piel] the earth - so that all those who live there are SCATTERED [hiphil]!
- Isaiah is now looking forward to the Day of the LORD...
- The TIME leading up the RETURN and Jesus - and JUDGEMENT of the whole world...
- We call it the APOCALYPSE [ἀποκάλυψις] or REVELATION of Jesus Christ!
- **Matthew 24:21** - "There will be great tribulation such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time - nor ever shall be."

▪ Everyone... vs. 2

- It shall be: as with the people so with the priest. As with the servant so with his master.
- As with the maid so with her mistress. As with the buyer so with the seller.
- As with the lender so with the borrower. As with the creditor so with the debtor!
- [Sequential] - in the Day of the LORD it will be [וְהָיָה]
- What happens to the PEOPLE - will also happen to the PRIEST [כֹּהֵן]
- What happens to the SERVANT [male and female] - will also happen to their MASTERS [אֲדֹנָי]
- What happens to the LENDER - will also happen to the BORROWER [3x ways emphasis]
- If we were to RANK those who are successful in this life...
- We would put the PRIEST above the lay person - the MASTER above the servant...
- We would certainly put the LENDER above the one who borrowed...
- But in the Day of the LORD it will make NO difference - EVERYONE will be JUDGED!
- There are different views about the timing of the Day of the Lord...
- POST - the church is RAPTURED after the SEVEN years of Tribulation...
- But the RAPTURE will happen like a THIEF in the night - **I Thessalonian 5:2**
- And we can count 3.5 YEARS - from the Abomination of desolation - **Daniel 9:27**
- Or 42 MONTHS - **Revelation 13:5** - or 1260 DAYS - **Revelation 12:6**
- Therefore we would KNOW the exact day the RAPTURE of the church would take place!
- MID - we are RAPTURED in the MIDDLE - at the SEVENTH trumpet - **I Thessalonians 4:16**
- But the WRATH of God is NOT limited to certain people [everyone is effected]
- And it is NOT limited to the last 3.5 years of the Tribulation...
- One quarter of the earth dies with the first FOUR seals [four horsemen] - **Revelation 6:8**
- By the time SIXTH trumpet is blown - 50% of the world has perished - **Revelation 9:15**
- Therefore we will NOT be here - even for the first 3.5 years of WRATH!
- **I Thessalonians 1:10** - "Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come."

▪ Spoken... vs. 3

- The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered for the LORD has spoken this word!

- The EARTH [הָאָרֶץ] will be completely [niph'al] EMPTIED [2x for emphasis]
- And the EARTH [הָאָרֶץ] will be completely [niph'al] PLUNDERED [2x for emphasis]
- The reason is because [כִּי] the LORD had spoken [perfect] this WORD [singular]!
- The conclusion of the Day of the LORD - will be the JUDGEMENT of every man...
- The earth will be EMPTIED - every person GATHERED [plunder]
- So that they can stand before the JUDGEMENT seat of Christ - **Revelation 20:12**
- How the story ENDS is NOT a secret - the LORD has given us His WORD [singular]
- We know that one day we will ALL have to stand before the JUDGEMENT seat...
- But there are TWO options as to HOW we will be JUDGED...
- We can come before the BEMA [βῆμα] seat of Christ - and receive eternal life with God...
- Or we will come before the JUDGEMENT seat of Christ - and be cast from His presence!
- **I Peter 4:5** - "[We] will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead!"
- 2nd - The reason... vs. 4-6
 - Pride... vs. 4
 - The earth mourns and fades away. The world languishes and fades away.
 - The haughty people of the earth languish!
 - The EARTH [הָאָרֶץ] will MOURN as it FADES away...
 - Those in the WORLD [תִּבְלָה] - will become very [pual] WEAK...
 - The HIGH [arrogant] people - will become very [pual] WEAK!
 - If you asked me to SKY dive - I could sound BRAVE as long as my feet were on the ground...
 - But once I was THOUSANDS of feet in the air my confidence would fade!
 - When we stand before the JUDGEMENT seat - there is NO pride...
 - Men who were so ARROGANT on earth - will suddenly become WEAK...
 - They will be SILENT as they kneel before their Maker - **Matthew 22:12**
 - Defiled... vs. 5
 - The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants because they have transgressed the laws.
 - Changed the ordinance. Broken the everlasting covenant!
 - The ARROGANT people will be WEAK...
 - Because as they stand before the JUDGE of the earth [Jesus] - **John 5:22**
 - They know they are GUILTY of POLLUTING the earth [three ways]
 - FIRST - [כִּי] Because they SINNED against the LAWS [תּוֹרָה] of God...
 - People are GUILTY because they have passed by [עָבַר] the LAW...
 - God gave us the STANDARD and they IGNORED it - **Galatians 3:24**
 - SECOND - they CHANGED the statutes [חֻק]
 - Those who did LISTEN to the LAW still did NOT obey it...
 - They tried to CHANGE it to match their LIFESTYLE - **Isaiah 5:20**
 - THIRD - they BROKE the everlasting PROMISE [בְּרִית]
 - There are several everlasting COVENANTS [promises] in the Old Testament...
 - But this is likely the COVENANT given to Abraham [3x] - **Genesis 17**
 - The promise to CUT away the sinful nature [circumcision] - live for God - **Colossians 2:11**
 - People have NOT changed - they still POLLUTE the earth the same way today...
 - Some try and IGNORE the rules - act as if there is NO judgement...
 - Others try and CHANGE the rules - to make themselves look good...
 - But the problem is people have NOT cut off their sinful nature!
 - Cursed... vs. 6
 - Therefore the curse has devoured the earth and those who dwell in it are desolate.

- Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned and few men are left!
- Therefore [נִ] - there are under the CURSE that has consumed the earth...
- We were all born into SIN - we all have the CURSE of Adam- **Romans 5:12**
- And [sequential] those who DWELL on the earth are GUILTY [חַטָּא]
- Therefore [נִ] - those who DWELL on the earth will be BURNED [second death]
- And there are going to be VERY few men who are left!
- **Galatians 3:13** - "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law."
- Only through Jesus can we escape the CURSE...
- But very FEW people are willing to turn to Christ...
- Narrow is the way that leads to eternal life - and FEW there are who find it - **Matthew 7:14**

○ 3rd - The end... cs. 7-12

▪ Of parties... vs. 7-9

- The new wine fails - the vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh.
- The mirth of the tambourine ceases. The noise of the jubilant ends. The joy of the harp ceases.
- They shall not drink wine with a song. Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it!
- The VINES will wither [pual] - and there will be NO wine...
- Making [niph'al] those who look to alcohol to have fun GROAN...
- All of the fun MUSIC [tambourine and harp] will come to an END...
- There will be no more DRINKING to the music - not even HARD liquor!
- Many people try and live by the POWER of alcohol to get through the day...
- They drink to forget their PROBLEMS - they drink so they can LAUGH and have FUN...
- But ALCOHOL is NOT the answer - being DRUNK cannot SAVE [ἁσωτία] us...
- We would be better to use our time to be FILLED with the SPIRIT!
- **Ephesians 5:18** - "Do not be drunk with wine which [cannot save] - be filled with the Spirit."

▪ Of cities... vs. 10-12

- The city of confusion is broken down. Every house is shut up so that none may go in.
- There is a cry for wine in the streets. All joy is darkened - the mirth of the land is gone.
- In the city desolation is left - and the gate is stricken with destruction!
- The CITY [place where men gather] is EMPTY - it has been shattered [collapsed into chaos]
- Every house is SHUT [pual] - so that no one can go inside...
- People are in the STREETS desperately crying out for WINE [escape]
- ALL of the JOY of the city has gone DARK - there is NO joy on the earth [הָאָרֶץ]
- The CITY is left DESOLATE - the gates are BROKEN [hophal]!
- CITIES in the Bible are a picture of REBELLION - men uniting...
- They built CITIES [Babel] in defiance of the command of God - **Genesis 11:4**
- Cities where men gather so they can and validate their ideas and ignore God...
- Where all of the trees are manicured - and lights wash out the beauty of creation at night...
- And where many of the most heinous crimes take place - because God has been forgotten!
- In the Day of the LORD - it does NOT matter how many CITIES men gather in...
- Tokyo [37 million] - Delhi [33 million] - Shanghai [30 million]
- Looking at the top TEN cities in the world today [over 250 million]
- It is estimated that as few as 3% in them are Bible believing Christians [cities are Godless]
- But God does NOT care about MAJORITY opinions [not a politician]
- God will come to JUDGE the world according to the TRUTH - **Romans 3:4**

● 2ND - JUDGEMENT OF GOD... vs. 13-23

○ 1st - Glory to God... vs. 13-16

- Harvest... vs. 13
 - When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people.
 - It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree - the gleanings of grapes when the vintage is done!
 - Yet in the midst of the destruction - there will be a REMNANT...
 - Like [זָ] - the small clusters of overlooked grapes that are left after a harvest...
 - Like [זָ] - the handful of olives left on the highest branches when the tree is SHAKEN...
 - So also will there be a FEW left over from JUDGEMENT of the earth!
- Singing... vs. 14-16
 - They shall lift up their voice - they shall sing.
 - For the majesty of the LORD they shall cry aloud from the sea.
 - Therefore glorify the LORD in the dawning light.
 - The name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea.
 - From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: Glory to the righteous!
 - The REMNANT that is left will SING of the EXCELLENCE [יִשְׁאֵל] of the LORD...
 - Therefore [בְּ] - even in DISTANT lands [coastland of sea]
 - They will [piel] GLORIFY [כָּבֵד] the name of the LORD God of Israel...
 - To the ENDS of the earth the song is HEARD - glory to the RIGHTEOUS one [Jesus]!
 - In the midst of the APOCALYPSE - the Day of the LORD...
 - It is good to remember there will be a REMNANT from all over the world!
 - **Revelation 5:9** - "For You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation."
- Woe is me... vs. 16
 - But I said: I am ruined - ruined! Woe to me!
 - The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously.
 - Indeed the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously!
 - As much as we might think the REMNANT would make Isaiah happy...
 - He instead cried out [2x for emphasis] - that he is made LEAN [not enough are saved]
 - WOE unto him [אֵי לִי] - because the world was DECEITFUL [2x for emphasis]
 - This is the SECOND time Isaiah would use these words - **Isaiah 6:5**
 - The FIRST time was when he saw the LORD - who sent him to give the MESSAGE...
 - To a REBELLIOUS people [fat heart] - who would NOT listen!
 - We are NOT called to go out and SHARE the Gospel with a HUNGRY world...
 - We go out to a REBELLIOUS people who do NOT want God...
 - But just because MOST will NOT listen - should NOT stop us from sharing!
- 2nd - No escape... vs. 17-20
 - Be afraid... vs. 17-18
 - Fear and the pit and the snare are upon you - O inhabitant of the earth.
 - And it shall be that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit.
 - And he who comes up from the midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare!
 - Isaiah turns to those who DWELL on the earth [הָאֶרֶץ]
 - If they try to ESCAPE from the voice of FEAR [judgment of God]
 - They will end up FALLING into the PIT [hell]
 - And when they come up out of the PIT - they will be caught in the SNARE!
 - People who try and AVOID the WORD of God in this life...
 - Will end up going to HELL - they will fall into the PIT...
 - But they will NOT stay there - HELL is NOT their final destination...

- They will come out only to have to stand before Jesus [snare] - **Revelation 20:12**
- All because they were NOT willing to listen to the VOICE of God!

▪ The flood... vs. 18-20

- For the windows from on high are open and the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- The earth is violently broken. The earth is split open. The earth is shaken exceedingly.
- The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard and shall totter like a hut.
- Its transgression shall be heavy upon it and it will fall - and not rise again!
- Because [כִּי] God is about the JUDGE the EARTH again...
- He will OPEN the WINDOWS of heaven [like the flood of Noah] - **Genesis 7:11**
- And the foundations of the EARTH will shake - it will SPLIT open...
- The whole planet will wobble like a DRUNK man - shake like an unstable HUT...
- For the weight of SIN upon the world will cause it to FALL - and it will NOT get back up!
- When God judged the world the FIRST time [flood]
- There were EIGHT people who survived - and life continued - **II Peter 2:5**
- But when God judges the SECOND time - it will be by FIRE - **II Peter 3:10**
- And NO one will survive - it will be the END of this world!

○ 3rd - White Throne... vs. 21-23

▪ Stand together... vs. 21-22

- It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones.
- And on the earth the kings of the earth. They will be gathered together.
- As prisoners are gathered in the pit - and will be shut up in the prison.
- After many days they will be punished!
- [Sequential] - it will happen in THAT day [בַּיּוֹם] - the Day of the LORD...
- God will PUNISH the Host [צְבָאָה] of the High ones [satan and his angels] - **II Peter 2:4**
- God will PUNISH the KINGS [מְלָכִים] of men [הָאָדָמָה] upon the earth [הָאָרֶץ]
- They will be GATHERED [pual] as PRISONERS and shut up [pual] in the PIT [hell]
- Then after MANY days [after the millennial kingdom] they will be [niph'al] PUNISHED...
- They will all stand before the WHITE throne - **Revelation 20:12**
- And they will be cast into the Lake of Fire - which is the SECOND death!
- If even fallen angels and kings cannot escape the judgement...
- Then we know that EVERYONE will have to kneel before the LORD - **Romans 14:11**

▪ Reign... vs. 23

- Then the moon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed.
- The LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem - before His elders gloriously!
- The end of the story is the LORD will reign on Mount Zion...
- There will be NO need for a SUN or MOON [ashamed]
- Because the GLORY [כְּבוֹד] of the LORD will be the LIGHT of the NEW Jerusalem!
- **Revelation 21:3** - "The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light."
- God will create a NEW heaven and a NEW earth [new Jerusalem]
- And the REMNANT will live forever with Him - that is the END of the story!

● 3RD - PRAISE TO GOD... vs. 1-12

○ 1st - Wonderful things... vs. 1-5

▪ Faithful... vs. 1

- 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!
- Though the APOCALYPSE of Isaiah was heavy [woe to me]
- The conclusion made him EXALT [pual] and PRAISE the name of the LORD his God...
- Because of the WONDERS [אֲלֵף] He had done [perfect]
- His PURPOSE from the beginning had proven to be FAITHFUL and true!
- City of ruin... vs. 2-3
 - 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.
 - Therefore the strong people will glorify You. The city of the terrible nations will fear You!
 - God had torn down the CITY [singular] of men...
 - The place where FOREIGNERS [not saved] gathered to REBEL against the God of heaven...
 - And it would NEVER [אֵל] be rebuilt [niph'al] again...
 - Therefore [נָ] - the strong will give Him GLORY [piel] - and the NATIONS [גוֹיִם] will fear Him!
- Refuge... vs. 4-5
 - 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.
 - 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!
 - BECAUSE [בְּ] the LORD has been [perfect] a STRONGHOLD [צִיּוֹן]
 - Like the SHADE of a cloud on a hot day - or a SHELTER in the storm...
 - The LORD protected the POOR - and the NEEDY in their time of trouble...
 - But humbled the NOISE [songs] of the FOREIGNERS [not saved]!
 - We will NEVER lose if we CHOSE to give our lives to the LORD...
 - Those who are in the world are going to LOSE in the end [city will fall]
 - But when we have HARD times - God will always be with us...
 - He is FAITHFUL to His WORD - He will NEVER leave us - **Hebrews 13:5**
- 2nd - Victory... vs. 7-8
 - Wedding Feast... vs. 7
 - 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!
 - [Sequential] the Lord will make [prophetic perfect] in this mountain [Zion]
 - A GREAT feast for ALL [כָּל] the people [best food and drink]!
 - **Revelation 19:9** - "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!"
 - MARRIAGE [γάμος] 16x in NT – 8x in the Parable of wedding feast...
 - Where the MASTER put out the invitation for ANYONE to come to the WEDDING!
 - **Matthew 22:9** – "Go into the highways - and as many as you find - invite to the wedding!"
 - Jesus left heaven to come to earth to propose to His BRIDE...
 - The price He had to pay for His Bride was the CROSS - He gave everything...
 - EVERYONE is welcomes to accept His invitation – **Romans 10:13**
 - No more death... vs. 8
 - 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.
 - 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!
 - [Sequential] on that same MOUNTAIN [Zion] - the Lord will CONSUME [piel]

- The SHADOW [veil] that has covered ALL [כָּל] of the NATIONS [גוֹיִם]
- He will consume [piel] DEATH - and give ETERNAL life - **I Corinthians 15:55**
- The Lord [אֱלֹהֵינוּ] GOD will wipe away every [כָּל] TEAR - **Revelation 21:4**
- And the DISGRACE of His people [their sin] He will take away from the earth!
- **SIN – is what causes DEATH – Romans 6:23**
- **SIN – that causes us so much SORROW and TEARS...**
- **SIN – that causes PAIN – because we continually battle it – Galatians 5:17**
- **But When we get to the NEW Jerusalem – where Jesus will LIVE with us...**
- **We will NO longer have to deal with SIN – it will be WIPED away...**
- **The person we used to be BEFORE [πρῶτος] will be gone – and we will be a NEW creation!**
- **Revelation 21:5** - “He who sat on the throne said: Behold I make all things new!”
- 3rd - Our God... vs. 9-12
 - Salvation... vs. 9
 - 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!
 - [Sequential] - it will be said in THAT day [בַּיּוֹם] - LOOK this is our GOD [אֱלֹהֵינוּ]
 - We WAITED [piel] for Him - and He will cause [hiphil] us to be SAVED...
 - This is the LORD [יְהוָה] - we WAITED [piel] for Him...
 - And we will be really [cohortative] GLAD - in His SALVATION [יְשׁוּעָה] - Jesus!
 - **The key word is WAIT [2x] - it will NOT happen today...**
 - **Living for the LORD is about LOOKING to the future [end of the story]**
 - **If we do we will be VERY happy - as we get to behold Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה]!**
 - Hand of God... vs. 10-13
 - For on this mountain the hand of the LORD will rest.
 - Moab shall be trampled down under Him as straw is trampled down for the refuse heap.
 - 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.
 - The fortress of the high fort of your walls He will bring down.
 - Lay low and bring to the ground - down to the dust!
 - BECAUSE [כִּי] - the HAND of the LORD will be upon this mountain [Zion]
 - AND [Sequential] - He will CRUSH [niphil] the people of MOAB like [כִּי] a dunghill...
 - Why MOAB - they represent a people who REJECTED the LORD...
 - Like [כִּי] a SWIMMER moves his hand through water...
 - He will move His hand to HUMBLE their PRIDE...
 - Their fortresses - high walls - He will bring to the GROUND [into the dust]!
 - **The APOCALYPSE of Isaiah presents a BINARY choice [two options]**
 - **We can either stand with MEN [city] - and face the WHITE throne...**
 - **Or we can stand with God [יְשׁוּעָה] and enjoy the New Jerusalem!**