

Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—Isaiah's Apocalypse (c. 704–702 BC)

Isaiah 24–27

The Tribulation—God's Judgment on a Wicked World

- 24:1 Look! Yahweh *is* about to lay the earth waste
and *is* about to devastate it,
and he will twist her surface,
and he will scatter her inhabitants.
- 2 And it shall be as *with* the people, so *with* the priest;
as *with* the slave, so *with* his master;
as *with* the female slave, 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 one* to whom he lends.
- 3 The earth shall be utterly laid waste,
and it shall be utterly plundered,

for Yahweh has spoken this word.

The Tribulation—The Sinfulness of Men

- 4 The earth dries up, it withers;
the world languishes, it withers.
The elevated of the people of the earth languish,
5 and the earth is defiled beneath its inhabitants.
For they have transgressed laws;
they have passed by statutes;
they have broken *the* everlasting covenant.
- 6 Therefore a curse devours *the* earth,
and the inhabitants in it suffer for their guilt.
Therefore *the* inhabitants of *the* earth burn,
and few men are left.

The Tribulation—Life Without God

- 7 *The* new wine dries up;
the vine languishes.
All the merry of heart sigh;
8 *the* joy of *the* tambourine has stopped.
The noise of *the* jubilant has ceased;
the joy of *the* lyre has stopped.
- 9 They do not drink wine with song;
strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.
- 10 *The* city of emptiness is broken;
every house is shut so that no one can enter;
11 *there is* an outcry over the wine in the streets.
All joy turns into darkness;
the joy of the earth disappears.
- 12 Desolation is left in the city;
the gate is crushed *into* a state of ruin.

The Tribulation—A Righteous Remnant Will Survive God's Judgment

- 13 For it shall be like this in the midst of the earth,
among the nations,
like *the* beating of an olive tree,
like gleanings when a grape harvest is at an end.
- 14 They lift up their voices; they sing for joy;
they shout out from *the* west over the majesty of Yahweh.
- 15 Therefore glorify Yahweh in the east,
the name of Yahweh the God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea.
- 16 We hear songs from the edge of the earth:

“Glory to the righteous *one!*”

The Tribulation—The Wicked, However, Cannot Escape

But I say, “Ruin to me!
Ruin to me! Woe to me!
The treacherous ones deal treacherously,
and *the* treacherous ones deal treacherously *with* treachery!”

17 Terror and *the* pit and *the* snare *are* upon you, inhabitants of the earth!

18 And this shall happen:

The one who flees from the sound of the terror shall fall into the pit,
and the one who goes up from inside the pit shall be caught in the snare,
for *the* windows from heaven are opened,
and *the* foundations of *the* earth tremble.

19 The earth is utterly broken;

the earth is torn asunder;
the earth is shaken violently.

20 *The* earth staggers to and fro like the drunkard,
and it sways like *a* hut,
and its transgression is heavy upon it,
and it falls and does not rise again.

The Second Coming—Christ Returns

21 And this shall happen on that day:

Yahweh will punish the host of heaven in heaven,
and the kings of the earth on the earth.

22 And they will be gathered *in* a gathering, *like* a prisoner in a pit.
And they will be shut in a prison and be punished after many days.

23 And the full moon will be ashamed
and the sun will be ashamed,
for Yahweh of hosts will rule on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
and before his elders *in* glory.

The Millennium—Rejoicing in Messiah’s Reign

25:1 Yahweh, you *are* my God; I will exalt you.

I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans of old, *in* faithfulness, trustworthiness.

2 For you have made *the* city *a* heap,
the fortified city a ruin,
the palace of foreigners is no longer a city;
it will never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
a city of ruthless nations, they will fear you.

4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from *the* rainstorm,
a shade from *the* heat.

5 For *the* breath of *the* ruthless *was* like a rainstorm against a wall,
the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry land.
You subdued *the* heat with *the* shade of a cloud;
the song of *the* ruthless was silenced.

The Millennium and the Eternal State—God’s Joyous Feast

6 And on this mountain Yahweh of hosts will make for all peoples a rich feast,
a feast of aged wines, fat filled with marrow, filtered aged wine.

- 7 And on this mountain he will destroy the face of the shroud,
the shroud over all peoples,
and the woven covering over all nations.
- 8 He will destroy death forever,
and the Lord Yahweh will wipe off *the* tears from all faces,
and he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth, [[1 Cor 15:54](#); [Rev 7:17](#); [21:4](#)]

for Yahweh has spoken.

The Millennium—Praise for God’s Deliverance

9 And one will say, on that day,

“Look! This *is* our God! We have waited for him and he saved us!
This *is* Yahweh; we waited for him!
Let us be glad,
and let us rejoice in his salvation.”

- 10 For the hand of Yahweh will rest on this mountain,
and Moab shall be trampled down under him
as a heap of straw is trampled down in waters of a dung heap.
- 11 And it will spread out its hands in the midst of it,
just as the swimmer spreads out to swim,
and its pride will be brought low with the movement of its hands.
- 12 And he will throw down the fortification of the high point of your walls;
he will bring *it* low;
he will send it to the ground,
to *the* dust.

The Millennium—A Song of Trust in God

26:1 On that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

“We have a strong city;
he sets up victory *like* walls and ramparts!

2 Open *the* gates so that *the* righteous nation who keeps faithfulness may enter!

- 3 You will protect a firm inclination *in* peace,
in peace because he trusts in you.
- 4 Trust in Yahweh forever,
for in Yah, Yahweh *you have* an everlasting rock.
- 5 For he has thrown down *the* inhabitants of *the* height,
he lays low *the* lofty city.
He lays it low to *the* ground;
he throws her to *the* dust.
- 6 *The* foot tramples it,
the feet of *the* poor, *the* steps of *the* needy.”

The Present—Isaiah’s Lament While Waiting for God’s Salvation

- 7 *The* way of the righteous *is* a straight path;
you clear the level path of the righteous.
- 8 Surely we wait for you *in* the path of your judgments, Yahweh,
for your name and renown *are the* desire of *the* soul.
- 9 I desire you *with all* my soul in the night;
also I seek you *with* my spirit within me,
for when your judgments *are* upon the earth,
the inhabitants of *the* world learn righteousness.

10 *Though the* wicked person is shown compassion, he does not learn righteousness;

he acts unjustly in *the* land of uprightness,
and he does not see the majesty of Yahweh.

The Present—Isaiah’s Anticipation of Future Salvation

11 Yahweh, *though* your hand reaches high, they do not see *it*.

Let them see, and let them be ashamed of *the* zeal of people.
Indeed, let the fire of your enemies consume them.

12 Yahweh, you will establish peace for us,

for you have done even all of our works for us.

13 Yahweh, our God, lords besides you ruled over us,
but we praise your name alone.

14 *The* dead do not live;

dead spirits do not rise

because you have punished and destroyed them,
and you have destroyed all memory of them.

15 You have added to the nation, Yahweh.

You have added to the nation; you are honored.

You have extended all *the* ends of *the* land.

16 Yahweh, in distress they have visited you;

they poured out an incantation;

your discipline *was* on them.

17 Like *a* pregnant woman on the point of giving birth, she writhes;

she cries in her labor pains.

So we were because of your presence, Yahweh.

18 We became pregnant, we writhed;

we gave birth *to* wind.

We cannot bring about deliverance *on the* earth,
and no inhabitants of *the* world are born.

19 Your dead shall live; their corpses shall rise.

Wake up and sing for joy, dwellers of *the* dust,

for your dew *is* celestial dew,

and the earth will give birth to dead spirits.

The Present—Isaiah’s Warning of Hardship Before the End

20 Go, my people, enter into your chambers

and shut your doors behind you;

hide for a very little while, [[Heb 10:37](#)]

until *the* wrath has passed over.

21 For look! Yahweh *is* about to come out from his place

to punish the iniquity of the inhabitants of the earth against him,

and the earth will disclose her blood

and will no longer cover her slain.

The Millennium—The Defeat of Satan

27:1 On that day, Yahweh will punish with his cruel, great and strong sword Leviathan, *the* fleeing serpent, and Leviathan, *the* twisting serpent, and he will kill the sea monster that *is* in the sea.

The Millennium—The Future Blessing of Israel

2 On that day:

“A vineyard of beauty! Sing in praise of it!

3 I, Yahweh, *am* her keeper;

I water it again and again.

Lest one afflict *harm* on it,

I guard it night and day;

- 4 I have no wrath.
 Whatever gives me thorns *and* briers,
 I will step forth against in battle.
 I will set it on fire altogether.
- 5 Or let it grasp at my protection;
 let it make peace with me;
 peace let it make with me.”
- 6 Days are coming, let Jacob take root;
 Israel will blossom and send out shoots,
 and they will fill *the* face of *the* world *with* fruit.

The Present—Judah Will Be Exiled for Her Sin / Blessing Comes After Judgment and Discipline

- 7 Does he strike him as he struck down those who struck him?
 Or is he killed as those who killed him were killed?
- 8 By expelling her, by her sending away, you argue with her.
 He removed *them* with his strong wind,
 in *the* day of *the* east wind.
- 9 Therefore by this he will make atonement *for* the guilt of Jacob,
 and this *will be* all of *the* fruit of the removal of his sin: [[Rom 11:27](#)]
 when he makes all *the* stones of *the* altar like crushed stones of chalk,
 no poles of Asherah worship or incense altars will stand.
- 10 For *the* fortified city *is* solitary,
 a settlement deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness;
the calf grazes there,
 lies down there and destroys its branches.
- 11 When its branches are dry, they are broken;
 women *are* coming *and* setting light to it.

For it *is* not a people of understanding;

therefore his maker will not have compassion on him,
 and his creator will not show him favor.

The Millennium—A Regathering to Worship

12 And this shall happen:

on that day, Yahweh will thresh from the floodwaters of the Euphrates to the wadi of Egypt, and *as for* you, you will be gathered one by one, sons of Israel.

13 And this shall happen:

on that day, a great trumpet will be blown,

and those who were lost in the land of Assyria will come,
 and those who were scattered in the land of Egypt,

and they will bow down to Yahweh on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

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