

A STUDY OF ISAIAH

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ISAIAH

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This begins the PROPHETICAL BOOKS of the Old Testament. As we begin to study the Old Testament Prophets, it is well to remember that a prophet is God’s spokesman, one who speaks for God. People think that a prophet is only a “foreteller” when, in reality, he is a “forthteller.” God always raised up a prophet during the time of apostasy. What he said had reference mostly to local situations and Israeli conditions. And remember, too, that it is the prophecy of Daniel who foretells and forthtells the plan of God for the “time of the Gentiles.”

The subject matter of Old Testament Prophecy is divided into the following seven parts — and we want to point out at this time that not all the prophets foretold all the seven things, for many of them lived many years after the first prophecies had been fulfilled; therefore, we look at all the prophecies, as a whole, we learn that all prophecies fall into the seven categories: (1) The prophet spoke to his Own People; (2) He foretold the coming 70 Year Captivity; (3) Then he saw the Restoration from that Babylonian Captivity; (4) The First Coming of Christ; (5) World Wide Dispersion of the Jews; (6) The Great Tribulation was next in his prophecy; and (7) The Kingdom Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chronological Outline:	
PRE-EXILE PROPHETS	
<u>Israel</u>	<u>Judah</u>
<u>Jonah</u> (to Nineveh). Some say this is the oldest prophecy.	<u>Isaiah</u>
<u>Amos</u>	<u>Micah</u>
<u>Hosea</u>	<u>Nahum</u>
All these prophecies covered 102 years. Then there is a SILENCE of 70 years.	
<u>Obadiah</u>	<u>Habakkuk</u>
<u>Joel</u>	<u>Zephaniah</u>
	<u>Jeremiah</u> (extends into the Exile)
From Jeremiah to Ezekiel was 94 years.	
	<u>Daniel</u>
	<u>Ezekiel</u>
After Ezekiel comes a silence of 50-75 years.	
POST-EXILE PROPHETS	
	<u>Haggai</u>
	<u>Zechariah</u>
After Zechariah comes a silence of 100-125 years.	
	<u>Malachi</u>
After Malachi comes a silence of 400 years to the next and last: John the Baptist.	

As we study this great Book, we notice that Isaiah is a little Bible in itself. We know that our Bible is divided into TWO divisions — Isaiah is divided into TWO divisions. There

are 39 Books in the first, and 27 in the second; there are 39 chapters (we know that chapters are man-made, however) in the first part of Isaiah, and 27 chapters in the second part of Isaiah. The FIRST DIVISION of the Bible has to do with Israel and their sins — the same as with the first division of the Book of Isaiah. The SECOND DIVISION of the Bible has to do with Christ's coming and suffering, and the Second Coming of Christ in glory — the same with the second division of Isaiah.

Isaiah 1-6 covers the time of Kings Ussiah and Jotham found in II Chronicles 26-27.

Isaiah 7-14 covers the time of King Ahaz, found in II Chronicles 28.

Isaiah 15-66 covers the time of King Hezekiah, found in II Chronicles 29.

King Manasseh, tradition claims, put Isaiah to death by placing him in a hollow tree and sawing it in two (Hebrews 11:37).

Outline

I. Prophecies Anticipating the Captivity (1-35)

A. Concerning Israel (1-12)

1. The Indictment and Judgment of the Nation (1-5)

a. Her Past (1:1-15)

b. Her Present (1:16-31)

c. Her Future (2-5)

(1) Exaltation (2:1-5)

(2) Tribulation (2:6-4:1)

(3) Purification (4:2-6)

(4) Tribulation (5)

2. The Call and Commission of the Prophet (6)

“Woe, Lo, and Go”

3. The Desolation & Emancipation of the People (7-12)

a. Her Signs (7:1-8:4)

b. Her Distress (8:5-22)

c. Her Hope (9:1-7)

d. Her Warning (9:8-10:4)

e. Her Enemy (10:5-34)

Assyria as an enemy: God used this nation as an instrument to punish this hypocritical Israel — God's Own People

f. Her restoration (11)

g. Her Thanksgiving (12)

B. Concerning the Gentiles (13-26)

1. The Burden of Babylon (13:1-14:27) (Prophetic Warning)

2. The Warning to Philistia (14:28-42)

3. The Burden of Moab (15-16)
4. The Burden of Damascus (17:1-11)
5. The Woe to Assyria (17:12-14)
6. The Assurance to Ethiopia (18)
7. The Burden of Egypt (19-20)
8. The Burden of Babylon (21:1-10)
Both the rivers Euphrates and Nile are called seas.
Euphrates is called, too, the flood.
9. The Burden of Eden (21:11-12)
10. The Burden of Arabia (21:13-17)
11. The Burden Upon Jerusalem (22:1-14)
12. Denunciation of Shebna (22:15-25)
13. The Burden of Tyre (23)
14. The Establishment of Israel (24-26)
- C. Concerning Israel (27-35)
 1. Her Restoration (27)
 2. Her Warnings (28-33)
 - a. Woe to Ephraim (28) This is the Northern Kingdom
 - b. Woe to Ariel (29:1-14) Jerusalem
 - c. Woe to Those Who Hide Their Plans from God (29:15-24)
 - d. Woe to the Pro-Egypt Party (30)
 - e. Woe to Those Who Trust in Horses and Chariots (31-32)
 - f. Woe to the Assyrian Spoiler (33)
 3. Her Enemies (34)
 4. Her Ransom (35)

II. History Concerning Hezekiah (36-39)

- A. Invasion of Sennacherib (36:1-3)
- B. Insolence of Rabshakeh (36:4-22)
- C. Intention of God (37:1-7)
- D. Intervention of God (37:8-18)
- E. Intercession of Hezekiah (37:19-20)
- F. Intervention of God (37:21-38)
- G. Illness of Hezekiah (38:1-3)
- H. Intervention of God (38:4-22)
- I. Iniquity of Hezekiah (39)
Pride lifted his head — II Chronicles 32:25-31

III. Prophecies Anticipating Deliverance (40-66)

- A. The Deliverance (40-48)
 - 1. The Announcement (40-41)
 - a. God’s Messenger (40:1-11)
 - b. God’s Power (40:12-41:29)
 - 2. The Agents (42:1-45:25)
 - a. Christ, the Servant (42)
 - b. Israel, the Nation (43:1-44:27)
 - c. Cyrus, the Shepherd (44:28-45:25)
 - 3. The Act (46:1-48:22)
 - a. Babylon Judged (46-47)
 - b. Israel Restored (48)
- B. The Deliverer (49-57)
 - 1. Called (49:1-50:4)
 - 2. Humbled (50:5-53:12)
 - 3. Triumphant (54-57)
 - a. Restoration of Israel (54)
 - b. Invitation to Israel (55)
 - c. Requirements for Israel (54)
- C. The Delivered (58-66)
 - 1. Conditions of Salvation (58-59)
 - 2. Enjoyment of Salvation (60-62)
 - 3. Recognition of God (63-66)

ISAIAH

The meaning of Isaiah is “Salvation of Jehovah.” And as someone has pointed out, that this Book could rightfully be called “The Gospel according To Isaiah.” There is so much of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Messiah for the sins of Israel and for the sins of the whole world.

Isaiah and Micah prophesied at the same time. By reading the writing of both prophets, one can see their similarity by their using the same words in describing the last days, proving once more of the LORD’s superintending the writing of His holy word.

Isaiah wrote in the days of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, a few years before the upper ten tribes of Israel were taken into their Assyrian captivity, and then during this captivity. The events recorded in Isaiah covered a period of 62 years.

We know that verse and chapter divisions are man-made, yet it is wonderful how this Book was translated into 66 chapters, same as the whole Bible contains 66 books. There are two main divisions of the Book — first 39 chapters concern the Old Testament (covenant), and the last 27 chapters have to do with the New Testament (covenant).

Tradition (history) describes the death of Isaiah being placed between two boards (I believe it was a hollow olive tree, as olive trees tend to become hollow) and sawn apart.

Isaiah was written to the people of Judah (two tribes), the ten tribe kingdom of Israel, and to the whole world.

Purpose: to show that God will save Israel through the atoning blood of the Messiah.

Key verse: Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Key chapter: Isaiah 53

Key thought: The Book of Isaiah is the record argument between and outraged God with an estranged people.

Isaiah is mentioned 22 times by name, more than any other Old Testament prophet in the New Testament.

The Lord Jesus seemed to accept the one authorship of Isaiah.

During the 18th century, Biblical Higher Criticism attacked the author of Isaiah. It finally presented an Isaiah which had been written by three different authors. Friend and foe together dispelled this presentation.

It was the Dead Sea Scrolls with its finding of a complete Isaiah written during the 2nd century B.C. which silenced all criticism, proving that it is one human author of Isaiah.

Chapter 1

Verse 1

This first verse explains the whole matter. This discourse covers the reign of four Judean kings:

Uzziah, a good man and a good king, but when he was older he desired the office of a priest — to offer incense upon the altar. He took the incense censer with him to enter the Holy Place, but was refrained to enter by the priest Azariah with 80 more priests to help stop him. He was rebuked by Azariah the chief priest, saying only those descendants of Aaron are consecrated for the Temple worship. “You are a king! How high do you propose to go? The Highest anyone can attain is to be anointed King, a son of David.” The 80 priests plus Azariah kept him from offering the incense, and immediately he was struck with leprosy.

At once he lived not in the king’s palace but ruled from another house. His son, Jotham, ruling with the consent of Uzziah. He died and was buried in a plot reserved for the king.

Jotham was a good king and reigned 16 years, dying at 41 years. Ahaz was next in a son of Jotham, but walked not in the ways of David. He was a very wicked king, even offering his son upon an altar as a burnt offering. He died at age 36, having reigned for 16 years.

Hezekiah was a good, good king. He was 25 when he began to reign and did so for 29 years. He appeared to be dying; Isaiah came with the words “Set thine house in order.” Hezekiah prayed that his life be prolonged. God heard and answered by telling Isaiah to go back to Hezekiah’s death bed and tell him he would live 15 more years, thus his reign was 44 years, and he died in his 69th year.

One verse and see what we learn. “Little is much when God is in it.”

Judah, the kingdom, is the object of Isaiah’s prophecy.

Verse 2

Be my witness, O heaven and earth. God is speaking; it is He who has been shunned and rejected — by those whom he nourished and brought up. Certainly, an animal would act much different.

Verse 3

Yes, among the animals there are the oxen and the donkeys who know their owners and masters, but it is Israel who could care less — they do not want to know nor understand their obligation to me.

Verse 4

The trouble with Israel is their sin. Children behave better than they did, who were corrupt from the word “go.” They have forsaken Jehovah; provoking the Holy One in their rejection. Backward is their motion.

Verses 5 - 6

More punishment to drive you to my arms, will not do the trick — Judah suffers in the head and can’t think properly, and in the heart, and has lost all, if any, of her resolute.

There is not a bare inch over your body, but which is afflicted.

Verse 7

Your own nation is desolate, and your cities are burned with fire. Oh, so much more though was in the days of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Strangers find it easy to destroy it right before your eyes, it is desolation to perfection.

Verse 8

And the daughter of Zion reminds one of a dilapidated shack in a vineyard. Yes, like a neglected shelter of a watchman in a garden of cucumbers.

Verse 9

Except the LORD is in the destiny of Judah and has left only a chosen few — our history would be another Sodom and Gomorrah.

Verse 10

Judah is called Sodom and Gomorrah, just like the city of Jerusalem is called by the same name in Revelation 11:8

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, with spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Both are regarded of low repute.

Verse 11

“What is behind this larger number of sacrifices?” saith Jehovah, “I can’t stand another. A burnt offering; ought to speak of your devotion to me. You don’t know my name. I am a stranger to you.”

Verse 12

“Who ordered you to come into my courts? How do you know what offering to place

before me?”

Verse 13

Your offerings are without sense — bring them no more. Incense makes me sick in my stomach. New Moons, Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies are all rejected by Me.

Verse 14

All your worshipping, I hate. It is a trouble to me to see you and your offerings weary me.

Verse 15

Your spiritual condition is nil. My ears are stopped to your prayers — you lift up bloody hands for my eyes to see. I reject all.

Verse 16

Do you not see that your animal sacrifices have not washed away one sin? Your conduct, your presentation of a holy life is what I desire. Your life is full of evil.

Verse 17

Oh, there are so many ways that can help you to be accepted by me that were practiced by the true saints of old. Learn by experience to do well; seek God’s judgment. Relieve the oppressed — seek to help the fatherless and plead for the widows.

Verse 18

Cleanliness, purity, holiness is guaranteed by faith in doing God’s way. Stop minimizing My requirements, and stop trying to substitute your own way. You are the sinner — I am God. I am the One to be pleased. You have my requirements. Stop philosophizing what you think. What you reason leads only to death — eternal death.

Verses 19 - 20

Here are two ways. Take my way and live. Refuse my way and die.

Verse 21

Jerusalem has her price, the price of a harlot. Anyone is welcome. One time righteousness could be found within her walls; today, only murderers.

Verse 22

Your silver has lost its worth, and as slag it is good for nothing. In your services your wine is mixed with water. You think it doesn’t matter to Me whether the offering be lame, nor your wine be watered down — short cuts can be made so that you can use the full strength wine for yourselves and by substituting a lame animal, a strong animal can be yours for the eating.

Verse 23

Whether in the Temples or in the Palace, your prophets and priests labor for gain — gifts always turn the heads of prelates — the orphans’ and widows’ possessions are sacrificed for personal gain.

Verse 24

“I will be vindicated by my adversaries and avenge myself of my foes.”

Verses 25 - 26

Prophecy

One day Israel's sin shall be forgiven and forgotten. Judges shall be reinstated to rule under King Jesus and King David, and the purging of Israel shall be complete:

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Romans 11:26)

Jerusalem shall be called "The City of righteousness, the faithful city."

Verses 28 - 31

Describes the salvation of Judah:

These verses declare the listlessness, the emptiness of those who will still refuse God's salvation through the Messiah.

Transgressors and sinners shall be crushed together.

They shall be ashamed of the oaks which provided limbs for false idols and chips for the fires.

Psalms speaks of the trees planted by the waters that brought forth fruit, but their leaves faded and bore no fruit — why? Judah had "forsaken the fountains of living waters" (Jeremiah 2:13). God's people had died of spiritual thirst.

What an end to the unbelievers and the defiled, "and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

A true prophecy of hell — Gehenna! Never to be quenched.

Chapter 2

Verses 1 - 5

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. (Isaiah 2:1-5)

These five verses are indeed prophetic. At the time of Isaiah's (760 B.C.) writing, Judah had not been conquered nor Jerusalem destroyed. Even the 10 Tribe Kingdom of Israel had not been taken into the Assyrian captivity until 746 B.C. Yet Isaiah prophesied during Israel's Assyrian captivity later.

All Israel looked for the last days for they were to be filled with the glory of God, the Messiah anointed and placed upon the throne of David, all 12 tribes of Israel will be regathered back to the land of Promise, and the whole world acclaiming Jehovah of Host be the God of the universe. We have the prophecy of the patriarch Jacob speaking of great things to come in the last days:

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you

that which shall befall you in the last days (Genesis 49:1).

This was spoken while they were in Egypt. Isaiah's words began to be spoken before the twelve tribes were scattered throughout the world.

In the millennium, the capital of the world shall be Jerusalem, Israel; politically and ecclesiastically.

"He" in verse four is no one but Messiah manifested in the flesh, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The whole world shall be under the LORD's (Jehovah's) rule.

Instruments of war shall be smelted into implements of agriculture. No more war ever, except the second war of Gog and Magog.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire come down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. (Revelation 20:7-9)

Verses 6 - 9

Now we get back to reality. Judah is at ease; she cares not for the millennium. She is wealthy as can be, but no LORD in their thinking — who needs Jehovah?

But Judah, you will seek the holes and caves to hide from His presence.

Verses 10 - 22

This isn't only speaking of Israel when the Messiah comes, but the whole world of sinners. At the close of the Tribulation the lost shall flee to holes and caves.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? (Revelation 6:15-17)

However, during the Great tribulation; the last half of the 7th Week of Daniel, Israel will flee to the holes and caves from the Antichrist, for when the Lord Jesus seeks the hidden brethren he sends fishers and hunters for them.

Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. (Jeremiah 16:16)

The DAY OF THE LORD begins in the middle of the Tribulation...

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. (Zechariah 13:1, 2)

...and ends with purging of the earth.

Behold the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the

houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (Zechariah 14:1, 2)

From the beginning to the ending is 1,003 ½ (one thousand, three and one half) years; taking in the Great Tribulation and the millennium reign of the Messiah (Christ).

All this destruction of the world! For the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

Chapter 3

Verse 1

Bread shall be taken out of mouths of the wealthy and water will have to be bought. We only have to read Lamentations 1:11 to learn of this fulfillment 172 years later!

Verses 2 - 4

These are those who will suffer the need of bread and water in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem? Only a god could imagine such a hideous thing. Not a god, but The God knows and declares it to be so: the mighty man and the soldier, the judge, the prophet, the diviner, the elder, the centurion of 50 soldiers, the eloquent orator, I declare that children of the victorious enemy shall be your princes, even rule over you.

Verses 5 - 7

The people shall oppress each other — by their own neighbor. The child shall be haughty and suppress the elder.

Why a brother shall take hold of a younger brother and say, “you be the elder and provide us bread.” And in that day he shall say, “I will not execute the office of a ruler.”

Verse 8

Jerusalem is ruined (becoming a ghost city) and Judah is fallen in siege — simply they had ruled God out of their lives.

Verse 9

Everyone is proud of his sin and boasts of it. They parade their unrighteousness.

Verse 10

The righteous have no righteousness but they boast that they do. They will have to prove it.

Verse 11

The wicked will receive the judgment they deserve.

Verse 12

Your life style is caused by your oppressor and rulers, and they are children (what do they know) and women (where are the men). They shall be slain. Your rulers have caused you to err, and you are lost.

Verse 13

What is the LORD (Jehovah) doing to warn you? No good, for you are not listening. But nevertheless, your judgment is sure — it is in His hands.

Verse 14

The LORD (Jehovah) is holding the princes and elders of mistreatment of the poor for

their

Verse 15

Possessions are in your house. You've kept the nose of the people to the grindstone.

Verses 16 - 17

Oh, the haughtiness of the daughters of Zion: their walk, wandering eyes, the dangling their ankle bracelets, merits the judgment of the LORD.

Verse 18

In that day of Judah's reckoning, the LORD shall take away many things. Their foreheads shall be made bald — no dowry to wear for no men have bought them, as they have been slain.

Verse 19

All these anklets shall be taken away with

Verse 20-23

The bonnets, the headbands, etc. and all things that belong to a waiting bride, even changeable suits and all other clothing, also their china and cut glass.

Verse 24

Instead of fragrant perfume, there will be a foul odor, instead of, of, of! — sackcloth, ashes.

Verse 25

This is what makes the difference — the young men shall fall by the sword, and the experienced soldiers shall die.

Verse 26

Jerusalem's gates shall be burned with fire, and the elders who judge her people in them shall fall to the sword. (Lamentations 2:10 fulfilled).

Chapter 4

Verse 1

"In that day" — the joyous and glorious day of salvation.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Romans 11:26)

"Seven women shall take hold of one man" — they want to marry him. In Israel plurality of wives was accepted. They pledge that they would work for their bread and clothing. Sex can be counted out. What is this all about? An unmarried woman was counted as one with a curse upon her — to marry even with six more women can be tolerated in order to take the curse away.

Verse 2

In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful. This is one title of Messiah Jesus.

Here, He is the Branch the LORD, and in

Zechariah 3:8, He is the branch the Servant, and in
Zechariah 6:12, He is the Branch the Man, and in
Jeremiah 23:5, He is the Branch the King.

We find that the Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as King.

Mark emphasizes the fact that Jesus is the Servant.

Luke shows that the LORD Jesus is Man, and

John declares Him to be LORD.

While He is King, yet He is a Servant (of Jehovah).

While He is Man, yet He is God.

Verse 3

In the days of God's reign over the earth (during the Millennium) he that is left in Zion (another name for Jerusalem) and he that remains in Jerusalem shall be called holy — saved by the grace of God, everyone who is written in the book of God's remembrance.

Then they that feared the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. (Malachi 3:16)

Verse 4

Oh, what days ahead for Redeemed Israel, cleansed Jacob, when they shall be purged from their sins by the blood of Christ, having borne the stripes of the angry Messiah (Luke 12:35, 36, 47, 48), but their punishment shall not be fatal, as some who will be cast into fire.

The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in a hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: here shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 24:50, 51)

Verse 5

As the LORD (Jehovah) protected His people with Moses in the 40 years wilderness journey by having a cloud to cover all Israel the whole camp by day from the terrible sun (and which turned into a pillar of fire by night to give light to His people), so God shall give again His cloud, this time over Mount Zion — “Over all the glory will be a canopy.” Air conditioning for the whole city! For this shall be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and a hiding place from the storm and the rain.

Chapter 5

Verses 1 - 6

Jehovah's vineyard is Israel, and what a reproach He placed upon His chosen.

He is so disappointed over His vineyard. He expected great things of them, such as choosing a fruit bearing field, plowing it up and stones removed, and planted the choicest vine, built a tower to house a protector of his fruit, and added a winepress for the expected luscious fruit. But when harvest came, it produced wild grapes — that is the exact spiritual condition at the time of this prophecy. What more could the husbandman do? A complete loss — yea, a complete loss to many generations of Judah.

What is He to do? Tear everything down and let it go to the thorns and briars.

Verse 7

Jehovah plainly states that this object lesson is speaking of the house of Israel — wild grapes — unable to please, undesirable — forsaken — forever? The glory comes later, but look now at the admonition of God.

Verse 8

As in the case of most people when they begin to gain wealth: they cannot be satisfied with plenty, but they want just the next house, until all is his, and he remains alone.

Verses 9 - 10

The wrath of God shall be displayed until, think of it, then acres of grape vines shall produce only eight gallons, while 86 gallons of grape seed shall produce only 1 bushel and 3 pints. Seed and labor produces nothing so as to speak. Israel? Do you have the message?

Six woes are pronounced upon the Chosen people.

Verses 11 - 17

Woe unto them that arise early only to drink strong drink. Such a life will lead to death and Sheol (the place of departed souls who then shall await the great white throne). Strangers shall gain a portion of the foolish. Israel, your land is going to be gained and used by the enemy.

Verses 18 - 19

Woe to them that consider sin as “go.”

Verses 20 - 21

Woe to them whose reasoning is warped to know what is right. They call evil good, and good evil. Have we known prominent people who are always on the wrong side — they defend all lawlessness — there is nothing they do is right. They even made sport of the righteous.

Verse 21

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes — and they will do all they can to destroy the forces of goodness and righteousness.

Verse 22

Woe to them who win drinking honors — they boast in their capacity to “hold” a new record. Everything is right with the unrighteous.

Verses 23 - 25

Can one think of Israelites in this category? Today Israelites are true example of sobriety. They even emphasize that “drunkenness is the curse of the Gentile.” How true this is — but Israel lost their homeland because of her drunkenness and vile looseness of morals. When she shall be restored, she will be cured — just as when she went into the Babylonian captivity because of here idolatry, she has returned (a very few number compared with the whole number of Israel of today), cured of idolatry.

How prophetic is verse 25. All has been fulfilled.

And what about today? “For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is

stretched out still” — in judgment!

Verses 26 - 30

Complete destruction to Israel and Judah — their houses and cities to be destroyed, the inhabitants to be driven away from their own property — and taken into captivity, which took place, literally, by the Assyrians who took away the Ten Tribe Kingdom of Israel in 740 B.C., and by the Babylonians who took away Judah in 588 B.C.

Chapter 6

The Great Vision of Christ Given to Israel

When?

Verse 1

It occurred the year King Uzziah died (around 740 B.C.)

What?

Isaiah saw the Lord — notice the lower-case letters in “Lord;” this by printer’s type we know is another name for Jehovah — it is Adonai; meaning master and owner. It is used of Jehovah and also of human beings, such as Sarah called Abraham “Adonai” — her master, she was married to him; and he was her owner — he had bought her with a price.

Adonai is our Master and our Owner — He has bought us for a price — His own precious blood.

At this writing, Solomon’s Temple is still standing. There was the time when the Shekina Glory filled that temple — it was upon its dedication by Solomon — it was filled with the presence of God and with smoke — so powerful that the priests could not enter the sanctuary (1012 B.C.).

Now the glory appears again, this time God is seen and called “Adonai” and the New Testament in John 12:41

These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. This reveals that the Lord (Adonai) was no one else but the Lord Jesus in one of his theophanies, as He existed before 740 years He was born of the Virgin Mary.

Verses 1 - 2

He sat on a throne — Ezekiel saw the same vision just before the temple was destroyed 145 years later, high and lifted up — he did sit on the Ark of the Old Covenant, but upon a throne — he reigns. His robe train filled the temple and seraphim (we do not know their number) with six wings each — with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. This is the first and only mentioning of these angelic beings. Later Ezekiel had experienced dealing with the Cherubim, and they had only four wings. They are not the same, but each had its ministry.

Verse 3

“One cried to another, Holy, Holy, Holy (number of divine completeness) is the LORD of host: the whole earth is full of his glory.” Here we learn that “Adonai” (Master, Owner) is “Jehovah Sabaoth” — LORD of Host. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is Adonai, Jehovah of Host.

Verse 4

The Foundations of the Threshold trembled at the sound of the voice of the Seraphim, and the House of God was filled with smoke. [We are told that the Threshold of the Temple the Lord Jesus shall build in the Millennium shall shake and mighty waters shall flow out in two streams, one toward the south and the other toward the north (Ezekiel 47:1-12)].

Verse 5

Isaiah is really shaken by the holiness of God proclaimed, and the One on the throne seen, until he broke out declaring he had unclean lips and dwelt among the people with unclean lips. He was utterly prostrated — what caused this utterance? Isaiah says, “For mine eyes have seen the Kings, Jehovah of Host.” Getting to be in the presence of the Lord Jesus brings about such conviction!

Verses 6 - 7

Notice that one of the Seraphim flies, not to the Mercy Seat, on which Jehovah is sitting, but to the bronze (brass) altar, picking up one of the wooden coals with a tong, and laid it upon my tongue. Then he said, “Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.”

Verse 8

Then Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord (Adonai). [He speaks today from heaven and desires our answer]. “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” — Us — the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit).

Why?

Verses 9 - 10

Isaiah volunteers: “Here am I, send me.” Why? Men are lost and they need to hear God’s message, the Gospel. They can’t be saved without obeying it.

Yet the very message from the Word of God will be foreign to the ears and eyes of those who hear. It will give them a fat heart, a heavy ear, and a blind eye.

How Long?

The Lord Jesus volunteers: The Father sent Him. And we ask until how long? Until the land became wasted and that was in 70 A.D.

Paul volunteers. How long? (Acts 28:25-27)

How about us? And how long? Until He calls us home.

Verse 13

Verse thirteen speaks of Israel in the world in the tribulation. One tenth shall be preserved in the world. Nine tenths shall be destroyed. The same number of Israel slain in the world is recorded in Ezekiel 20:37, 38 where Israel is said to pass under the rod — the tithing process at the end of the year of the flocks and herds. One tenth is the Lord’s — nine tenths go to slaughter, and then Amos 5:3 says the same thing — one tenth of Israel preserved, nine tenths destroyed. This is the number slain and preserved in the world outside the Promise Land.

Turning to Zechariah 13:8, 9

And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the

fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

This verse states that 2/3 of Israel shall be slain in the land of Israel while 1/3 shall be saved out of the Tribulation.

Chapter 7

Verses 1 - 9

The Salvation and Glory of Israel shall be their through the coming Messiah to whom we are introduced here in chapter 7. In addition to this knowledge of who He is; where He came from, and what He is going to do shall be found in Chapters 9 and 11.

This 7th chapter is clothed with another matter of the attack of the kings of Syria and Israel (10 Tribe Kingdom) against Jerusalem in the reign of King Ahaz of Judah. There is fear, of course, to learn that their brethren (Israel) had joined the king of Syria to destroy the city.

Isaiah was the prophet sent by Jehovah to Judah to encourage themselves in the God of Israel who will avenge Judah and destroy the kingdom of Israel and Syria. There is a time schedule (for Messiah was born over 500 years later) of the destruction of these two men's kingdoms.

Verses 10 - 16

God uses an object lesson drawn from the birth a child in Judah. All ears are tuned into this great sign God is giving guaranteeing the defeat of these two nations. "Ask the greatest sign you can think of and I will bring it to pass." Ahaz replies that he doesn't want to tempt the LORD (Jehovah) — this is the King who burnt his own son in the fire as a sacrifice! (2 Kings 16:1-4)

God gives the announcement, the sign Himself. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" — God with us. Right here God points to the Coming One who is to be the Seed of the Woman found in Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Right here in the middle of a sign God tells of the birth of the Messiah — the sign which points to the destruction of the King of Israel and the King of Syria — "Butter and honey shall he eat that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings."

God, remember, is writing His book and He can do exactly as He cares. Take for instance the Scriptures of Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

This speaks first of the children of Israel called to leave Egypt by Moses. True. Then it has a second meaning — that He called Jesus who was just a child, when Joseph took Him and his mother to Egypt to escape Herod's desire to kill all male children in Bethlehem. After the death of Herod, Joseph was admonished to take Jesus and His mother out of Egypt back to Israel. True. God has a right to interpret His own Scriptures.

Secular authors do the same, for Heroditus, the father of history, put in one record of history, things that were indeed confusing, just to make it “hard for the student.”

Now back to the prophecy of the Virgin conceiving a child. Many point out that the word “virgin” in the Hebrew language is “Alma” — a female of marriageable age, which is true. But looking in the Old Testament where the word is found, we find that the context of each “alma” also points out the woman’s virginity. The New Testament asserts that the coming “alma” to conceive and bring forth the Saviour is virgin (*parthenos*- Matt. 1:23) as we know it to be.

Verses 17 - 25

What a denunciation by God against King and Judah, in that God was so displeased with his people that He was sending Egypt and Assyria to be as bees and flies which shall spread over all the kingdom, stripping Judah of all possessions, and cattle and goods, until the fertile ground will be the place of sheep and cattle that remains. He that has a cow and two sheep will be able to thwart off famine for butter and honey shall be his food.

Men will not be disappointed in the briers and thorns, for it shall provide food for the cattle.

Chapter 8

Verses 1 - 3

Isaiah’s son is Immanuel — “God with us” — for the impending sacking by the armies of Syria whose capital is Damascus, and Israel whose capital is Samaria — let them brag at what they can do, but fear them not — for Immanuel — God is with us! The mother of this child is Isaiah’s wife.

Verses 4 - 9

For before this child will be able to say “Mother” and “Father” — their doom shall be decided upon. They have refused the waters of peace (Shiloh’s waters are Jerusalem), and taken to themselves the waters of war, the Euphrates, the Assyrians as their partners to destroy Judah —

Verses 10 - 13

But their warfare shall come to naught for Immanuel — God is with us!

Do not fear this enemy, but let Jehovah be your Fear.

Verses 14 - 16

Jehovah shall be your sanctuary — an enemy (Babylon) shall come upon Judah. Ezekiel speaks of over a hundred years later when Jerusalem was destroyed and Judah was scattered — their temple was no more.

Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. Ezekiel 11:16

[Today (1991) Israel is still scattered but they do not say “Immanuel” — God is with us, for they have not confessed their sins and made Jehovah their Sanctuary.

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the

nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; (Deut. 30:1, 2)

It might be before the printing of this book that our Immanuel has called us home.]

Verse 17

Isaiah bids Judah to wait upon the LORD (Jehovah) — the prophet says “I will look for Him.” And we are looking for that blessed Hope ourselves (Titus 2:13).

Verse 18

The prophet had two sons who were for signs Naher-shalal-hash-baz (Isa.. 8:3) meaning “hast ye, haste ye to the spoil” — a sign of the coming invasion of Israel (10 Tribe Kingdom) and much later the invasion of Judah by Babylon, and Shear-jashub (Isa. 7:3) meaning “a remnant shall return” prophesies the return of Israel back to the Land after the 70 year Babylonian captivity.

Then, too, it speaks of alls relationship to the Messiah when believers shall be gathered to the Saviour, Jesus as found in Hebrews 2:13

And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Verses 19 - 20

Isaiah is God’s prophet of the hour — here he instructs Judah to inquire of the future to his God, rather than to the spiritualists. Why consult the dead? When God is alive!

If the context of the writings of these false prophets agree not with the Word of God, destroy them!

Verses 21 - 22

The unbelievers — they embrace the things of Satan and will not have the LORD (Jehovah) to reign over them. They shall curse God to His face; even denounce Him as they look in His face. Deny the Light; there remains only the darkness.

Messiah’s Rule

Chapter 9

(We will take verses 1 - 11 at the close of this writing)

Verses 8 - 12

We quote so many times “If God be for us who shall be against us?”, but when the wrath of God is against us, “his hand is outstretched still” (9:12).

God is a loving God, a gracious God, but He is also a living fire against those mend not their ways, and walk in His holiness.

Israel, the 10 Tribe Kingdom suffers and shall suffer even more, for atonement is being offered but is flatly refused. Thus the wrath, with anger, of the LORD (Jehovah) remains.

Verses 13 - 15

The LORD expects reverence — He is the Almighty — there is no one higher than He! In one day He shall cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and bulrush — the Ancient and

Honorable are the head and the false prophet which teacheth lies, he is the tail.

Verses 16 - 17

It is always so — “the leaders of this people cause them to err.” What do we expect — we search not the scriptures to see if our teachers are telling us the truth — we pay leaders to tell us the truth — we accept all thy teach, but these lies lead to our destruction. Ignorance or no, “His hand is stretched out still” to punish.

Verses 18 - 21

The wicked shall be fuel to God’s fury. The destruction of Israel (10 Tribe Kingdom) is caused by the wrath of Jehovah Sabaoth (LORD of Host). Famine intense is prediction in their slaughter. And fighting shall break out between the two sons of

Verses 1 - 5

Joseph, meaning the 10 tribes of Israel — “His hand is stretched out still” — His judgment is not satisfied. He, God, need to be vindicated. Now turn to verses 1 - 7:

What will satisfy the justice of God — only God can. So God became man (Jesus) so that He could die for man’s sins, then was buried and rose again from the dead. The act of Christ being raised from the dead shows clearly that God is satisfied in the substitutionary death of His sinless Son for the sins of the world.

The complete, the full, justification of God’s Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, satisfies not only the *sin* question, but also the LIVING question — What will guarantee a sinless rule in holiness and righteousness in the ages to come? The Reign of God’s Son, of course.

Verses 6 - 7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6, 7)

The Child had a beginning — birth of Christ.

The Son never had a beginning — He always WAS.

There will be no doubt as to Who this Man is — He is the Son of David.

His reign shall be without end — “time” — yes, and can include “space” no end! It will be God through His Son, reigning for a 1000 years — certainly — but it is forever also!

Chapter 10

Verses 1 - 4

Back to the earth with its sinners — “His hand is stretched out still” in cruel judgment, for Israel, for Judah, (yes until Israel and Judah repent and trust in their God) and for the world.

The Antichrist

Verse 5

O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

We believe that as the LORD Jesus' coming for His Bride, the Church, is very near. And if this be so, then the antichrist is here in the world planning his "take over" of the world's government with ten world rulers. Some have proposed that these 10 kings without a kingdom as yet will head the common market of Europe. The one world's "Third Worlds" will take in the whole world, not just Europe.

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it is pieces. (Daniel 7:23)

We believe that these ten kings shall head up a continent each — three are scratched and do not reign (Daniel 7:8) leaving seven, and there are seven continents in the world headed each by one of the seven horns left, after three have been rooted up.

Verses 6 - 11

This Assyrian shall bring about much havoc against Israel, working out God's chastisement against His people in the Great Tribulation.

Verses 12 - 19

The LORD (Jehovah) shall take vengeance upon this prince at the close of Great Tribulation at the Battle of Armageddon.

Verse 20

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

Verses 21 - 23

In the Bible we read where "all Israel shall be saved" Romans 11:26. Some have proposed that "all" means "all" Israel shall be saved including all the lost Israelites — even those that had Jesus Christ to be crucified.

2. Some say "Israel" means the Church, and all in the Church shall be saved. It is true that all who are members by faith in Jesus Christ's body are saved, but this is not what Romans 11:26 is talking about.

3. Then all Israel is speaking of the remnant spoken of in Isaiah 10:21, 22.

The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

Oh, how Israel shall be cut down to a few. Zechariah 13:8, 9 speaks of the 2/3 of Jews in the Great Tribulation living in the Land of Israel that shall be killed leaving 1/3 remnant, while in the world 9/10 of the Jews shall be killed at this time, leaving 1/10 as a remnant.

This 10th Chapter verifies that Assyria at the time of Isaiah's writing will not destroy Judah. But we see that there is a future deliverance.

Assyria later turned out to be Babylon, and today Babylon has turned out to be Iraq. She will not destroy Israel, though she may cause more destruction as Iraq caused to Israel in the United Nation's war against Iraq.

We see still more prophetic utterance that this Assyrian — the Babylonian — the Iraquian of today will be the Antichrist. He shall be born in Iraq though being Jewish. There

will come the perfect deliverance of the remnant by the Messiah.

Verses 28 - 34

Here we see the conflict of the Gentiles under the Antichrist with the LORD (Jehovah) Jesus Christ at the battle of Armageddon.

Chapter 11

The Messiah Reigns

We have already learned that Messiah shall be virgin born — born with two natures: the human nature and the divine nature.

We also have learned of His name:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6, 7)

Now, we learn that Messiah shall come from the family of David, Jesse shall be his father. This prophecy was written over 700 years before the Lord Jesus was born! He came from Jesse and David.

Verse 1

Here is that Branch again, (See Isa. 4:2), the Messiah, the Son of God who is the son of David. The Branch shall come from Jesse, and Jesse came (by creation) from Jesus the Branch.

Verse 2

“The Spirit (Holy Spirit) of Jehovah shall rest upon him” — The following is a good explanation of the “seven spirits which are before his throne” (Revelation 1:4): the Spirit of wisdom, and understanding, the spirit counsel, and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah.

Verses 3 - 5

The desire of the world, the hope of every nation is to have a king or governor who shall judge all peoples in righteousness in fear of Jehovah. What is meant by fear? To be afraid, scared? Here is a good explanation by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan: “Before I was saved I feared what harm God would do to me; but, after I was saved, I feared what harm I would do to God.”

Yes, to be judged by One who would be fair to all men including the poor and the widows; that shall the Saviour do at the judgment of Israel (Matthew 24:37-51) and the Gentiles (Matthew 25:31-46).

He shall smite the earth (all living people at His coming at the end of the Great Tribulation) with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. He shall speak and His words shall be the Word of God — converting or condemning depending upon the faith of those who stand before Him.

Two belts shall he wear — righteousness shall be one, and faithfulness shall be the

other.

Verses 6 - 8

What a kingdom the LORD Jesus shall set up. Not only man's devices of shot and shell, gun and shield shall not be allowed, but the carnivorous trait of the animal world (the feeding of the stronger animals upon the weaker species) shall be removed:

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb.

The leopard shall lie down with the young goat.

And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together.

And a little child shall lead them as pets.

The cow and the bear shall feed.

Their young ones shall lie down together.

And the lions shall eat hay like the ox.

The nursing crawling babe shall play upon the hole of the cobra.

The toddler shall put his hand on the viper's den.

Here we see that curse shall be removed from the snake. Then someone is to ask, "God called the devil the Serpent, shall the curse be taken off of Satan?" A good question, but answered by God in later portions of this book of Isaiah.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD. (Isaiah 65:25)

We have learned that the deadly venomous snakes shall have their nature changed (Isa. 11:8), but here in Isa. 65:25 when it is speaking of the Serpent, the Devil, he is never changed, remains that old serpent the devil — dust shall still be the food for THE SERPENT. He'll never be changed. At the coming of Christ to this world, Satan is cast into the Abyss — bottomless pit during the Millennium. He is freed for a while causing the last war to be fought by those 99 years and younger who are not saved and who surround the beloved city, but fire comes down from heaven and destroys this great number — this is the Second Battle of Gog and Magog. The First Battle of God and Magog is fought in the middle of the Tribulation. The Second Battle is fought at the end of the Millennium.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. (Revelation 20:7,8)

Satan is then cast into the lake of fire where the Beast (antichrist) and the false prophet are.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)

Verse 9

No carnivorous animal to hurt mankind anymore! The people of the world will all know who is reigning — the Messiah, the Son of David, Jesus the Lord. By His Word, the

worlds became, and by His Word, the earth's animals shall stop their flesh eating, and eat grass as it was when it all began.

Verse 10

Oh, there shall be root of Jesse, David by name whose Son is to be the Messiah — even the Gentiles shall seek Him and find Him, and trust in Him giving them rest, eternal life.

Romans 15:12 quotes this verse (Isa. 11:10), and declares “in Him shall the Gentiles trust” in the Septuagint version.

Verses 11 - 15

These precious promises combined speak of the regathering of all Israel from all over the world. It will be the second time God does this. The first time was the taking of all Israel by Moses out of Egypt.

All Israel has never been taken back to the land of Promise. The word was given to Israel to go back to the land after the 70 year Babylonian Captivity — but only 50,000 returned out of the millions who were in captivity. Israel and Judah were satisfied in being in the land of the Gentiles and refused to go back.

Then after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. when the temple of Herod was destroyed by Titus, the land stood vacant until around 190 A.D. Since then partial Israel is back with a recognized government. There are approximately 2,400,000 in the land while a greater number (16,000,000) still remains in the world. This government of Israel will be scattered by the antichrist (Luke 21:20-28), after the Great Tribulation.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:29-31)

The Lord Jesus shall call for Israel, and all except those who have taken the mark of the beast Israel shall return to the Messiah and the Land.

Verse 16

These shall be a highway for the people of God (see Isa. 19:23).

Chapter 12

Verse 1

These wonderful words of chapter 12 depict the Glory of the LORD (Jehovah) and the faith of Israel in the one-time rejected Messiah. When one reads this chapter, he can only say, “Glory, Glory, Glory” — God's anger is turned away.

Verses 2 - 6

We want to point out the word “Salvation” in verses 2 and 3. The word in the Hebrew is the word “Yeshuwah” — “Ye shuw ah” (yesh oo aw) — from when we get the “Joshua” the leader of Israel who took Moses' place. And that is not all — for Yeshuwah is the word we get “Jesus” from! Glory.

At one of our Bible classes some time ago, four Jewish ladies came to me and said, “If you can show us the name ‘Jesus’ in the Old Testament, we’ll believe in Him.” I replied, we can’t find the English word Jesus in the Old Testament, but we can find the Hebrew name. They said, “The Hebrew name is Yeshuwah.” So I turned to this 12th chapter and showed them out off the Hebrew Bible, 2nd and 3rd verses, Behold, God (Elohim) is my Salvation,” what does it say? “God (Elohim) is my Yeshuwah — my Jesus.” Keep on, “For the LORD Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation,” my Yeshuwah, “my Jesus.” “Therefore with joy shall draw waters out of the wells of salvation” — “of Yeshuwah” — “wells of Jesus.”

There you are. His name is in the Old Testament, isn’t it? They all agreed that it was, yet only one of them trusted Jesus as her Saviour at that time.

Chapter 13

From the joys of the Millennium, we go back to the punishment of Babylon.

Yes, the Medes shall defeat Babylon, but not destroy her. Her final destruction is found in chapter 21:9 when it states that Babylon is destroyed. This verse is said to be fulfilled in Revelation 14:8 and 18:2, which will occur in the middle of the Tribulation.

Keep in mind that Babylon has never been destroyed — but captured three times — by the Medes, Persians, Greece, and Rome, but none destroyed her. Yet her destruction shall yet to come at the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

Verse 6

Verse 6 states that the Day of the LORD is nigh — and from Zechariah 14:1, 2 we learn that it begins in the middle of the Tribulation, the beginning of the Great Tribulation, goes on through the Millennium, lasting about 1003 1/2 years.

Verses 7 - 11

The Day of the LORD (Jehovah) comes as a destruction from the Almighty (El Shaddai). It comes with cruelty and wrath of God.

Verse 12

One who escapes the wrath of God shall be as a wedge of gold, even the fine gold of Ophir. [This gold is first mentioned in the time of David, and many times during the reign of Solomon.] It was Solomon’s navy who joined the navy of Hiram, king of Lebanon. This great hoard of ships went to Tarshish, which is believed to be on the Amazon River. They sailed around the tip of Africa and were taken by the Altanlo stream (kin to the Gulf Stream bordering America’s east coast) which took them to the mouth of the Amazon River. It is known that the Phoenicians traveled to Tarshish on the banks of the Amazon. And remember Lebanon was Phoenicia. It took these two navies three years to sail from Ahatar (lower Israel) to Tarshish back to Israel. Many years after the death of Solomon, another king of Judah, Jehoshaphat tried to do the same thing but the storms tore the ships apart.

Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber. (I Kings 22:48)

Verse 13

In this 13th verse God declares He shall shake the earth the second time; the first time being at Mount Sinai, when He appeared on the top of the mountain, in thunderings and

lightnings, and shook the mountain and spoke unto all Israel. This next time, He shall speak in wrath of the LORD of Host (Jehovah Sabaoth).

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:25-29)

Verses 14 - 16

Literally, this speaks of God's judgment upon the world including Israel. Spiritually speaking, the second shaking shall take the earth from the 10 commandments — that which remains is the New Covenant, wherein is the Gospel for the whole world.

Verses 17 - 22

Babylon finally is destroyed. She was captured by the Medes-Persians, by the Greeks, and by the Romans, but never destroyed. She shall be destroyed (Revelation 18) by the antichrist in the middle of the 70th week of Daniel at the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

Today the Arabian pitches his tent there, but after Babylon is destroyed, she won't.

It is the antichrist who destroys so many of Israel during the Great Tribulation, but it is the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall destroy those who know not God nor believe the Gospel at the beginning of the Millennium.

Chapter 14

Verse 1

Light at last!

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

The Messiah is now reigning — He could have let Israel suffer as an unfaithful wife, ignoring all pleas for mercy, and He could have chose another to be His wife. But here, as well as in other passages, God tells Israel that though He has given Israel a bill of divorcement, yet He is counting that act void, and will show His grace as He always will, declaring that Israel will always be His wife! Glory.

Verse 2

The Gentiles shall bring dispersed Israel back to their land, and the LORD (Jehovah) shall make these same Gentiles servants and handmaids, just like they have done to Israel.

Verse 3

Israel shall be given God's rest in the land, and could have possessed it thousands of years sooner.

Verses 4 - 5

The whole world shall know of Babylon's fall God making her to cease to be. The

Gentile shall no more rule Israel.

Verse 6

The antichrist who ruled so drastically, shall be persecuted.

Verses 7 - 8

God personifies all the world and things it possesses — the earth sings of its liberty — the trees, too, honors this special time of peace — since the antichrist has been dethroned, no one raises a sword at another man.

Verse 9

The antichrist and the false prophet are in hades then last into gehenna; the devil, their father is in the abyss waiting for the 1000 years of the Millennium to be over, and then be allowed a seasonal reprieve.

Verses 10 - 11

Those in hades shall mock the antichrist and the false prophet — “You’re here, too, are you? You who have caused the world to tremble, are not more well off than we.”

Verses 12 - 17

God’s attention is now focused upon the one who is responsible for the antichrist and the false prophet. It is the dragon that old serpent, the Devil and Satan (Rev. 20:2), and here in Isaiah he is called by his personal name, Lucifer, son of the morning. He it is that first brought sin into heaven by placing himself as equal to the creator by stating, I will set my throne above the stars of God.

I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.

I will be like the most High (El Elyou)

Satan was one of the three greatest angels God created. They are without number, yet these three are the only ones named in the word of God, except Apollyon “the angel of the Bottomless pit.” First is Gabriel — he is God’s announcer; Michael, God’s general over the angels, and then Lucifer, one of the two of God’s anointed (Messianic) angels who covered the mercy seat in heaven. His name in Hebrew is “Heylel,” meaning brightness. Notice that all of these great angels’ names end in “el” — meaning “God.”

While Lucifer was exalted to be the anointed cherub, he fell into sin when he declared he was going to be like God. [Heaven is where sin began, and when Christ arose from the dead He took some of His blood to heaven to first cleanse heaven, then to cleanse all who trust in Him.]

It was Satan, Lucifer, who first started sin in heaven, and he was the first one to bring it to earth through Adam and Eve.

Verses 18 - 27

As Babylon ruled people to their ruin, so the King shall have his part in death and burial. All shall be cut off from each other. Babylon shall be for the hedgehog and its plains as a slough.

Verse 24

The LORD of host (Jehovah Sabaoth) hath sworn “Surely as I have thought, so shall it

come to pass.

And as I have proposed,
So shall it stand.”

Verse 27

“For the LORD of Host hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn in back?

The Word of God stands.

Verses 28 - 32

What a contrast this portion of Scripture is with chapter 6:1. Both were written in the year the king died. In 6:1, it was in the year King Uzziah died — a godly king — the Lord was seen sitting upon a throne high and lifted up. In 14:28 we find that king Ahaz died — an ungodly king (he had one of his sons to be burnt as a sacrifice). God gave a burden — “heavy because the wrath of God is in it, making it difficult for the prophet to utter it.”

Isaiah reproves the people for rejoicing that their wicked king has died, and people will have some freedom.

It is the people of Judah that God is reprimanding. They are as wicked as their king was; therefore, great judgment is going to be poured out upon all Judah.

God’s judgment is coming from the north [almost every war of Israel was fought by the enemies from the north — the north had the most acceptable entrance into the land than the other directions]. This utterance was also prophesied by Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

Chapter 15

Verses 1 - 9

Here is another burden — something evil being spoken against one God has chosen to be chastised thoroughly — Moab, the descendants of Lot are brought forth for complete chastisement. When Israel under Moses desired to save time and distance on their way to possess the Promised Land, asked Moab the privilege to march through their land and thus making a short cut to the Land. Moses promised to pay all damages caused by Israel’s army and cattle, even willing to pay for the water the herds would drink. Their request was denied, and Israel had to circumvent their land.

Because of this hostility, the land would be destroyed and possessions would be lost. We find that God had Obadiah to record their destruction.

But God’s grace exceeds God’s justice, for we learn that during the millennium, Moab shall be forgiven and restored to the land God promised her, “Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD (Jehovah). Thus far is the judgment of Moab” Jeremiah (48:47); and God will spare his brother, also, who is another son of Lot, Ammon! “And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD (Jehovah),” Jeremiah 49:6.

There is one king and his kingdom God will never forgive and restore, and that is Satan, the Devil.

Chapter 16

Seven hundred years after the writing of this 16th chapter of Isaiah, the Lord Jesus warns Israel of the exact time the antichrist shall reveal himself to be the man of sin. (He might be in the world today, but he will not reveal himself as he is until after the rapture of the Church). Turn to Matthew 24:15-21.

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give such in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Daniel 9:27

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week we shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

This agrees with Matthew 24:15-21, thus the abomination of desolation occurs when, after honoring his covenant with Israel for 3 1/2 years he breaks that covenant with Israel, placing his throne in the Holy of Holies, declaring himself to be God: and the desolation is when he destroys the city of Jerusalem and the Temple.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (II Thessalonians 2:3, 4).

And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. (Luke 19:44)

And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. (Matthew 24:2)

Now let us turn to our text as found in Isaiah 16:1-5.

Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land of Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth. Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

Herein is Israel escaping to the mountains (Matthew 24:16) and to the wilderness where the mountains are located escaping from the antichrist's mask, and the antichrist's statue.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days. (Revelation 12:6)

Verse 1

You will notice that the word “Sela” is the word translated as “Petra.” We know where this is located for we have traveled there three times.

It is a forsaken city of the nations which even by its ruins shows the Egyptian and Roman influence. It is located 100 miles south of Jerusalem in Jordan.

Verse 2

Israel shall flee there as a wandering bird. The women of Moab shall meet those of fleeing Israel on the banks of the river Arnon.

Verse 3

Moab is instructed to hide these outcast Jews and show them the way to this hidden city (Petra was a city 7 miles by 14 miles, whose entrance has been of old — an entrance that winds in and out of the hills until it opens to the rest of the city. The city treasury building, hewed out of the rock, is the first of many buildings one passes by and some through.

Verse 4a

Moab is admonished to protect fleeing Israel until the rule of the extortioner (the antichrist) is ended.

Verse 4b

The antichrist’s rule is over.

Verse 5

This glorious verse describes the reestablishing of the Davidic throne, David’s Son, the Messiah (the LORD Jesus Christ) shall begin His reign, for at least a thousand years.

Verses 6 - 12

Back to Moab. She is still the object of God’s fury.

She is known for her lies, thus no pity is shown her. Her fruitful fields yield nothing, and the vines of her vineyard produce nothing. Those who longed for her wine are disappointed for her vineyards are barren. Moab weeps for Moab. Pitiful.

Verse 13

God adds other devastating prophecy. Within three years (usually, a servant’s term of servitude), Moab is to lose her high and lofty position with her remnant scanty and feeble.

Chapter 17

Verse 1

Damascus, the oldest city of the Near East, shall come to her reckoning date.

Verse 2

People have fled Aroer, and their land, now her pastures are for the flocks — and none make the shepherds afraid, for the enemy hath deserted the place.

Verse 3

The fortified cities of Israel (12 Tribes) — she is called many times Ephraim, the one tribe of Joseph — have perished and the Kingdom of Damascus dissolved and Syria, Aram, will be like once know glory of the Israelites, declares the LORD of Host (Jehovah Sabaoth).

Verses 4 - 6

In that day, the glory of Israel (Jacob) shall fade as field look after the harvest is past, and as the few olive berries remain at the top of the tree.

Verses 7 - 8

“In that day” — when the Tribulation is past, a man shall look to his Creator and have respect of the Holy One of Israel.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (Daniel 9:24) (“anoint” Messiah — the Lord Jesus Christ).

And he shall not look to the man made altars, groves, and idols.

Verses 9 - 10

“In that day” the strong cities stand not — for Israel has forsaken the God of his salvation and deserted the Rock, your fortress.

Verse 11

“In that day” thou shalt plant, and the prospects are for a great harvest, but alas, nothing, due to disease and incurable pain.

Verses 12 - 14

Nations shall rise with great noise at God who caused the harvest to fail, yet they shall flee from His presence. The Gentiles shall reap destruction because they robbed Israel.

Chapter 18

Verses 1 - 6

The setting is Zion (verse 7) after the antichrist has destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the rebuilt Herod’s temple. Thus it must be immediately after the Great Tribulation begins — known as the intensive tribulation of the 70th Week of Daniel.

All 12 tribes are now for the spoilers. One third of Israel in the land has fled to mountains (Zechariah 13:8, 9; Matthew 24:15), two thirds of Israel has been killed.

Verse 7

At that time, a great nation presents gifts to the LORD of Host (Jehovah Sabaoth) in Mount Zion. Not a few have suggested these people are the U.S.A. Whoever it is, is in the Great Tribulation when Israel in dire need.

Chapter 19

Verses 1 - 15

When the rapture occurs, the nations of the earth shall unify themselves into a very strong one-world empire. Many call it the Third World Government. Others say it is the

Revived Roman Empire, or the enlargement of the United Nations.

Chaos permeates throughout this one world government; it will be a governing body that has power to act, with a one world court that shall have jurisdiction, with a one world treasury which shall control all treasuries of the world, and a one world army controlling the armament (weapons) of the world.

From all of the world's nations, a six-nation opposition shall unite under the leadership of Magog (Russia) with Persia (Iran) Ethiopia, Lebanon, Germany, and Turkey and shall pull away from the United World Empire fulfilling Daniel 2:43.

And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. (Daniel 2:43)

These six countries are the clay and break away from the iron, to leave to take a spoil of silver and gold, cattle and goods.

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? (Ezekiel 38:13)

Two nations, Egypt and Assyria (later become Babylon and now exist as Iraq) do not pull away and join the Magog (Russian) opposition. These two nations shall be on Israel's side — Egypt is already there with Israel, NOW.

These two nations with Israel are saved at the appearing of Messiah — the Lord Jesus Christ — the end of the Great Tribulation.

Egypt, the arch enemy of Israel is dealt staggering blows by the LORD (Jehovah) even putting them under the heel of the fierce king, a cruel lord (adonai). From Daniel we learn this is the antichrist.

Daniel 11:25, 42, 43

And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

This lets us know that the antichrist shall control Egypt, the Libyans, and the Ethiopians. Egypt shall break about from the Libyans and the Ethiopians.

Verses 16 - 17

In that day shall Egypt fear as do women; especially, of Israel.

Verse 18

In that day five cities of Egypt shall speak Hebrew as their native tongue.

Verses 19 - 20

In that day there shall be an altar in the midst of Egypt as a sign that Egypt's faith is drifting towards Jehovah (the LORD). A great pillar shall be raised at the border of the land, as a sign that the LORD (Jehovah) is Egypt's God.

Egypt shall call upon Jehovah (the LORD), and Joel 2:32 states that whosoever states that calleth upon the name of the LORD (Jehovah) shall be saved (delivered). And Jehovah (the LORD) shall send them a Saviour and a great one — Jesus, of course, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. “And he shall deliver them” — save them.

Verse 21

Jehovah (the LORD) shall be known to Egypt and the Egyptians shall know the LORD (Jehovah).

Verse 22

As a loving Father, Jehovah shall smite Egypt with a plague and heal them.

Verse 23

In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria (was this name, and Egypt, also, but now as Iraq). Assyria (Iraq) shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and THE EGYPTIANS shall serve with the ASSYRIANS (Iraqians) — SERVE whom? Jehovah, the LORD, of course.

Verse 24

In that day Israel shall be the third with Egypt and Iraq (Assyria), even a blessing in the midst of the land. We know the next verse shall actually be fulfilled for Jehovah (the LORD) has declared it!

Verse 25

“Whom the LORD of Host (Jehovah Sabaoth) shall bless, saying ‘Blessed be Egypt my people, and Iraq (Assyria) the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance!’”

Chapter 20

We know from chapter 19, Egypt and Assyria as whole nations shall be saved at the end of the Great Tribulation (70th Week of Daniel), but here in chapter 20 we find that Assyria (later Babylon, and today (1991) Iraq). Iraq shall attack and waste Egypt and Ethiopia in Isaiah’s day.

Verse 1

The King of Assyria sent one of his mighty men, Tartan, to Ashdod to lay siege to it, and he did so.

Verses 2 - 4

At this time the LORD (Jehovah) spoke to Isaiah to take off the sackcloth he was wearing and remove the sandals from off his feet, and then walk around naked, and did so for three years.

Then the LORD (Jehovah) spoke to Judah saying as my servant Isaiah has walked before you naked for three years as a sign of the chastisement upon Egypt and Ethiopia these two nations shall lose many prisoners to Assyria and shall be led in shame, naked, with their buttocks showing to their shame.

Verses 5 - 6

Thus many of Judah will be shocked to see these two nations whom they were trusting

to help to defend them against Assyria, now see their utter despair and hopelessness to even defend themselves.

Their help gone, Judah must see that they are completely left to depend upon the LORD (Jehovah).

Chapter 21

Right here we would point out that there is no reference to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ — in the old Testament — not a hint, nor a short breath concerning it. Therefore, as we by the Holy Spirit interpret these wonderful prophecies of the Old Testament with that in mind, we see that the prophecies shall have to be fulfilled up to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and then be completed with the tribulation and the Millennium. Between the two there is the church age, which is not mentioned nor prophesied.

Also, we want to mention that the prophecies of Daniel were written over a hundred years later than the prophecies of Isaiah. At the time of Isaiah several nations are existing. Some are stronger than others, while some are weaker than others.

In this chapter we note that one nation shall appear greater than they all — Assyria! Babylon is said to fall in defeat and could be by Assyria. But a hundred years later Babylon destroys Assyria — for Babylon is the first world-wide empire to rule over the whole earth. Babylon was defeated by the Medo-Persian Empire who arose to be the second world-wide empire. While Babylon, the city, was captured by Medo-Persia and Greece, and finally by Rome. In all this, Babylon, the city, was captured but never destroyed. She was standing at the time of the apostle Peter who wrote his first epistle there. It was still standing 600 A.D. She just deteriorated into ruins by being bypassed in trading by the nations. She is being rebuilt today, but she shall be destroyed in the middle of the 70th Week of Daniel 9.

Media is mentioned here as being a very small country, but we know that a hundred years later she shall arise to power and crush the empire (but not the city) of Babylon.

We conclude that Isaiah prophesied the early defeat of Babylon by Assyria, and the coming defeat of Babylon 100 years later by the Meds and Persians.

The prophecy against the early Babylon is found in verses 1-10; the prophecy against Edom in verses 11 and 12, and then the prophecies against Arabia in verses 13-17.

Chapter 22

Verses 1 - 4

The Valley of Vision — the prophet Joel called his prophecy the Valley of Decision (Joel 3:14). Isaiah speaks of those leaders of his nation Israel, who were captured without a struggle, but who died at the hands of Israel's enemies. Joel speaks of that terrible day of the LORD (Jehovah) when Israel finds that their God is worthy of trust, do trust Him and is delivered from the antichrist.

Verses 5 - 8a

Isaiah declares that Jehovah Sabaoth (Lord of Host) has a day in the Valley of Vision, when Judah shall be the object of the Gentiles hate and gather themselves together for the purpose of destroying the city walls of Jerusalem, and the defense of Judah is peeled away.

Verses 8b - 13

Judah looks and sees that their city wall desperately needs repairing. Houses of the city of David are town down and their debris is used to mend the wall.

Judah has stored water for such a siege as this — her faith is in her hands to prepare adequate deposits of water instead of trusting her God.

Here are the two walls mentioned for the purpose of being a reservoir for water. We learn from the Scriptures that over 100 years later that the Great Babylon had Judah in a vice within the siege — and when the bread supply gave out, King Zedekiah “the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the king’s garden” (2 Kings 25:4). Just where they’re located we do not know.

As the situation became desperate, there would be a greater slaughter of oxen and sheep — slaughtered to be eaten and as there was no hope of deliverance, the people joined in “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die” (verse 13).

Verse 14

Deserting the ability of their God’s deliverance and trusting to be delivered from the enemy by their own devices. God says “to your dying day this sin will never be atoned for” — Judah was left without hope to await the judgment of God.

Verses 15 - 16

Shebna, the king’s servant, is rebuked for carving out of the rocks a grave to be the last resting place of this man.

Verses 17 - 19

He shall be driven from office.

Verse 20

“In that day I will summon Eliakim son of Hilkiyah and place him in your vacancy. Him shall the people love. Upon his shoulders shall be placed the key to the house of David — the treasury of Judah — he shall open and no one can shut, he shall shut and no one can open.” In Revelation 3:7 we are told that the Lord Jesus Christ shall possess the key of David — that He opens a door that no one can shut in serving Him.

This man Eliakim shall be as a Father to those who live in Jerusalem; he shall be clothed with the royal clothes of the king and authority of the King. He shall be set as a nail in a sure place — all the glory of his family will hand on him. But one day the nail shall be broken off and fall with all those honors bestowed upon it.

Our Lord Jesus is the One in Whom we have placed all our faith; for He was broken off, yet He arose from the dead, and holds all the glory of God and keeps our faith.

Chapter 23

While studying this great book of prophecy we have found that the book of Ezekiel is the key book of both the Major and Minor prophets. In this chapter we read of many nations and the chastisement of some and then in Ezekiel we find the second “punch line” — a fuller rebuke and defeat of these nations.

Verse 1

The city of Tyre is the subject of this chapter. Tyre, with her sister city Sidon, were seaport cities above Israel and located in what is now today as Lebanon.

Tyre's doom is announced. Her destruction is final.

Verses 2 - 4

Tyre was a very successful city of trade. All nations traded with her for food and clothing and for things with which the slaves need to work in their masters' vineyards. Her wealth increased to such an extent that its king had to hire career soldiers to fight in its army. Perish the thought that she could lose it all.

Verse 5

Egyptian wheat was known and desired more than other grains of the earth, and its supply was in exhaustible. She shall suffer terrible in the loss of Tyre, for this seaport city was the most important purchaser of her grain.

Verse 6

Tarshish can now be located for modern discoveries have found her ruins on the banks of the Amazon River in South America. This has been substantiated by Mysteries of the Ancient Americas (Readers' Digest, 1988; p.15). Phoenicia (Tyre) was known for her navy of ships for world-wide trade that was the vehicle by which the nations' purchases were delivered. [Even Hiram of Phoenicia (Tyre) joined his navy with Solomon and together, these two navies traveled to Tarshish and returned with ships laden with gold and silver, apes and peacocks. This voyage took three years for the round trip.]

For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. (I Kings 10:22)

Verses 7 - 12

The destruction of Tyre is foregone conclusion — who could be the person to visualize such a calamity. "It is I," saith the LORD (Jehovah) of Host!

Verse 13

It was Babylon who built the city of Tyre. [This is the Babylon that existed 100 years before Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon.] It was the mighty country of Assyria who founded it (financed it).

Verses 14 - 18

Tyre's fate is sure, and shall lie desolated for 70 years. After the 70 years, Tyre shall arise out of her ashes and sing as a harlot. And her hire shall again be paid by the nations of the world in their trade.

What his trade shall be shall be the LORD'S! (In 70 years she did rise under a new king and her riches were destroyed by a new Babylon. We can rejoice in the glory off her riches. How and when we do not know).

Chapter 24

Verses 1 - 5

What a calamity is prophesied for the land of Israel; verses 2 and 3 confirm it. As yet during Isaiah's prophecy the land hasn't been laid siege as yet, but looking down at least 100 years. Judah as well as Israel (10 tribes) shall be taken into captivity — Israel by the Assyrians, and Judah by Babylon. The cause? Israel and Judah have forgotten their God and

continued to break his law.

Verses 6 - 12

Food and wine supplies shall be at an end. After the 70 year Babylon captivity only 50,000 Israelites returned to the land.

After about 500 years the land and people were subjugated to Greece and Rome. In 70 A.D. Herod's new Temple was destroyed, and in 130 A.D. Hadrian destroyed Palestine to its fullest.

From Hadrian to 1900 A.D. the land remained dormant. Destroyed cities remained ruinous for the whole time, awaiting the coming of the archaeologists who have rediscovered cities, etc., as described in the Old Testament to be exactly where the Scriptures say they were and were destroyed as the word of God said they were.

Verses 13 - 15

Israel was scattered throughout the world and suffered untold agony for just being Jews. God commands them to worship God where they are.

Verses 16 - 20

These agonizing words describe the plight and suffering of all Israel during the Great Tribulation (the last 3 ½ years of the 70th Week of Daniel).

Verse 21

All the Gentiles shall be judged at the appearing of the Messiah by the Messiah Jesus (2 Thessalonians 1:4-10); (Matthew 25:31-46).

Verses 22 - 23

What a new day the world will enjoy under the reign of the LORD of Host (Jehovah Sabaoth) who is Yeshua Ha Mashiach — Jesus Christ — the Anointed One.

Chapter 25

What a Day to rejoice in. All the tribulation Israel has faced, all the deprivations and sorrows she has endured, is now forgotten and she finds peace, perfect peace, and rest in her Messiah Jesus! Glory!

Verse 1

O Jehovah, thou art my Elohim!" O LORD thou art my God. All thy word is perfect.

Verse 2

God can save, yet He can destroy.

Verse 3

Israel, as well as the Gentiles, shall fear Thee.

Verse 4

Even today we find our LORD to be a Strength to the poor.

A strength to the needy in distress.

A refuge from the storm.

A shadow from the heat, oh, what a God we have!

Verse 5

God's work toward His people is like a cloud that blocks off the heat.

Verse 6

In the coolness of the height of mountains God shall fill His people with good things — in this mountain speaks of the government of Messiah Jesus.

Verse 7

The Messiah shall destroy the grave clothes for death shall be abolished.

Verse 8

He shall swallow death for He died and rose triumphantly over it.

He will wipe away all tears — for there is no more parting. He will remove all or any disgrace from His people.

Verse 9

What joy there will be in the Millennium!

Jehovah is our God.

“We have waited for Him” — oh, Israel has! But He shall be here with His brethren — our promised One.

Yes, this is Jehovah! We have sorely waited for Him. We shall rejoice in His Salvation — in His Jesus. (The word here for salvation is the Hebrew is “Jeshuah” = Joshua, JESUS!

Verses 10 - 12

Moab is up for disgrace for her vile treatment to Israel at the time of Moses who desired passage for Israel through their land, but was refused. Yet in the Kingdom Age — Millennium — God's grace shall be magnified toward Moab, and the curse taken off.

Chapter 26

“Oh, What Joy: The Messiah And His Kingdom”

Verse 1

“In that day,” that day Israel has anticipated for so long! The Messiah has come, His name is Jesus (Salvation in the Hebrew is Jeshuah, meaning Joshua and Jesus!)

Verse 2

Let the righteous nation — Israel enter in, for she has been purged and she has no sin — transgression is finished, she is pure, reconciled (thoroughly changed), she possesses everlasting righteousness (Daniel 9:24). She alone of the nations may enter Jerusalem.

Verses 3 - 4

Shalom (peace) at last for Israel's mind is stayed upon her God. Her trust is only in Jehovah (LORD), and finds Him to be her strong, everlasting portion.

Verses 5 - 6

Jerusalem was once a lofty city, but it was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 593 B.C. and Titus in 70 A.D., and shall be destroyed by the antichrist in the middle of the 70th Week of Daniel, the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

Verses 7 - 11

Israel can say that her faith in her crucified, buried, and resurrected Messiah has resulted in her forgiveness and restoration, and her exaltation.

Verse 12

May this Shalom, peace, be continued forever in our being — and it shall be.

Verse 13

O Jehovah, LORD, we have served other lords (Adonai) besides thee. They were our masters to our hurt. But Thou are our Master to the good.

Verse 14

These other masters are now dead — we glorify Thee that we trusted them not. Even memory of them is perished.

Verses 15 - 16

Israel in the Great Tribulation shall be whittled down to only a shadow of itself, but in their trouble they called upon Jehovah (LORD).

Verses 17 - 18

Actually, we became as few women have experienced. We had our intercourse, our period was stopped, and our belly grew for the nine months, and then the day of delivery for our child arrived, but we brought forth no child but wind. This is our plight when forgot the LORD (Jehovah).

Verse 19

The resurrection of all the righteous Israelites is assured by the word of God, even this 19th verse. Ezekiel 37:1-11 goes into detail of this glorious truth.

Verses 20 - 21

There shall be two companies of saved Israel who shall be experiencing the great transformation: (1) those righteous Jews who are alive at the coming of Messiah Jesus; whose bodies are changed, and (2) those resurrected who are the righteous dead from Abraham on through the last person who shall die or be put to death in the Great Tribulation.

The indignation is the Great Tribulation called Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). Israel's Jehovah is to be Israel's Saviour.

Chapter 27

Verses 1 - 11

“In that Day,” the Day of the LORD (Jehovah) is what is presented. The Day of the LORD begins in the middle of the 70th Week of Daniel (3 ½ years)

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (Zechariah 14:1, 2)

On through the Millennium (1000 years)...

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (2 Peter 3:10)

...Thus lasting for 1003 1/2 years.

Leviathan, another name of Lucifer, Satan and the Devil, shall be placed into the abyss, the bottomless pit at the beginning of the Millennium.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. (Revelation 20:2, 3)

He remains there for the entire time of the 1000 year Kingdom Age, and does not attack the inhabitants of the earth neither can he tempt people to sin. When the 1000 years are over he is loosed for a while and does deceive the Gentiles who band themselves together to destroy the City of Messiah (These people are 99 years and younger who are allowed 100 years to either trust Messiah Jesus or reject Him).

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. (Isaiah 65:20)

The Tribulation is brought up for past sin acts of Israel — Israel shall be purged. Jerusalem is said to be destroyed and shall be by the antichrist.

And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. (Luke 19:44)

Verse 12

Tribulation is over, and the feast of trumpets is fulfilled, gathering those Jews who have not taken the mark of the beast to Jerusalem. There they shall look upon 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. (Zechariah 12:10)

Egypt and Assyria (Iraq) are again mentioned for first time as being saved (Isaiah 19:23-25), and here in this portion (vs.12, 13) as being helpers in getting Israel back to the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Chapter 28

This chapter dates its fulfillment. It must be fulfilled soon by the taking over by the Assyrians and by the antichrist in the tribulation. Many years after Israel was attacked by Assyria, Babylon arose in its strength, attacking Judah three times, and on the third time made a complete ruin of not only Jerusalem and its temple but of all the cities of Judah.

Verses 1 - 4

In verse one, Israel is called Ephraim (second son of Joseph) and it was Assyria who

attacked Israel (Ephraim) and brought the 10 Tribe Kingdom into captivity.

Back to the Babylonian captivity — Judah had learned so many lessons while in captivity, for in her return to the land, Judah was cured of drunkenness and idolatry. Even today all Jews are known for their sobriety and their belief in one God.

Verse 5

“In that Day,” when the chastisement of Israel is final, Jehovah shall be a Crown of Glory, and for a diadem of beauty to His remnant people.

Verses 6 - 13

Ephraim, the 10 Tribe Kingdom of Israel, has degraded itself in its drunken debaucheries. They consider Isaiah a teacher of children who couldn't teach them, the priests and the prophets, the things of God. But wait! God will raise up teachers of another tongue and stammering lips who shall witness to them the things of God. (I thank God that I, the human author of this exposition have been a teacher to thousands of Israelites, using their own Scriptures but with Gentile pronunciation that causes them to laugh, yet hundreds have come to the knowledge of their Messiah, Jesus, in the process. Today there is no division between Israel and Judah for they know not what tribe the individual Jew came from — the exception may be of the tribe of Levi and the priests (Cohens) who are Levites. This identity is passed from one Levite to another by word of mouth and not by record. Their country is called Israel, and all citizens are called Jews).

Verses 1 - 13 are directed toward the 10 Tribe Kingdom. Destruction of this kingdom shall be the results from the Assyrians invasion resulting in their being taken into the Assyrian captivity.

Verse 14

These verses (14-29) are directed to the Kingdom of Judah, as a warning that the same judgment shall befall them unless they repent and turn from their own sins.

Verse 15

Within Judah there is a secret suicidal organization with “death.” Whose constitution of law-governing its organization is built upon a lie and its purpose in existing would be carried on by lies.

Within Judah there have been “societies” banded together for one reason or another such as in the days of Paul when it seemed that the whole city would tear him apart but was protected by the Roman chief captain and taken into the Roman barracks. While Paul was under Roman protection, a nephew of Paul learned of a clique who had joined into a conspiracy and bound themselves by an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. So it was with this group who bound themselves by an oath of lies.

Verses 16 - 19

“Jehovah says!” Almighty God points to the One who shall lead all Israel back to the righteous God — the Messiah Jesus, of course, who is the true Foundation stone of salvation. He is to be found in Israel (Zion) — and when found and trusted gives eternal life to the believer, with a guarantee that whosoever trusts in Him shall not be dismayed — that is safe to build upon — shall not be ashamed! (Romans 10:16)

Righteous judgment shall fall upon all wicked. This has not occurred as yet; therefore,

it shall be fulfilled after the appearing of Messiah Jesus.

Verses 20 - 23

What a predicament for tall people to find that one's host has provided you with a bed that is short and the covers are much too narrow to cover them.

The LORD (Jehovah) shall rise up in mount Perazim — a name which means breach — David called it Baal-perazim — a space through which the forces of Israel could push on to the enemy.

Verses 24 - 27

Does the farmer only plow his fields? No, of course not for he has to weed it and break up the clods of the ground, then the harvest gathered.

The spices are a work of art: he sows caraway (fitch) and scatters cumin; plants wheat, barley in its spot; and rye in its field. God has instructed the farmer to how to harvest; one grain or spice has its own way to be gathered: caraway is beaten with a rod, and cumin with a stick.

Verse 29

Then there is the one certain way — and it takes time — for the preparing of each eatable plant for all mankind. Grain is ground for bread; man just doesn't thresh all the time — a time for everything. How are grains ground? He drives his cart wheels over it, and horses do not trample it. This knowledge comes from the LORD. Sabaoth (Jehovah of Host). So it is with us — God causes one thing to come into our lives, and for a purpose then another thing come — another problem, another sorrow. It is all from the LORD! Nothing can happen in our lives but by the will of God.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

It is for our good and his glory.

Chapter 29

Verses 1 - 8

Doom to Samaria, capital of Israel's 10 Tribe Kingdom, has already been decreed; now, the doom of Jerusalem, capital of the Two Tribe Kingdom of Judah, is pronounced. Ariel is Jerusalem.

Verses 9 - 16

Verses 9 through 16 tell us the reason for such destruction.

As in Chapter 6 verses 9 and 10, the same truth is verified that though Israel is delivered the Word of God, she is spiritually blind and cannot see it.

The Word of God as a scroll is delivered, sealed, to a learned man. And when one asks that the sealed book be read, the reply is that he can't read it, for it is sealed. The sealed scroll of the word of God is delivered to an unlearned man and he is asked to read it, and he replies that he can't for he is unlearned. What is wrong? First Corinthians 2:11

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

This verse answers the question. Only the born again can know the Word of God, for the born again person has the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to know the Word of God without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Though a person be a man or woman of worldly wisdom, yet without the Holy Spirit he cannot know the meaning of God's Word. Why won't man believe? He blames God for everything, when it is he who is wrong, sinful, unrighteous, unholy, lost.

Verses 17 - 24

Oh, what a change for Israel shall the Kingdom be. It will be the time when God's Spirit shall be poured out upon all flesh — when the glory of God shall cover the earth as waters cover the sea (11:9).

The deaf shall hear, the blind shall see, the humble shall rejoice in Jehovah, and the poor shall rejoice in the Holy One — the Messiah Jesus! Universal salvation, it is, for all Israel when sin is put to an end, and all Israel is saved and each one shall possess the Holy Spirit; therefore the sealed scroll, the Word of God, shall be unsealed, and the unlearned man will be learned and know and understand the Word of God.

Redeemed Abraham and saved Jacob shall see their children basking in the Glory of the LORD (Jehovah) for they shall fear the God of Israel! Glory!

Chapter 30

Verses 1 - 7

God always warns His people of impending danger, whether it be man, nation, or self-destructing sin.

The nearest mighty nation to Israel is Egypt, and it is natural for Judah to look to them when they think they care and will look out for their welfare.

God warns — it's still Egypt — they haven't changed since you were slaves to them for 400 years. Watch out, they will make you ashamed though you may think they will deliver you.

Here come your beasts of burden laden with silver and gold to pay for their help — you are even taking a risk by traveling where the wild best abides and the poisonous snakes have their habitat. They will not defend you, but take your wealth as spoil, and let you spoil!

Verses 8 - 9

Write in a book that I told you of the deceit of Egypt — and the warning will last as long as they are a nation that will not obey me.

Verses 10 - 14

Israel, you speak to the seers — those who see vision; and to the prophets and say don't give it as it is; but give us smooth talk; lies will do. We do not want to be reminded of the Holy One — the Messiah; therefore the Holy One speaks. You, Israel, are a wall that is weak within, which is swelling, and will finally burst. You shall be broken into so many pieces that you won't be big enough to carry fire from the hearth, nor take water out of the cistern.

Verse 15

Judah had a living enemy — Assyria — yet Assyria was repulsed as long as it was a

nation. Assyria's determination to tear down the walls of Jerusalem was common knowledge. This was left to do many years later by the Babylonians. Here's your remedy: not the forces of Egypt, but in your returning to God, and trusting Him for your strength! But you would not.

Verses 16 - 17

Oh, you think that the swiftness of your horses will deliver you. Why one of the enemy shall cause 1000 Israelites to flee, while five of them will scatter you until not two of you shall be left together.

Verse 18

Yet, the LORD (Jehovah) waits for you to turn to Him to learn of his love. He will conquer you in order to bless you so you will live His word: "blessed are they that wait for Him!" This first time ever to think that God waits for us!

Verse 19

There will be a time when Zion shall weep no more. (Look at the time it will take; Babylon Captivity, then 500 years until the Messiah, and the 2000 years scattering throughout the world, and last the Tribulation! But it could have been only a few years if Judah had repented and believed Jehovah).

Verses 20 - 21

So Israel will be given the bread of adversity, and the waters of affliction, waiting for his return to Jehovah. You teachers, you shall see, and you shall hear, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

Verse 22

And when you finally come to yourselves and see the Messiah, then ye shall cast your images of silver, and ornaments of gold away, away, and away.

Verse 23

Oh, the blessings of God for His people in the Millennium, for He will give rain at sowing time and a harvest of bread. Thy cattle shall eat of the grain increase, and shall graze in large pastures.

Verse 24

The oxen and the young donkeys shall eat clean provender.

Verse 25

The mountains and hills shall be filled with water and flow as rivers.

Verse 26

Even the sun shall shine seven times brighter in fulfillment of Revelation 16:8.

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Verses 27 - 33

Oh, the days ahead in getting Israel ready for the Millennium. The LORD shall rid the land of its enemies.

The people shall have a song and shall be able to sing it!

The voice shall be heard — loved — and heeded. Gladness and mirth shall be the possession of the righteous.

All idolatry shall be destroyed — even the human sacrifices that once were carried out at Tophet (outside Jerusalem), for the LORD has fuel for such destruction.

Chapter 31

Verse 1

Egypt, the target of God's attack. It is a type of the sinful nature of man that cannot be trusted for one second. Only the LORD can be trusted, and only the LORD (Jehovah) can deliver.

The Adamic (sinful) nature of man may seem to have the answers; while it may have strength and possess wisdom, and is bound to have some answers, but all this is not of and by the God of Israel. The flesh (sinful nature) never seeks the Lord for His wisdom and answers.

Verse 2

The LORD is wise and will not change, and He shall arise against those who are evil and against the help of them that work iniquity.

Verse 3

The Egyptians are men and not God — they know not the answers: they are flesh, horse flesh, and not God's Spirit — they are dense. When the LORD stretches out His hand — “he who helps will stumble, he who is helped will fall — both will perish together.”

Verse 4

The LORD is as a Lion, and when the multitudes of shepherds gather against Him, He is not afraid of their voices, so the LORD Sabaoth (Lord of Host) comes down and fights for Mount Zion (Israel) and for the hill (the believers).

Verse 5

Jehovah shall defend Jerusalem as birds flying. He shall defend and deliver it, and preserve it. (We today have seen Israel defended by airplanes as birds flying).

Verse 6

Come, Israel, turn to Him whom thou hast turned away.

Verse 7

For in that day — the Day of Jehovah, the Millennium — Israel shall cast her idols away, those idols which their hands have made.

Verse 8

Egypt, type of the sinful nature has failed; now Assyria, type of that leader (antichrist) shall flee from the sword of the LORD. (No doubt but the antichrist shall be born in Assyria, now Iraq).

Verse 9

In complete retreat Assyria shall return to his own barracks for fear; and his generals shall be afraid of the battle standards, “Saith the LORD — whose fire is in Zion, and whose

furnace is in Jerusalem.” Zion, the location of the Temple still standing at Isaiah waiting, and the furnace is Jerusalem. The fire is generalized by the furnace — God’s power.

Applying this to the warfare within us of the flesh (sinful, Adamic nature) versus the spiritual (the new nature, God’s nature), we find that when we rely on the flesh, we fail; when we rely on God we succeed. Thank God for the failures of the flesh as it continually teaches to trust in the things spiritual for then we find God supplying, defending, defeating, and preserving.

Chapter 32

Verse 1

As we study this chapter we begin with verses 1 and 2, then pause, as it were, allowing verses 3-16 to be put on the back burner for the time being, and placing verses 17 - 20 right after verses 1 and 2.

While Isaiah is warned of the invasion by Sennacherib, the Holy Spirit shows that victory is through the coming King — King Jesus, of course — the Messiah.

Verse 2

This king shall be as a hiding place from the wind of false doctrine;

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (Ephesians 4:14)

...A refuge from the storms of life; as rivers of waters to satisfy our craving thirst for the things of God; and as a shadow of a great Rock in a weary land.

Verses 14 - 15

The tribulation comes upon the earth before King Jesus begins His reign and leaves the earth in ruins and it remains that way until the Spirit (Holy) is poured upon us — Israel, not the Church — for we already have the Holy Spirit from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. What a change to this earth when all Israel is saved Israel shall be saved when she looks upon Him whom they have pierced and trust Him. Messiah shall save Israel all at once, and the Messiah Jesus, God manifested in the flesh, shall heal the earth and transform it also.

Verses 17 - 20

The Kingdom shall be ruled in peace by the Prince of Peace.

Now we turn back to verses 3 through 13, which describe the condition of Israel, spiritually.

Verse 3

There is coming the time when there shall be a change in people — in Israel — all Israel shall be saved.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Romans 11:26)

Eyes shall see the truth, ears shall act upon the Gospel by believing it.

Verse 4

The heart shall not act hastily, and the believers' tongues shall be joyous in confessing the Messiah Jesus.

Verse 5

No longer will the fool be considered noble, nor the scoundrel be respected.

Verse 6

The fool speaks out against the LORD Jesus.

And he practices ungodliness.

He spreads lies against the LORD (Jehovah).

He bypasses the hungry.

And leaves the thirsty still thirsty.

Verse 7

The fraudulent's methods are wicked. He proposes plans that wrecks the poor with nothing but lies, even when he and others know that the needy testifies to the truth.

Verse 8

The noble deviseth noble things that are noble and can be trusted.

Verse 9

Please, women! Stop for a second to hear this sound advice.

Verse 10

You who work in the vineyard take care; for the vintage shall suffer failure — you will be out of a job.

Verse 11

I am not jesting — no fruit, no job — it is time to mourn and wear your mourning garments of sackcloth. Tribulation is here.

Verse 12

Beat your breasts in sorrow for the producing vineyard.

Verse 13

With no harvest the land reverts back to the thorns and briars (have you ever noticed that there is never a weed failure?).

Chapter 33

Verses 1 - 2

Here is Israel's plea by her prophet Isaiah for the salvation of Israel, from the attack of Assyria that is sure to come, and did so.

Assyria spoiled others in war, yet had not been devastated.

She had been a traitor to many but had not been betrayed.

The time will come when thou shalt be blasted.

And thou shalt be sold out. The final destruction of Assyria came about by her enemy of times past but who now had a vicious king of revenge — the rising nation is Babylon

with her king Nebuchadnezzar. Both Assyria and Judah would know in the future the sure defeat by such a king and such a nation.

Applying this to the antichrist — he shall rise to greatness, and like Nebuchadnezzar, will rule the world, but his defeat shall come about by Him who created the world — Messiah Jesus.

O LORD (Jehovah), Saviour — we wait for Thy deliverance.

Verses 3 - 4

The people usually flee when approaching an enemy who outnumbers them, but we wait on Thee. The spoil of the coming war will result in the spoiling of their supplies, which actually fulfilled as recorded in Isaiah 37:36

Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Verse 5

Our God Jehovah (LORD) is exalted — He lives in heaven, but has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

Verse 6

He is the sure foundation, rich in deliverance, wisdom and knowledge — what a treasure the child of God possesses — and the key to unlock these wealthy gifts is a reverent trust in Him.

Verses 7 - 9

The brave men are boastful, and the negotiators are fearful. Even the roads are deserted. All are fearful and have lost hope.

Verses 10 - 14

But wait on the LORD. He hasn't shown His power as yet. Assyria shall make her boast — yet her faith is in the flesh. What hope does Israel have? Everlasting burning is Gehennah — hellfire.

Verse 15

Righteousness seems to be the deliverance, but Israel is told to trust in God.

Verse 16-17

Israel's salvation is guaranteed by the Saviour. Even Josiah the beloved son of David cannot be compared with Messiah! He it is that shall bring perfect peace.

Verse 19

Where are the enemies, no more to be seen?

Verse 20

Zion shall be exalted in Israel and Judah shall fall prostrated before his God in confession, fear, and trust. Not a tent shall be moved.

Verse 21

Look what the LORD has reserved for His people.

Verse 22

Jehovah is our Judge; Jehovah is our lawgiver — Jehovah is our king, He will save us!

Verse 23

What blessings there are in the victories of our LORD. The enemy's military boats have no one to sail them. The supplies in their holds shall be the spoil to God's people.

Verse 24

Good health and forgiveness of sins await His people who trust in Him.

Chapter 34

We have pointed out already that from Daniel on to the return of Messiah Jesus, all future prophecy covered the first 69 weeks (430 years) of Daniel, and then the last week (70th = 7 years). Between the 69th week (430th year) and the 70th week of Daniel is the Church Age of Grace, and it has lasted nearly 2000 years. This 34th chapter has not been fulfilled; it hasn't been fulfilled in this dispensation of Grace; then it must be fulfilled during the 70th Week of Daniel known as the Tribulation. This 34th chapter is still future!

Verses 1 - 8

The "Day of Jehovah" (Day of the LORD) is the topic of this chapter. It contains the vengeance of the LORD Jesus when He comes to earth against those who know not God nor obey (believe) the Gospel.

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. (2 Thessalonians 1:4-10)

The "Day of the LORD" (Jehovah) begins when the armies of all nations gather against Jerusalem.

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (Zechariah 14:1, 2)

Three and one half years later, Christ returns with his army (those He could have called when apprehended by the temple soldiers) from heaven to fight the battle of Armageddon against the antichrist. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. (Revelation 16:16)

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon his was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man know, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is

called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 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. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. (Revelation 19:11-21)

That battle results in the antichrist and the false prophet being cast into the lake of fire, and Satan is cast into the abyss (bottomless pit) for a thousand years.

Verses 9 - 13

The land of God's enemies shall stand in mire and waste.

Verse 14

Wild animals shall run loose in that land along with the increase of thorns and thistles, thus rendering the land unable to be cultivated.

God's judgment continues with the judging of Israel (Matt. 24:29-44) and the Gentiles (Matt. 25:31-46).

Verses 15 - 17

The vultures shall mate abundantly and their offspring shall ready for the Feasts of Jehovah (Ezekiel 39:1-20) at the first Battle of Gog and Magog, and at the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-19).

Chapter 35

Verse 1

What a promise! That one day that large percentage of barren land of Israel shall be filled with productive soil which will grow all the plants Israel desires; the whole land blooming as a rose.

The salty land, thousands of acres in number, have been surrounded by small levees, and water from the Jordan diverted into these sections, thus washing the salt from the land. The procedure had to be repeated until all salt was gone. But while waiting for the water to wash away the salt, small fish had grown into adult size, thus providing Israel with an abundance of fish for their tables.

So much of the top fertile soil in the past hundred of years past has been blown away, and God has withheld the former and latter rains, thus the land became barren. But in the

near future God can blow it back, and the plant life which held the top soil will again cover Israel, and will keep the top soil, for the former and latter rains are falling upon the land for the past 40 years.

Verse 2

The land is producing much today in fruits and grain, but oh, how it will produce when Messiah Jesus returns, and Israel shall see the glory of God.

Verse 3

Just turn to the LORD, trust in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Verse 4

And your God, Messiah Jesus, will return and right those who have fallen, and strengthen those things which became feeble. Messiah (Christ) shall come with vengeance to take vengeance upon Israel's enemies. In Deuteronomy 30:2-3, God says to Israel, "If you return to me, then I will return unto you," so Israel here has returned to the LORD.

Verses 5 - 6a

When Christ was here two thousand years ago, John the Baptist sent his messengers to the Lord Jesus and asked, "Art thou he [the Messiah] that should come, or do we look for another?" (Matt. 11:3). Christ gives the signs that prove He, Jesus, is the Messiah, the Son of God: "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear. The dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them." The same signs shall be given when Israel returns to the LORD, and the LORD returns to Israel. No doubt many in returning Israel shall be afflicted by these diseases, but Jesus the Great Physician shall be there. "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2).

Verse 6b

Waters shall break out, and streams in the desert.

Verse 7

All over the land of Israel, the parched lands shall become a pool, and thirsty land springs of water. Not just one spot as in the time of Moses; as he struck the Rock, waters gushed out and became a stream in the desert by which the two million of Israel could wash, drink, and cook. For 40 years this lasted. But at the time of the return of Messiah, Israel, all over, shall break out in floods of waters. Grass and reeds and rushes grow.

Verse 8

A highway shall be built on which Israel can return and travel the length and width of the Promised Land (see chapter 19:23).

This highway shall be called the Way of Holiness — for Israel and the world.

Verse 9

No wild lions shall be there. No other ravenous beast shall go up thereon (chapter 11), but the Redeemed shall walk there. "I am the way"; "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isa. 30:21). "They shall ask the way to Zion" (Jer. 50:5).

The LORD (Jehovah) shall "hiss for them" (Zech. 10:8), and send angels to gather them and bring them back (Matt. 24:31). Yes, Jehovah shall gather His people from whence

he scattered them (Deut. 30:3,4).

Verse 10

The Ransomed of the LORD shall return. Of Israel, yes; but those Gentiles whom have been bought by the blood of Christ.

Chapter 36

Verse 1

This chapter with the 37th chapter records the invasion of Judah by the Assyrian King Sennacherib. His vast army captures the defense cities of Judah leaving Jerusalem as a prize to be attacked, destroyed, and its remaining people scattered.

(Assyria shall be the birthplace of the coming antichrist (10:15), and truly Sennacherib was a forerunner of this man of sin).

Verse 2

This King of Assyria sends Rabshakeh for Lachish to Jerusalem (about ten miles) unto King Hezekiah with a great army. He stopped at the aqueduct at the upper pool on the road to the fuller's (washerman's) field.

Verse 3

Then went Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, who was over the palace and Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder, out to these men of Sennacherib's army.

Verse 4-5

Rabshakeh, the king's spokesman questioned these men of Israel as to their confidence. He himself boasted of his great army, but where their forces that they trusted against such an army?

Verse 6

Are you trusting this Pharaoh of Egypt?

Verse 7

Or are you going to tell us it's your God Jehovah whom you trust to overcome such forces as ours. Where is your God? King Hezekiah took all the shrines away — you are left with nothing that can be seen. You have an empty shrine — is this your trust?

Verse 8

You are so weak that as I offer you two thousand horses, if you could set riders on them.

Verse 9

You insult us by thinking that Egypt will supply you with chariots and horsemen.

Verse 10

Why, I came up without Jehovah, yea, He sent me to fight against this land. He came without Jehovah all right, but Jehovah never sent him to destroy the land of Judah.

Verse 11

Then these men of Judah requested Rabshakeh to speak in the Assyrian language so as the men of Israel could not hear such blasphemous words against Jehovah.

Verse 12

I'll do no such thing. What I have to say is for all the men of Judah; especially those on the walls.

Verse 13

Then with anger he cried out in the Hebrew (Jew's) language, "Hear ye the words of the great king of Assyria."

Verse 14

"Do not let King Hezekiah deceive you."

Verse 15

Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust Jehovah, saying, "He will surely deliver you."

Verse 16

Do not listen to Hezekiah. Make peace with me, and you can eat his own grapes and drink water from his own cistern.

Verse 17

Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land.

Verse 18-19

Do not let Hezekiah mislead you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us."

Not one god has delivered so far any out of the hand of the king of Assyria

Verse 20

Where are these heathen gods? In other words, "Where is your God?"

Verse 21

No Israelite answered these claims for king Hezekiah had commanded, "Do not answer him!"

Verse 22

Then Eliakim, Sheba, Joah, went to Hezekiah with clothes torn to tell him what the commander had said —

And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. (Isa. 37:1)

Chapter 37

The answer!

Verse 1

Here we find the conclusion of the matter. How grateful Judah should have been in having a king whose trust was wholly in Jehovah (LORD). God delights in facing the impossible. There is no problem existing but what He can solve, nor any conflict but what He can resolve.

We must go to Him, even at the first when such opposition exists. Let go, and let God.

Verse 2

The man of God was sought — yes Isaiah!

Verses 3 - 4

It may be true that God is at the point of deserting Israel for all her sin. We deserve it. But “Please, O Man of God seek our aid.”

Verses 5 - 7

Isaiah denounced the King of Assyria for the LORD (Jehovah) send a blast upon him. He shall leave Jerusalem and return to his own land. He shall meet death at the hands of his own.

Verses 8 - 9

While the king of Judah is now waiting for his God’s deliverance, Rabshakeh learns of the King of Ethiopia’s intention of fighting the King of Assyria.

Verse 10

Don’t you listen to your God nor to any of His prophets who say that Jerusalem shall be delivered out of Assyria’s hands.

Verses 11 - 12

Where are the gods of the nation we have destroyed?

Verse 13

Where are their kings?

Verse 14

Upon receiving these taunting words, Hezekiah returns immediately to God in the House of God and spread them before the LORD (Jehovah).

Verse 15

And thus He prayed to God.

Verse 16

“There is no God but Thee.”

Verse 17

“O, Jehovah, give me your ear and hear, and open your eyes and see, and hear the rebuking king Sennacherib”

Verse 18

It is true, O Jehovah; the forces of the Assyrians have destroyed every foe, except Judah.

Verse 19

Yes, every god of their enemies have they burned with fire. Is there hope for us? Of course! We have Tee, O God. Amen.

Verse 20

For your glory alone, LORD (Jehovah), save us from this kings, so that all kingdoms shall know that Thou, Jehovah, alone art God.

Verses 21 - 28

Glory, Glory, to the only wise God Jehovah! For He shall avenge Himself against this uncircumcised Gentile, Sennacherib. Jehovah will show who is God, even as He did 150 years before at the time of Elijah when Jehovah proved He only was God in the burning of the sacrifice and lapping up the twelve barrels of ocean waters that had saturated the wood of the alter, while the self-inflected priests of Baal were slain by Elijah (1 Kings 18:25-40). See what God will do to the army of the blasphemer of Jehovah (LORD).

Verse 29

Who could resist such pressure by hooks in the nose and bridles in the lips but to obey? So will the king of Assyria be turned around and sent back the way he came, but this time without his great army!

Verses 30 - 32

Starving Jerusalemites shall have an abundance of grain for immediate hunger for that time and the year to come, and with enough grain for seed for the third year!

Verses 33 - 34

As far as Jerusalem is concerned, the Assyrians will not be able to shoot one arrow. As he came to Jerusalem, so he shall return.

Verse 35

“For I will defend this city (Jerusalem) to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David’s sake.”

Oh, how the Lord loved David, for David loved Him and still loves him. At this writing (716 B.C.), David had been dead for about three hundred years. His soul and spirit were alive in Paradise, Abraham’s bosom, Sheol. Seven hundred years later the Lord Jesus’ soul and spirit went there and three days later took David and all the Old Testament saints (even Isaiah) to the Third Heaven which is where Paradise located. What a time God’s servant and God’s Son, Jesus, shall have in the millennium (Read Ezekiel 40 - 48).

Verse 36

An angel of Jehovah slays 185,000 Assyrians in their camp that night. How, we are not told.

Verse 37

King Sennacherib had no army left, so he must have left Jerusalem, and quickly, with 185,000 corpses left for Judah to dispose of. At this time, Jerusalem had only about 1100 (eleven hundred) inhabitants, and they had a task disposing such a number of the dead.

Verse 38

The king arrived back home and sought to worship in the temple of the satanic inspired god, Nishroch. His own sons Adrammelech and Sharezer slew him there, but escaped into the land of Armenia. Another son, Esarhaddon, reigned in his father’s stead.

Chapter 38

This chapter describes the “divine healing” of King Hezekiah. While the LORD (Jehovah) actually healed him (“who healeth all thy diseases” Ps. 103:3), yet the healing was accompanied with medicine — a plaster of figs was placed upon his boil.

Verse 1

Isaiah came to King Hezekiah with a message from the LORD — “set thy house in order for thou shalt die and not live.”

The king broke down and sobbed to the LORD. He went to the right place; he didn't call for the physicians — he went straight to the LORD the Great Physician!

Verses 2 - 3

From 2 Kings 18:1-2

Now is came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

We learn that Hezekiah was 59 years of age when he died; thus when 15 years was added to his life, he was 30 years old. No wonder he bemoaned his early death. He “talked turkey” with the LORD — “how come that such a righteous person as I should die? I've lived the good life before you with a perfect heart.”

Verses 4 - 6

God immediately heard and answered his plea. He sent Isaiah back with a heartening and joyous message. “God is going to add fifteen more years to your life, and He will defend this city against the king of Assyria.”

And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? (2 Kings 20:8)

What's the sign of my healing? Most Israelites demand a sign for every work of God.

Verses 7 - 8

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. (1 Cor. 1:22)

Hezekiah thought only of himself and not of the defense of the city nor of the defeat of the King of Assyria, as quoted in 38:22 Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

He was asked to choose one of two signs — the going down of the sundial of 10 degrees or the going backward (of time) of the sundial 10 degrees. He chose the going backward. And the sundial went backward. No big deal — God is the Creator and the Sustainer of the universe. He can do all things. Nothing is too hard for the LORD (Jehovah).

Verses 9 - 10

A three day healing process is for the King of Judah. What will happen to me if I am not healed of the LORD? Three days to live or die? Can it be that the years I've hoped for are taken from me?

Verse 11

What darkness there is in death. I'll never see the works of the LORD anymore — nor the inhabitants of the earth that make life living.

Verse 12

I'm as an old, old man. Will it take three days of agonizing pain to take me out of this life?

Verse 14

Will this illness crush me and my bones break as a lion could? I've wept enough — "Lord, take my part." God loves to hear His children utter such helplessness!

Verses 15 - 16

And God undertakes as His promise states. I believe God will heal me.

Verse 17

"Sheol shall be robbed this time of me — I have 15 more years!"

Verse 18

"I'm praising thee, for I am not in my grave!"

Verse 19

"I'm alive by Thy grace."

Verse 20

"And I have a song in my heart, and we shall sing with the accompanying musical instruments in the house of the LORD (Jehovah)."

Verse 21

The medication is applied and the patient assured.

Verse 22

Hezekiah asked emphatically for the "sign" when he would be healed enabling him to go up to the house of the LORD to give God thanks.

"It the sundial to go backwards, O King."

Chapter 39

We know that chapter and verse divisions are man-made, but we praise the LORD (Jehovah) that He allowed man to divide His Word into these divisions for it makes it easier to locate the subjects of the Book we are looking for.

Isaiah has sixty-six chapters while the English Bible contains sixty-six books.

There are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament, and the first thirty-nine chapters of Isaiah have to do with the law of God and God's wrath upon those who break them.

There are twenty-seven books of the New Testament, and the last twenty-seven chapters of Isaiah have to do with the appearance of the promised Messiah and those who were witnesses of Him, and the emphasis upon the grace of God, and the power to those who believe in that Messiah.

This thirty-ninth chapter of Isaiah closes those chapters that deal with the Law of God.

Verse 1

Here we find the Babylonian kingdom mentioned in its infancy. The King sends his son, Baladan, to visit Hezekiah with a "get well" present, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

Babylon was indeed many hundreds of miles from Jerusalem. Their very presence with a nice present was enough to arouse the curiosity of the most innocent.

Verse 2

But Hezekiah's heart was aroused to their generosity — for his enthusiasm abounded to such an extent that he showed them all his riches and the house of his armor along with the spices and precious ointment. There was nothing held back. It was all for the spies to see.

Verse 3

Then came the prophet Isaiah to Hezekiah asking disturbing questions: what said these men? Whence came them?

Hezekiah meekly answered: From a far country! (Distance doesn't lesson the possibility of an aggravated assault).

Verse 4

What have they seen? All that is in mine house. Didn't Hezekiah know the protocol of a potential enemy? Without electrical devices, these men were learned men who recorded everything that Hezekiah possessed — cataloging all his riches as future spoils for their conquering armies.

Verse 5

The reprimand! And from Jehovah! He had sent Isaiah to Hezekiah to inquire of the conduct of these visiting enemies to be.

Verse 6

All you have shown them and all the riches of your empire shall they take back to Babylon.

Verse 7

Thy sons shall be made Eunuchs.

Less than a hundred years later, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made three invasions of Judah:

1. At the time of Jehoikim, Daniel was taken to Babylon then (624 B.C.)
2. At the time of Jehoichin (588 B.C.), when Ezekiel was taken to Babylon
3. At the third invasion in Zedekiah (577 B.C.)

Do we know of any of the royal seed who were rendered eunuchs? Yes — Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach, and Abed-nego. And the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled, about 100 years later.

Verse 8

But, whew, Hezekiah let out a sigh when he found out that these judgments would be later and not in his day. Peace and truth would abound in his reign.

Chapter 40

Chapters 1 - 39 are threaded with Old Testament truth, while the next 27 chapters (40-66) are studded with the jewels of the New Testament truths.

As the New Testament begins with the testimony of John the Baptist, so does this 40th chapter. It begins with the witness of John the Baptist in verse 3:

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make

straight in the desert a highway for our God.

As the New Testament states (especially the “Four Gospels”) the glory and power of the Gospel of Christ (His death, burial, and resurrection for the payment of sins), so does this 40th chapter of Isaiah (40:9)

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

This section speaks of the powerful Gospel of God (it is here called “good tidings”).

Thus the 40th chapter emphasizes the Lord Jesus and the grace of our God.

Verse 1

Twice we, Christians, believing Israel, are commanded to comfort, strengthen, care for, administer to God’s people.

Verse 2

Twice Israel has been chastised for her sins.

Twice blessings of Israel’s shall be doubled when Messiah shall rule. The time of this fulfillment shall be in the Millennium, when her transgressions are finished and her sins are ended, and a perfect change has taken place over all Israel instead of iniquity, and everlasting righteousness shall be her portion and to sealed all vision and prophecies, and to actually anoint as Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ. (Daniel 9:24) “And so all Israel shall be purified, sin eradicated - saved - as it is written

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Romans 11:26)

And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever. (Isaiah 59:20, 21)

Truly, this is the eradication of the sinful nature of Israel, the same thing shall occur to the Church upon her change and resurrection at the Rapture.

Israel’s sins were not paid for by her chastisement, but only corrected. Israel’s sins were paid in full by the Son of God on the cross of Calvary and His resurrection.

Verse 3

All four of the Gospels state that the voice of the one in the wilderness is John the Baptist. Even his father, Zacharias, state this of his son, John.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:76-79)

Verse 4

Verses 3 and 4 speak of the crooked being made straight, the valley lifted up and the

mountains lower — everything in preparing the street for God, Jehovah manifested in flesh, for Him to tread will be completed at His Second Coming. At His first appearance, He was rejected to such an extent that John the Baptist, His forerunner, showed his faltering faith by asking, “Art thou He, or should we look for another?”

Verse 5

The glory of God shall be seen when the Son of God appears.

Verses 6 - 8

What glory it shall be when Jesus comes again. The Glory is coming and assured — mere man’s prophecy is as grass — it withereth and dies. But this glorious Gospel — good tidings — comes by the Word of God as Peter said

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the LORD endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (1 Peter 1:24, 25)

And stand forever the Word of God shall! Amen.

Verse 9

Zion, when God lives among His people, and Jerusalem, the city of God completely both are crying out the Gospel and shall reveal Him who is God!

Verse 10

The coming of the Messiah shall be with wrath and vengeance upon the ungodly, and thou who have not believed the Gospel, but oh, what a difference when God, Jesus, comes to His people — oh, what love and tenderness He shall bestow upon them.

Verse 11

He shall fulfill the acts of a concerned Shepherd, which He is, by gathering His lamb to His bosom and gently lead those that are with young.

Verse 12

Who is this Shepherd? He is God who now is manifested in the flesh — perfect flesh without a tint of wholeness. He knows the capacity of the oceans, for He has weighed them; the weight of the mountains and hills He knows.

Verse 13

Here the blessed Holy Spirit is presented as the Sower of all wisdom and knowledge, for who has taught Him?

Verse 14

Has He ever asked counsel of anyone? And to think that we born again Christians have the Creator dwelling in our hearts!

Verse 15

How small the nations are in His sight.

Verse 16

Lebanon with her wooded forests of cedar and with all the animals of the earth could not prepare a sufficient burnt offering for our God.

Verse 17

With added fury against the Gentile nations and their opposition against Him, He counts them nothing and they are nothing.

Verses 18 - 20

Who is God? To the perverted, He is a graven image overlaid with gold, or He is a log of wood and he employs a carver who carves out an image — none of these can see, hear, or speak. They are lumps of nothing.

Verses 21 - 24

Hasn't it been told you, O man, that the Omnipotent God sitteth upon the circle of the earth. God is telling us that the earth is round and not square. What a God our God is!

All people are as grasshoppers in His sight. He stretches out the heavens as a curtain.

His law is to be the guide to the princes and judges, but they follow not God nor His law. And what about man's images made from a tree? They can't even be planted and sprout as a tree.

Verses 25 - 26

Who and what is God? He had no beginning; He is before all things, He never began — Look around, O man, and see those stars, the planets — I am their Creator. I call every star by their name. There are millions of stars in a galaxy, and there are billions of galaxies! I created them. There are as many stars in our galaxy as there are atoms in the ocean.

Verse 27

O man, you say God is so great that He doesn't care about a soul like me.

Verse 28

Our God is Omniscient — all knowing — He knows all about you even what all you think!

When God rested on the Sabbath Day, He was not tired; neither does He grow weary. There can be nothing hidden from Him. He knows all.

Verse 29

To the weak He gives strength — to the old He renews His youth.

Verse 30

The natural youth shall faint. He can't hold on to present — it's gone!

Verse 31

But what a Promise: They that wait on the Lord — He is waiting for you (Isaiah 30:18) to stop and wait on Him.

Your weakness, then shall be strong.

The heavens are yours.

And your running shall be without weariness.

And your waling shall be without tiredness.

“Wait on the Lord.”

Chapter 41

Verses 1 - 7, 25

Verses 1-7, 25 is the prophecy of Cyrus who would conquer Babylon and written at least 146 years before the conquest actually took place. God called him by name (45:1) long before he was born.

He comes from the East and also from the North (vs. 2, 25). He actually came from the East, conquering Babylon, but attacked from the north. In 45:1 God declares this good king as His “anointed one” — his Messiah!

It is true that Israel has had several messiahs — one being anointed by God for His special task. How then do we know that the Lord Jesus is the True Messiah who shall die for that nation of Israel and the whole earth? We know this by the Scripture, Isaiah 11:10 of the Septuagint, when it states “in Him shall the Gentiles trust” (also Romans 15:12). And the Gentiles have never trusted another Messiah of Israel except the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Verses 8 - 16

In this wonderful Book of Isaiah, we have three separate “servants” of the LORD (Jehovah) mentioned:

David (Isa. 37:35)

For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David’s sake.

Israel (Isa. 41:8-16; 43:1-10; 44:1-8, 21)

Messiah (Isa. 42:1-12; and entire chapter 49)

Verse 8

Here God calls the people of God “Israel” — that name given to Jacob after he wrestled with the angel all night — “God’s fighter,” “God’s soldier,” “As a Prince,” “with the power of God.” (What a contrast with his name given at birth — Jacob meaning “heel grabber” or “one who gains by treachery”). God mentions both names given this son of Isaac.

“Whom I have chosen,” elected, for salvation? If the choosing of Jacob has to do with salvation, then all the children of Israel are chosen to be saved by birth. This cannot be — for salvation is only by faith after repentance (change of mind).

Choosing or election has nothing to do with salvation; but of service. Every born-again child of God has been “chosen” for a special service — “that the purpose of God according to election might stand; not of works, but of him that calleth. It was said unto her, “The elder shall serve the younger.” (Romans 9:11, 12) This special calling of “service” was given to us, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world (ages) began. Israel, the Seed of God. What a heritage!

Verse 9

What then, has Israel been chosen for? Israel is that nation that shall produce the “Seed of the Woman” (Genesis 3:15), the Saviour of all mankind, and be the vessel that the Word of God shall be deposited and then revealed to Israel and the whole earth by men whom God shall choose to write it.

Verse 10

Jehovah encourages Israel (all twelve tribes) to awake to the truth and realize that He alone is their God. It is impossible to suffer defeat when he is at their side.

Verses 11 - 14

“Fear not” — don’t be afraid = verses 10, 13, 14. The time shall come when those nations that opposed Israel in any way shall be at a loss — ashamed of touching her.

The right hand of God is holding this nation despised by the Gentiles, yet adored and preserved by the Creator of all mankind.

However, here in verse 14, their God lets them know exactly how they stand in His sight — a worm — watch out, someone may step on you — just a worm — beyond the help of mortal man. But God! — but God! — but God! — God makes all the difference. You are Jacob — a supplanter — a shyster — a pettifogger — a crook — yet he is Israel — God’s soldier. But you shall be redeemed for I am your Redeemer. You shall be righteous, for I am the Holy One of Israel which shall pay for your sins and place a regenerated heart within you.

Verses 15 - 16

The LORD (Jehovah) shall take little and weak Israel and make a new threshing machine which shall thresh the mountains, making the hills small — fanning them until the chaff is scattered and the whirlwind (the breath of God - the Holy Spirit) shall scatter them until they remain not. Israel shall rejoice in Jehovah. How can this be possible — a small nation able to attack the whole world? The Holy One of Israel is the answer! — the Messiah, of course. He, raising the Old Testament saints from the dead (Ezekiel 37:1-11), fuses them into His army with the armies from heaven (Rev. 19:11-16), fights the battle of Armageddon and all the enemies of Israel.

Verses 17 - 18

An abundance of water is necessary for the slacking the thirst of such an army, and Jehovah shall provide throughout the land of Israel.

Verse 19

Such an arid and parched land needs trees. Israel’s efforts to plant their forests will be enhanced by Jehovah the Creator. He shall plant the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive in abundance. Even in the desert, He shall grow the fir and the pine, and the box tree.

Verse 20

Israel shall know the whole world shall know that Jehovah alone has done this.

Verses 21 - 22

Want Salvation, talk with God (Isa. 1:18). What to know how these things will take place? He will tell you.

Whatever you want to know and desire — bring it to your God Jehovah and let Him show you. Amen.

Verse 23

He will show you other things that are to come hereafter.

Verse 24

Your idols fail in everything, and all that choose them are an abomination in God's sight.

Verse 25

To show who I, Jehovah, am — I am getting one ready to come from the north to do my will to the nations. Did you that this earthly ruler (Cyrus) has called upon my name? He is a saved king, for whosoever calleth upon the name of Jehovah shall be saved (Joel 2:32).

Verses 26 - 29

Here we have the sovereign God speaking; the One who has existed from all eternity, throughout all eternity. He is limitless — in power, in knowledge, and wisdom. More of God's existence will be seen in future chapters.

“Who but I have told of this great king who shall recognize Me, Jehovah, as God.”

He shall emphatically declare my Word that help is on the way for Judah.

None of your idols have revealed him; therefore, see your idols as they are — the work of your hands, and as you, without knowledge.

Chapter 42

Verse 1

According to the New Testament part of Isaiah, this wonderful chapter reveals the Son of God as the perfect third chosen Servant of Jehovah (the LORD) as John the Baptist did so in his words “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the World” (John 1:29b) 700 years later. And whom the Father declared at His baptism, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Mat. 3:17), and when a voice from heaven spoke out of the cloud at His transfiguration, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him” (Mat. 17:5), and at His baptism, “Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased” (Luke 3:23).

Behold, (Look!) my Servant!

Whom I uphold

In whom my soul delighteth

[upon whom] I have put my spirit

[who] shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles

Yes, the Son is a delight to His Father:

Holy, Righteous, Perfect, gracious, and loving. It is He who will right the wrongs that the gentiles have forced upon Israel. It is He who will trample out the winepress in judgment with justice until the damage to Israel is rectified, and the sorrowing hearts of God's servant, Israel, shall be healed — when beauty shall be exchanged for ashes of cruelty.

Verse 2

When He comes — when He is born — when He is in adolescence — when He arises as a full adult — He shall not be boisterous. He being God in the flesh, yet has no trumpeter to announce His presence.

Verse 3

As He is born a king, He has the right to all things — all existing possessions are rightfully His! As we see this is man's judgment at the beginning of the Millennium - the best man can do in the flesh would be obnoxious to man, but acceptance by the Lord Jesus accepts the broken reed — good for nothing, but worthy in His sight. And the incense of good works are as smoking flax — putrid, repugnant, repulsive, but Christ accepts their works nevertheless for they have been done in Jesus' name. As a judge, He shall surprise the enemies of Israel. He will not crush the broken reed, and neither will He add unnecessary punishment upon the repugnant smoking flax, enemies of Israel and God though they be.

Verse 4

All the living goyim (Gentiles) are to appear before Him (Mat. 25:31-46) one-by-one, each giving account of his deeds as to his or her behavior toward Israel.

Of course, this is the Messiah Jesus, God manifested in the flesh faced with this judgment — a menial task — but a necessary one. All the Gentiles one-by-one are gathered and carried to Jerusalem to stand before Him — the Son of God at the beginning of Messiah's reign here upon earth for the Millennium.

Where in Jerusalem shall this judgment take place? In the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2)

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

How long will it last? We are not told, but provision has already been made to be of help to the Lord Jesus, and the help for additional judges shall come from the numbers of redeemed and glorified saints who compose the church of God in Christ. "Do ye not know that the saints (of the Church) shall judge world (citizens)? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?" (1 Cor. 6:2)

Verse 5

It is no secret as to whom is speaking — it is God the LORD (Elohim Jehovah) — the only God. All others are the results of man and Satan working together against the one and true Elohim (God).

He is the Creator — what idol has made anything? Heaven, the abode of God, was created by Him, as well as the earth and all that comes out of and from it — especially the people to whom He giveth breath/life. And to these people who only of God's creatures has He given spirit. Animals were created with a body and a soul: the body is which the created lives, and the soul, the seat of its appetites and feeling. Man was made: a body to dwell in, a soul, the seat of appetites and feelings, and a spirit, the seat of man's intellect and discernment. Man is wonderfully made.

Verse 6

God speaks of His servant the Messiah, who has been called in righteousness ["whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8)], and assured by the Father's hand that He will keep Him. He, the Messiah, is given to Israel as the bond of the New Covenant. And the Gentiles who are strangers of the Covenants having no hope and no God, but now assured by Him to have the Light of the world — God Himself — who dispels all darkness, who guides them in a new Path, and by their faith in

this Messiah guarantees them Eternal Life!

Verse 7

Yes, to be set free — cured of spiritual blindness, unshackling the prisoner of past superstition, delivering him from the prison of hopelessness to a dwelling place with Christ. We can take this literally of course — many who are saved shall be of blinded eyes but He shall give them their sight. None living in His kingdom shall be impaired in any way; and those incarcerated in filthy prisons shall He loose and set free.

“I Am Jehovah.”

This is Messiah’s title of deity. He is God (Elohim), but His personal name is Jehovah. Messiah covets His name — He will not share it, Jehovah, with anyone, especially with graven images! His curse is upon anyone or anything which tries to claim it.

Verse 9

To those who in faith have trusted the Messiah who has paid for their sins upon the Cross and has risen from the dead for their justification, their past is forgiven and forgotten.

Verse 10

In the regenerated heart God has implanted a new song of praise.

Verse 11

What a revival shall “hit” the wilderness, and the villages shall abound in praise.

Verse 12

All glory is the Lord’s — Jehovah — He is the one who has born the saints anew. Let all who breathe give Jehovah the praise and glory.

Verse 13

There is a special judgment for His people Israel. Who knowing Jehovah their God, rejected Him, even denying Him of His rightful place. Therefore their God left His people alone, and reserved His judgment for the future.

Verses 14 - 17

“I haven’t forgotten my covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and for a thousand generations.” And I have not forgotten the judgment I promised you should you turn from Me to other gods. Oh, Yes, Israel shall one day be ashamed of her sin, even as Daniel did, and confessed his sins and the sins of his people.

Verses 18 - 20

“Hear, ye deaf, and look, ye blind,” all Israel have forsaken Him. Yet, today there is remnant who have not forsaken the LORD (Jehovah) — thousands of Jewish people have faced up to their plight, and have confessed their sins, and are awaiting the rapture with all the rest of the Body of Christ, and who will escape further chastisement of the LORD in the tribulation.

Verse 21

The Lord is well pleased at His Own holiness and His law, and is well pleased in meeting out judgment upon the unbelievers as well as showering His mercy upon the believer.

Verses 22 - 25

Who are these people called Israel? Truly they are a broken people, despised by the heathen and forsaken by Jehovah.

God delights in His mercy and rejoices in His chastisement. Both are generated by the Lord. Yet God loves Israel and will not give them up. Restoration can be and will be bestowed His people.

Chapter 43

Verse 1

Acting upon His foreknowledge, God knows that in the future Israel shall repent, and turn from their sins, and claim Jehovah as their true God, trust in their Messiah who bought them with His own blood.

The fear of God and His retribution might cause Israel to hesitate to “come clean” with Jehovah. But God is anxious for Israel to go a hundred percent in expressing their love and faith.

“Fear not.” Praise God for this invitation not only for the Jews but for the Gentiles. “I have redeemed thee.” The Redeemer has died, has been buried, and resurrected — the Gospel is complete. The only thing that can make it exert its power is for the Jew and the Gentile to believe it.

Oh, if it were only now, for God has said about the redeeming of Israel.

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, the LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. (Jeremiah 16:14, 15)

The next verse states that when Messiah returns to earth, He shall not only send for Israel, but He shall search for Israel who had been hiding from the antichrist for 3 ½ years.

Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. (Jeremiah 16:16)

Verse 2

This great chapter emphasizes the LORD’S (Jehovah’s) care, love, and concern for Israel in Israel’s deplorable condition, she is not to fear the antichrist — for...

Verse 3

“I am the LORD (Jehovah) thy God, the Holy One! Yes, even your Saviour.” No matter what exists: water, rivers, fire, and the flame, I will be with thee. The New Testament states the same thing, “I am with you always, even to the end of the world” (Matt. 20:20) — the ever present Lord and Saviour.

Verse 4

“The time is drawing near when I shall reward the nations who shall protect thee and deliver you to me.” My love for thee can never be suppressed.

Verse 5

Can't you realize that I am present among thee? It is my guarantee that I will bring your offspring from the east and from the west — even the places where I have removed thy transgressions.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:11, 12)

Verses 6 - 9

What a day it will be when Israel shall be called back to the land Jehovah has driven them from — and the Gentile who trusts in this wonderful Saviour.

Verse 10

Israel is God's servant, and God's witness who verifies the existence of the one and Only God. Before Him no God ever existed and after Him none shall exist.

Verse 11

The God of Israel is the true God, there can be no Saviour but Me.

Verse 12

When Israel shall be saved, she shall be saved forever without false gods.

Verse 14

Just see who Jehovah is! Before the day was created, I existed and made the days and nights. "I am your Redeemer."

Verse 15

Look at Who God is: I am Jehovah, I am your Holy One, your Creator, and your King.

Verse 16

Man is now finding out that there are mountains under the seas, and paths exist linking one mountain to another.

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. (Psalms 8:8)

Verse 17

On earth, the powers that be are His tokens, to demonstrate that these powers such as the horse and his chariots along with the armies of the nations shall be put to naught.

Verse 18

O Israel, be realistic! Forget the former things that you were robbed of and lost because of your sin. I am your Redeemer, remember! I have paid for those sins — you are forgiven.

Verse 19

A new relationship shall exist between Creator and people. As there are paths in the sea, so shall there be paths in your deserts which have existed so long. These very deserts shall break forth in rivers!

Verse 20

During this glorious time of the reign of the Messiah, the beast who has been delivered

from carnage and carnivorousness shall honor Me as servants — their thirst has been slacked as well as my people who dwell there.

Verse 21

Israel is mine and they shall lead the world in praising me.

Verse 22

What's the matter Israel, you haven't called upon me yet. Why? What are you hesitant?

Verse 23

Where are your burnt offerings; the dedication offering? You yet lack that one final declaration of truth — you lack faith — you cannot trust in me.

Verse 24

The sugar cane has not been offered and I by the priests have not been able to enjoy this delicacy. You lack the offering of atonement. I can't accept any other offering until this atonement is completed. I cannot see anything but your iniquity.

Verse 25

It is I who blots out your sins.

Verse 26

Let us reason together, Israel.

Verse 27

Your fathers tried to please me under the Covenant of the Law — the First Covenant — but have failed. This is a new approach unto me, through this New Covenant.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: ... And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Jeremiah 31:31, 34)

Verse 28

The Law, the Old Covenant, has brought its curse for your lack of good works. This new Covenant is a Covenant of Grace, alone; and you can only fulfill it by trusting in my Messiah!

Chapter 44

The prophets of Jehovah have warned Israel of impending scattering of God's chosen people. That has occurred and now He tells Israel that it is about time to gather them back home to the land Jehovah has promised them. He leads up the revelation of the king who will do it — Cyrus — naming him over 175 years before he has born. The duration of this captivity is to be 70 years, and it was so. At the end of the 70 years, Daniel was urgent in confessing his sins and the sins of his people (read Daniel 9). Daniel was a very old man having lived the whole 70 years in Babylon, and from all indication, he expected to be walking back, ridden back, and by any other mode of transportation, but in the last verse (Daniel 12:13, But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days), God tells him is going to rest in Babylon (die there), but stand in his lot

— his inheritance at the end of the days — the Great Tribulation.

Israel had God's word on it (the regathering of Israel) and He had the man chosen (Cyrus) and anointed to declare the legitimacy of Israel's return. It was all up to Israel to return. Of the millions of the Upper 10 Tribe Kingdom, and millions of the lower Judah who were taken captive, first by the Assyrians, and second, by the Babylonians, only 50,000 returned.

Why didn't Israel go back? Unbelief! They had it too good in captivity and the vast majority stayed in the nations they now called home.

Since 1948, the year of Israel's recognition as a nation, only few have returned. Israel is reported to have 16,000,000 still scattered abroad. Only the Messiah will eventually cause Israel's return after the Great Tribulation.

Verse 1

Again God states that Israel is His chosen nation, the object of His love and provision.

Verses 2 - 5

Fear not — don't be afraid of Me, your God. God employs a special name "Jesurun." He has given to Israel — "upright," the exact opposite of what she is, but His is the word of love, that her lover Jehovah has bestowed upon her what she shall be when the regeneration power becomes Israel's.

Verse 6

"Listen to Me. I am God — your God — there is no other God existing. I am your Redeemer. I am the first and the last (the same words the Lord Jesus ascribes to Himself, "I am the first and the last." Rev. 1:11,17; 2:8; 22:13).

Verses 7 - 8

There is not a living God existing but Me.

Verses 9 - 20

As there are no god or gods, isn't idolatry ridiculous? Man chooses a tree, hews it down, fashions a figure, adds silver and gold, and then claims the works of his hand to be his maker! He carries his god from one place or another, and then the sublime of the sublimes asks a piece of wood to deliver him.

Verse 21

Why would God worry with such a people who have repudiated God's existence, and His love and grace? Just because He's God! Rich in mercy and everlasting in His grace. He forgives, redeems, and cleanseth the people of His choice. He still wants them. He cannot forget them.

Verse 22

Redemptions is yours though it has yet (at this time) to be finalized by your Messiah, your Redeemer, but my Son.

Verse 23

Look at these great blessings if only Israel would believe.

Verse 24

How could God redeem such a people? The same way as God has shown mercy upon the Gentile (Goyim) who had nothing to offer, strangers from the Covenants of blessing — yet blessed! “O LORD, how great Thou art!”

See the heavens above? I made them along with the earth.

Verse 25

The simplicity of man, Jew or Gentile, is beyond the reasoning of liars and diviners, as God turning the wisdom of the wise into foolishness.

Verse 26 - 27

God’s grace is beyond the comprehension of mortal man, for He shall yet love the unlovely, and receive them who turned their noses toward Him and in that mercy receive Israel, forgive her, and restore her cities which have been torn down.

Verse 28

Here is my Messiah — the Anointed Person — for that time, who shall be a good Shepherd to all Israel, performing all things for my pleasure. He shall say to Jerusalem, “Be built,” and it shall be rebuilt; and to the temple of Solomon in all its ruins, “Foundation be laid,” and it was!

Another perfect example of the Omniscience (all knowing) of God is found in 1 Kings 13:2 where God names a man, Josiah, who shall destroy the altar in the 10 Tribe kingdom of Israel, and it was fulfilled by a man by the name of Josiah 300 years later (2 Kings 23:15, 16). What a God we have!

Chapter 45

God shall do His part in the restoration of Israel, if only Israel would believe His God!

Seven hundred years later, God sent His Servant, His Son, another Anointed One. But Israel still refuses God’s Word, God’s Messengers, and God’s Son.

Cyrus is mentioned by name three hundred years before he was born. If our God knows the numbers of the stars and called each one by name and knows the future of all things, we conclude He can do anything! What a God we worship.

[Right here we point out that verse selection and chapter divisions were all man-made, but we believe that this act of man has helped all Bible students in the study of God’s Word. Chapter 44:28 mentions Cyrus, then comes chapter 45:1 and continues with the presentations of this man.]

Verses 1 - 2

Cyrus, as we know, became the King of the Medo-Persia Empire, hundreds of years after these words were penned by Isaiah as he was inspired by the Holy Ghost to write them.

Cyrus was the first and only Gentile king God ever spoke to, and spoke to him by name. Of course spoke of other Gentile monarchs, but Cyrus is the only Gentile whom God spoke to.

God calls Himself by His name, Jehovah, and calls Cyrus by his name, Cyrus, and what he is the “anointed one” — messiah. A Jewish rabbi was talking to me on one occasion saying, we Jews have had several messiahs. Yes, I told him, at least 30. Then he said how do you know that Jesus is the true Messiah? I replied, your own Scripture in the Septuagint

Version declares that in Him shall the Gentiles trust, and we Gentiles have never trusted another Messiah, but Jesus!

Cyrus might not be a Messiah to Israel, but he is a Messiah to God.

See the lofty heights God shall exalt Cyrus, “whose right hand I have exalted” — the hand of power.

Nations shall be subdued — such as those he did conquer and place them under tribute, but Israel. In God’s grace, He exalted this despised people called Jews and exalted them by no other that Cyrus which God said 300 years earlier He would do.

Did a man of the Medes named Cyrus actually conquer many nations? Just the world; the names being: the Babylonians, the Lydians, the Carians, the Cauneans, the Lycians, the Bactrians, the Sacae, the Parthians, the Hyrcanians, the Chorasmians, the Soyadians, the Arians of Herat, the Zaranjians, the Arachosians, the Satagyadians, and the Gandarians.

Yes, the whole world was conquered by Cyrus.

Verses 3 - 4

The hidden treasures of Kingdom were open realities promised to this unknown king.

When these things become his possession, he will know that the God of Israel is the one and only true God. You shall know, Israel shall know, that Jehovah is the true Elohim (God).

All these things shall happen for Israel’s sake, the gathering of Israel back to the Promised Land.

Though thou knowest not Jehovah the God of Israel, yet the prediction of things to come for your realization, shall be proof that I am the True God.

The background of Cyrus was that his people recognized other gods, but omitted Jehovah. But in some way Jehovah became a reality to him for we read in 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

Now is the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

Cyrus, 300 years after the prophecy found in Isaiah 45:1-25, did declare that “all the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD (Jehovah), God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.” He is saying Jehovah spoke to me personally. I know that He is the only wise God, and He has commissioned me to build His house in Jerusalem in Judah.

It was such a manifestation that he knew it was of God. Cyrus talked with Jehovah — no doubt — the only wise God was revealed to him, and He revealed His plan for him to follow are the gist of his words to the Jews when he granted the Jewish people from all over the world permission to return to the promise land.

Verse 5

Beginning here in this fifth verse, we have God's description of Himself.

"I am Jehovah, and there is no other God existing."

Verse 6

By my naming you, Cyrus, 300 years before you were born and the revelation of your exploits, shall be proof positive that I, Jehovah, am God — no others.

Verse 7

What have I done? Just created the universe that's all, and yet there is more. Light itself has its roots in Me. Darkness is not just the absence of light, but it is created as well as light. Peace has its source in Me. I created evil — not sin — it was impossible for the righteous God ever to sin or have a thing to do with it. What God is saying is that He created the effect, the punishment, for evil doing.

Verse 8

God continues to emphasize His holiness. Everything God creates is for righteousness. It is God's intent that the whole earth shall be filled with His glory as heaven is.

Verse 9

"But woe to him that striveth with his Maker." Satan did so, and look at the results of His rebellion. Adam and Eve sinned, causing everyone to be born a child of wrath (Eph. 2:1-3).

Shall the pot say to the potter, "Why did you make me this?" Of course not.

Verse 10

Some children blame their deformities to the guilt of their parents. How could they help it?

Verse 11

Jehovah dares anyone to ask God concerning His children, Israel, will you have the nerve to ask me, "how come?"

Verse 12

The earth is my creation. I put man on it, and this special man, I have named him, Cyrus.

Verses 13 - 14

He shall do the work of my hand, and who dares to question Me? He shall rebuild my city of Jerusalem. This man shall set the Hebrew prisoners free. This king I shall choose shall possess the workmen of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia and the slaves of the Sabeans. All these shall wear their chains as they bow before thee declaring that God (Elohim) is in thee.

Verse 15

(O God, thou art the God of Israel; once hidden but now revealed. Thou art Israel's Saviour.)

Verse 16

The makers of idols and the worshippers thereof shall be ashamed of their idolatry.

Two hundred to three hundred years after Isaiah wrote of the coming king of Persia

ruling the world, Cyrus by name, he did give Israel this opportunity of returning to the Promised Land, and of the millions of both kingdoms of Israel (Israel's 10 Tribe Kingdom and Judah's 2 Tribe Kingdom) in captivity, only 50,000 returned, mostly from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. Israel's unbelief kept the following verses 17-25 from being completely fulfilled. Over 2500 years have passed, yet the complete salvation of the all twelve shall be fulfilled by the Messiah Jesus when He shall return to earth which we have such hope to be completed soon.

Verse 17

Israel shall know the true Salvation of the LORD (Jehovah).

Verse 18

It is Jehovah Himself who has promised it and shall order the world to recognize Israel as God's chosen people.

Jehovah is Elohim (God) who created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1) (who is speaking). In the original creation, He created it not in a void condition — all His works, even creation are perfect. Thus the earth became void and darkness was upon the face of the deep (Genesis 1:2) for a limited time.

Therefore, there must have been that the original creation was before Adam and Eve, for they were commanded to "Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28). Yes, replenish it with a new order of creatures — man. What the order was, before the earth became void no doubt were the pre-historic animal whose bones we find today, but were destroyed by this great judgment of God. Man was not in the original creation, for "Adam was the first man" (1 Corinthians 15:45). Satan's home was this earth for he spoke to the Lord Jesus that if He would worship him he would give Him all the powers of the inhabited earth if He would worship him "for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it" (Luke 4:6). When did God give this power over the earth? Not since Adam was here; therefore, God gave it to Satan before he fell (Isaiah 14:12-15).

Verse 19

God is open in what He will do with Israel in regathering and forgiving her and saving her.

Verse 20

Israel shall perform these following verses when Messiah Jesus returns and sets up His kingdom.

Verse 21

It is God Himself who guarantees the fulfillment of Israel's restitution. No one else!

Verse 22

Look Israel! Look world! All can be saved by trusting Me — by trusting ME.

Verse 23

...Who is manifested forever in the person of my Son the Messiah, the Lord Jesus. Every knee is going to bow before Him and confess that God (Jesus manifested in the flesh) is Jehovah!

What a glorious time it shall be when men, Jew and Gentile, shall give their testimony "In the LORD (Jehovah) have I righteousness," and all who deny him shall be ashamed.

Chapter 46

In this chapter the LORD (Jesus) begs Israel to compare Him with their gods made of gold.

Verse 1 - 2

Your idols of gold are even heavy to bear by the beast of burden, even as you are a heavy burden to the true God.

Jehovah hath clothed Himself with Israel even though Israel is in such a deplorable condition. Israel is still His glory (verse 13).

Verses 3 - 4

It is Jehovah Himself who has conceived Israel into His womb, and carried her so long, and finally delivered her for Himself. Yet Israel does not recognize.

Verses 5 - 8

You have decked your horses and cattle with the name of your idol god, Baal. You employed carpenters who made your idol god of a tree. Part of the unused tree you have used for cooking (44:16, 17). Now you have graduated from wood to gold. In trouble, Israel called unto her idol god, but how could it answer? It was impossible to be moved by your need, it remains stationary where you placed.

Verse 9

Remember the former things of old:

“I am God that preserved thee in Egypt.

“I am God that plagued Egypt.

“I am God saved your first born by the blood of the Passover Lamb applied to your door post.

“I am God that led you through the Red Sea.

“I am God that provided for you 40 years in the wilderness.

“I am God who led you into the Promise Land.

“I am God who gave each of you your inheritance in the Promise Land.”

Verse 10

Besides knowing the Omnipotence of Jehovah (His all-powerfulness) and His Omnipresence (everywhere present), God points to His Omniscience (His all knowing). He knows all things. He knows all that has already happened, and He knows what will happen. And He knows what would have happened if the things hadn't happened did happen. This is illustrated by David when he asked God, “Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up. Then David and his men which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah” (1 Samuel 23:12, 13).

“I Am the God of All knowledge — your idols can't think, can't speak, can't move. Which do you choose?”

Everything shall come to pass as God directs and shall be for His pleasure.

Verse 11

I will call a bird of prey from the east and a man from afar to fulfill my purpose: the man to kill by idolatrous people, and the bird to eat their flesh.

Verse 12

God gives His earnest appeal to the people of Israel and to all sinners.

Verse 13

Future salvation for Israel is promised to Israel living when Messiah Jesus shall reveal Himself to His people, even as Joseph did to his brethren when they came from the Promised Land to buy grain from Pharaoh's food distributor.

In this 13th verse we read of God's salvation established in Zion for Israel who are Jehovah's glory. As a wife is a crown of glory to her husband, so the redeemed wife (Israel) be the GLORY — one whom He loves, cherishes, is proud of and speaks of.

The word "salvation" is Jeshuah — translated Joshua in the Old Testament and JESUS in the New Testament.

Chapter 47

Great Babylon comes before God for His denunciation. We have already studied the fact that Babylon at the time of Isaiah's prophecy was a small unrecognized and weak kingdom. She was defeated by the mighty kingdom of Assyria on one occasion, and no doubt many thought that was its end. But God, speaking according to His omniscience (all-knowing) is now addressing Babylon as a mighty nation which became a reality several hundred years later, who would take the two-tribe Kingdom of Judah into captivity which lasted 70 years; according to the prophecy spoken by Jeremiah.

Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. (Jeremiah 25:9, 11, 12)

Verse 1

The LORD (Jehovah) knows the future as well as He knows the present and the past. Why, though, this prophecy and so many years in the future? He is giving two warnings; one to Babylon, the other to Judah; that both might profit by them. For Israel, that she will know that God is a forgiving God, and though the captivity may be bitter, forgiveness is hers upon her repentance and faith. For Babylon, that though God is using her in chastising His people, Judah, God is warning that her chastisement meted out to Judah must not be too severe — but it was!

And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. (Zechariah 1:15)

Verses 2 - 3

Even doing the household duties, Babylon, the Mother of harlots (Rev. 17:5), displays

her body to be desired by those who sin with her.

Verse 4

Here we have a parenthesis as God presents Himself as Jehovah Sabaoth (Lord of Host), the Holy One as redeemer.

Verse 5

One day mighty Babylon, the first nation to rule the World through more are to rise in their place.

Verse 6

I was displeased with my people, Judah; and I delivered her into your hands (see verse 1) for chastisement, but you to delight and pleasure in influencing her too much.

Verse 7

Babylon is interested in herself alone. Will she get by with sinning and abuse of God's people? Of course not. God used the first king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, to afflict His people, and God sent Cyrus, king of Babylon to capture Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar made three invasions of the kingdom of Judah, taking the prophet Daniel in the first (Jehoikim's reign), Ezekiel in the second (Jehoichin's reign), and all the remaining Jews of Judah in the third (Zedekia's reign).

Verse 8

Babylon to come shall be conceited by her exploits. How could she be destroyed? The kingdom pictured as the mother of harlots boasts in her position as a Queen with plenty of children (subjects).

Verse 9

In one day, God promised to make her a widow and cause her to lose all her children.

Verse 10

She didn't believe that people could note her sinning, for all sin was committed in the dark and in secret. But God took note!

Verse 11

A blast shall last destroy her. These scriptures are to be held in the last days and Babylon rebuilt. But how can it be, for God has said she shall be destroyed and never rebuilt.

The Bible does say so, but the city of Babylon has as yet never been destroyed. She was captured by the Medo-Persian Empire, and by the Grecian Empire, and by the Roman Empire, but never destroyed. Babylon was the place in which the Apostle Peter wrote his first epistle; the city stood until 600 A.D. At this time she was later by-passed by the merchants of the world. She fell into deterioration. Her ruins can be visited today; even the hanging gardens of Nebuchadnezzar have been rebuilt. Babylon will be rebuilt and become a flourishing city (Revelation 13, 17, 18), becoming the center of the one-world religion during the tribulation. It then shall be destroyed in the middle of the tribulation at the beginning of the Great Tribulation, no doubt the antichrist. Babylon will then be destroyed and never to rebuilt again. Babylon has been captured several times, but not destroyed. This destruction comes as we have just pointed out in the middle of the 70th Week of Daniel — the Tribulation.

Verse 12

Her destruction shall be to the sorrow of her merchants. Their source of income shall be cut off.

Verse 13

You have not God! Even you astrologers and stargazers shall find no imaginative revelations. Your monthly horoscopes provide no hope. All people suggest their many theories of recovery until you shriek in despair.

Verse 14

All your advisors appear as a field set afire — they themselves shall be destroyed with their prognostication. Not a coal of fire shall left to warm you.

Verse 15

You are lost. Your possessions have vanished. Your great co-rulers have deserted you. These could have been a source of hope, but I, Jehovah, God Sabaoth, have withdrawn from you.

Chapter 48

Jehovah is calling His beloved to Repentance and Faith. (From chapter 48:1 through chapter 52:15 reveals Israel's restoration under the Holy One, Jehovah's Servant, the Lord Jesus Christ.)

Israel to be Redeemed, Restored, Reactivated by the One they rejected who has become the Head of the Corner (1 Peter 2:1-8).

Verses 1 - 2

Jehovah, the God of Israel is directing His Word to the House of Jacob (all twelve tribes), but especially to the Kingdom of Judah the Lower Kingdom. The Upper Ten Tribe Kingdom by the time of this revelation is already in the Assyrian Captivity.

The people of the Kingdom of Judah are resting in a false security, ignoring the plight of their brethren now in Assyria, even using the perfect words of commendation for God, but of course their hearts were not set on God, yet boasting in His name as being His, yet remaining in lies and unrighteousness.

They boasted in being citizens of Jerusalem, and swore by the name of Jehovah.

Jehovah their God was not fooled by their hypocritical boasting — having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Yes, boasting in Jehovah but they knew Him not.

Verses 3 - 5

“I spoke to you by prophecy things no one knew, had never thought of so you wouldn't say `My idol has revealed it to me.’”

Jehovah declares His word was announced suddenly, and all things came to pass as He said they would be, for His people were a hard people as their necks seem to be of iron and their foreheads made of brass or bronze, and thus He spoke His Word before it came to pass so that His idolatrous people couldn't boast in their idols and claim that they commanded them.

Verses 6 - 8

The Words which the prophets uttered were My Words which enlighten you to new things you never heard before, lest you would boast that you already knew them. I've known your treacherousness from your birth. You have been called a rebel from birth.

Verse 9

For my name's sake, I will not demonstrate My anger, which if I did, I would cut you off.

Verse 10

What you are enduring now is your refining process. He is testing them in the furnace of affliction.

Because of their sinning, they are suffering. These would have been no stripes had they been righteous. Granted. Yet God does test His people just as though they had sinned, though sinning was not on their part such as the experience of Job — oh, how he suffered! His three friends emphatically called Job a liar when he said he had not sinned. Why, then, was Job tested? God knew what His servant needed. For God restored two-fold when Job's testing was over. (It was Jehovah who placed it in the mind of Satan to test Job).

We conclude, that in this world we shall be tested whether we have sinned or not. May it not be for sinning.

For Israel has been chastised for at least 2400 years, yet there is still more refinement, more suffering, more chastisement in the forth coming 70th Week of Daniel, especially the last 3 ½ years of it.

Verse 11

God is saying, "I will yet forgive Israel. I must! — For My reputation's sake. I am known for my mercy. No other God exists — only I — I will not give my glory to another."

Verse 12

"Listen to me at least once! You, and no other nation, are my called out one. I am He (God); I am the first, and I am the last — no one before me, and no one after Me."

Verse 13

"Heaven and earth came into existence because I willed it to be. Obey me, please, as all creation does."

Verses 14 - 15

"You have a will to or not to obey me. The Empire of Babylon and its first king (Nebuchadnezzar) will do my will, to attack you, and destroy many of you. I want them to chastise you a little, but then I will punish them should they afflict you much."

Verse 16

God speaks of Himself as being a Trinity. It is the Son of God that is speaking.

Verse 17

Why are the Jews so smart in the making a profit in business? It is God who has given them this gift as also stated in Deuteronomy 8:18.

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto they fathers, as it is this day.

Verse 18

Oh, if Israel had only faith in me and my Word instead of fear, peace would flow over them as a river, and instead of sinning, righteousness would lift them up as waves of the sea.

Verse 19

Instead of only a remnant of you left, you would be numbered as the sands of the sea, and your offspring would be counted as gravel, and not be cut off from me as of today. Neither would there have been the need of Messiah Jesus being cut off also. Your sins have to be paid by blood — God's blood — God's own Son's blood when He shall be cut off.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off. (Daniel 9:26a)

Verse 20

Here God predicts the invasion of future Babylon of Judah at least 112 years before it occurred.

Oh, tell the heathen Babylon that there is coming the Redeemer of Israel by God's Own Son (as we know now - who is Jesus the Lord).

Verse 21

Israel was faced with a problem as they entered the wilderness under Moses. Israel well knew the account that occurred 700 years before. God led them into the wilderness, and there was no water. When God guides, God provides.

God is the answer to all problems. Water; God gave an abundance of it, twice: in the wilderness at Sinai, and at Kadesh Barnea. Waters gushed out of the Rock until the waters gathered themselves as rivers in the desert.

Oh, how God allowed the waters to flow to Israel, around Israel, and then lost in desert. There had to be lots of water to supply the need of at least 2,400,000 Israelites. [These figures are arrived at as the number of fighting men was listed as being over 600,000 — the four to each family would be this large number]. Think of the water need to slake the thirst of this many people, and the cattle (sheep and oxen), and bathing and for washing, etc. each day, each week, each month, and each year for 40 years! Yet the supply was constant. Oh, what a God had Israel.

God meets the need of His spirit children in like manner today!

Verse 22

Read this verse over and over again.

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. (Isa. 48:22)

The lost, the unsaved, who know not God do not have peace. You must know God to have His peace, and His peace is given with His Son Jesus Christ when the sinner trusts Him, believing He died for their sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Heb. 7:25)

Chapter 49

Verse 1

Here are the words that describe the Messiah — the anointed One.

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5)

Isaiah, like Jeremiah was called either before or during his mother's pregnancy to write God's Word and to go to the rebellious house of Israel. And the Messiah, too, was called to be the Redeemer before the foundation of the earth as a kinsman of Israel and a Kinsman of God — His Son.

Verse 2

The Redeemer is protected in Jehovah's hand as a sword, and reserved as a polished arrow in God's quiver.

Verse 3

Yes, Israel is God's servant to be that nation who shall provide the woman whose Seed shall bruise the Serpent's

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Gen. 3:15)

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev. 12:9)

Verse 4

It seems as though the witness of Isaiah and the preaching of the Lord Jesus has been for naught, as far as Israel is concerned.

Verse 5

Israel is the failure, not Isaiah nor the Messiah Jesus, for not possessing the Promise Land. The Servants of God are His glory. They have finished the work God sent them to do. Israel, the people have refused God's injunction in unbelief, and are thus suffering in body and soul by the Gentiles. Her temple is destroyed, her priests are scattered, and the enemy is settled in her promised land.

Verse 6

Here Jehovah states that Israel shall refuse the messages of God's Word and the true Messiah, their kinsman, but the same revelations of God which Israel denies, shall the Gentiles embrace and bask in the light thereof.

I know that's true, for the writer of this book is not a kinsman of Jesus Christ nor of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but by simple faith and trust in the precious Saviour Jesus Christ, who died for my sins and rose again from the dead, I was brought near, very near, to God to become His child and son by the blood of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:13).

Verse 7

And see the blessed future: that in that time Kings and princes shall trust the Messiah Jesus and shall crown Him LORD OF ALL.

Verse 8

Yet in that blessed future, Israel shall repent and claim their Kinsman Redeemer, Jesus Christ, as their own and the Redeemer shall turn ungodliness from Jacob (Israel) (Romans 11:26). And Israel shall ratify the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31).

Verse 9

What a world revival there shall be when the Gospel is preached to everyone in the earth.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. (Rev. 14:6)

Verse 10

Though the earth itself shall suffer the lack of rain water during the Great Tribulation, yet these new believers shall drink of the unlimited supply of God's provision of the Water of Life.

Verse 11

Look at the Work Messiah is going to do in gathering Israel back home and delivering the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Verse 12

Again we point to the effect of the preaching of the Gospel. Even China (Sinim) shall hear and be saved.

Verse 13

When Israel's stubborn unbelief is broken and her iron neck and bronze brow is melted (Isa.48:4), she shall cease to be Jacob and arise as the new born Israel.

Verse 14

From the east to the west, Israel is really accepting her defeat, and declares that Jehovah their Adonai has forsaken them completely.

Verse 15

Motherly love, the highest natural love that God has made, can be turned into hate, and a son can be forgotten, but God is stating it is impossible for Him to forget Israel.

Verse 16

Did you ever tie a finger with a string to remind you of something? Of course we all have. But God in His great attribute of omniscience (all knowing) cannot ever forget, yet for Israel's assurance, He says, "I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands — your names can never be erased."

Verse 17

Those who have destroyed you and your possessions shall depart from you.

Verse 18

The hearts of the Gentiles shall be turned to you in service, for Messiah shall put the fear of you in their mind.

Verse 19

The very desolate and desert locations of the land shall lack room for your children as they return. They will want to live with you.

Verse 20

Your returned children and those you have begotten since the others were taken away

will complain of the cramped living quarters.

Verse 21

Never fear, there shall be plenty of room!

Verse 22

Remember, the Messiah has returned and is in charge of His people Israel. Not only is He their Kinsman, He also possesses deity as well as humanity. He is God manifested in the flesh, and as God, has only to command and the rulers of this earth obey Him immediately.

[Here is a pause that we insert. Can't you imagine the influx of its people of Israel by the tens of thousands? Not only will the nobility of the Gentiles exact perfect obedience to every whim of the Messiah concerning the Israelites in their lands, but Resurrected Israel — all saved Jews from Abraham to the thief on the cross and the Jews who die in the tribulation — shall be raised from the dead and be composed into a great army (Ezekiel 37:10). Abiding places for them shall be provided. Where? To the land given to Abraham from the Nile River to the River Euphrates.]

Verse 23

All nations with the ruling classes shall care for Israel and her children.

Verse 24

Yes, the possession of captives shall be delivered by the command of Messiah Jesus!

Verse 25

As the Gentiles delighted in conquering Israel and her children, God shall even the score with them.

Verse 26

All the power and might of the Gentiles shall be dissolved and as they delighted in the servitude of Israel. Israel shall count it joy for the revenge that shall be theirs (Joel 3:1-8).

“Oh, hasten that day, Lord Jesus.”

Chapter 50

Verse 1

Listen to the questions of God and answer them! Where is the bill of your mother's divorce? Israel, my wife, left me, but where is the legal bill? There is none. To what creditor did I sell Israel? To no one. In My sight you are still married to Me! “The gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance (change of mind)” (Rom. 11:29). God has never changed His mind. Israel is still Jehovah's, and Jehovah is still Israel's.

When did God's and Israel's divorce take place? “For your iniquities have you sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.”

Verse 2

What a disappointment Israel is to Jehovah. He is all-powerful (omnipotent), there is nothing He can't do, and there is nothing He will hold back from pouring out His power and blessing upon His called people. But Israel doesn't believe Him. Israel refuses Him for no reason at all. He can redeem; He can save; He has dried up the sea for the Hebrew nation that his ancestors can verify — the rivers I made to be wilderness.

Verse 3

I clothed heaven with blackness. Israel still refuses to obey Him, he cares not for God's redemption — she cares not for her Husband — nor for the sacred vows that made her His wife. She doubts not of what He can do, she doesn't want Him around, she doesn't want Him to share her love; she doesn't care at all about Him. "Leave me alone," is her answer to Him.

Verse 4

Even the enfleshment of God — the incarnation — the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was treated the same way. The people loath the name of Jehovah and anyone or anything connected with Him.

Just think, God wrote of such treatment to His Son 700 years before it happened.

Verse 5

Messiah, also the servant of Jehovah was equipped with the tongue, the reasoning and the power to deliver the Word, and many people agreed that no one spoke like this man. Rejection was on the part of Israel, and not on the Messiah.

Verse 6

Yea, seven hundred years shall come to pass and the Messiah (Christ) shall give Himself to be struck, to be humiliated by the plucking out of His beard. He took the blows that belonged to murderers, and the spittle that was reserved for the outcast. Yet He hid not Himself from this.

Verse 7

Listen to the Saviour, the Redeemer of Israel declare His allegiance to Adonai (Master) Jehovah (Lord GOD). Yes, when the Messiah realized that His death drew nigh, He had no fear. He knew the coming pain of the cross, yet He shrank not, nor sought a hiding place, nor fled to places where the enemy lurked not.

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem. (Luke 9:51)

Verse 8

Think of the Messiah having an adversary! The devil was chief of His contenders. Israel rejected Him, and sinners nailed Him to the cross.

And when He became SIN (not a sinner but SIN) for us, the Father forsook Him. God's attitude against sin has never changed. When He found sin in angels, He smote them, and Sodom and Gomorrah for like cause (Jude 5-7).

Verse 9

But Adonai (Master) Jehovah will help Him when He rises from the dead.

Verse 10

May all that fear Jehovah and obey His servant the Messiah walk the life of faith even though the pathway may lead through the darkness with no light. Trust Him and let your faith stay upon God.

Verse 11

If not your portion shall be with fire eternally in torment.

Chapter 51

Verse 1

Those of us who enjoy the salvation of God must always remember what we used to be before He saved us. Psalms 40:2, 3, describes our past as “an horrible pit, out of the miry clay,” but praise the Lord He set our feet upon a rock and established our way.

Verse 2

Israel in reality is blessed beyond the nations of the world. All Israel came from one man, Abraham, to be many (while the Church calls the many to be one).

Verse 3

So much of the land is rock and desert. Because of Israel’s sins, God smote the land and withdrew the former rains (October - December) and the latter rains (March - April). Without the rains, the vegetation died leaving the topsoil loose. Thus the topsoil was blown away and nothing was left but the bare stony ground. The land has remained as such for hundreds of years. But today (1992), portions of those rains are returning. And when Israel repents and trusts Jehovah and His Messiah Jesus, the land will blossom as a rose (Isaiah 35:1).

The land has its Sabbaths and the land redeemed when the people shall be redeemed.

Her wilderness shall be like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah. Lost joys shall be returned to all by Messiah Jesus as they sing the song of thanksgiving.

My law shall be established, not of the old covenant but the laws of the New Covenant, and I shall remember their sins no more forever (Jer. 31:31).

Verse 5

The status quo which God desires is a reality. Revival, renewal, and repentance will have God’s people followed. The earth (Gentiles) shall have justice. The earth shall be purged, and a new earth and a new heaven shall be established. For the old earth and old heaven shall be past, and the renovated earth shall be Israel’s portion forever (Rev. 21:1).

Verse 6

Salvation will last forever. God righteousness shall never be abolished.

Verses 7 - 8

Hear Me! Rest in Me. You have My Word. Fear not men for their reproaches and insults. The moth and the worm shall consume them. But my righteousness is forever, and my salvation shall through all generations.

Verses 9 - 10

Here we are, Lord. We have read in Thy Word how Thou destroyed Jericho and the dragon of Egypt (some believe it is the alligator meant here as the crocodile was the emblem of Egypt found on their coinage after the conquest of Caesar Augustus), we believe you can repeat Yourself for your defense. Thou did dry up the red sea for Israel to pass through THE GREAT DEEP and made the DEPTHS OF THE SEA an escape route from the army of Pharaoh for Israel to pass over to the other side.

Verse 11

As Israel rejoiced over the deliverance from Pharaoh (Exodus 15) when the waters of

the Red Seas congealed in the heart of the sea, so Israel will again rejoice over deliverance from another world ruler, the antichrist (Rev. 15) when they shall sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. (Rev. 15:3)

Everlasting joy shall be on their head with no more sorrow and mourning.

Verse 12

It is Jehovah who shall encourage His people so that they shall not fear man who is as the grass.

Verse 13

Israel, it has been so long since you trusted your God for deliverance. But He is the same today; His power shall be demonstrated, and who shall dare oppose Him? Just remember, Our God created even our enemies who oppose us. But they shall wilt before Him.

Verse 14

There shall be those of Israel who shall be imprisoned during the reign of Christ just because they are Jews who will reject his mark in their forehead or in the palm of their hand—who knowing the judgment of those who refuse to bow before his image are saved for the execution block and axe, but are set free to worship Messiah! Bread a plenty shall be their portion.

Verse 15

“I am Jehovah thy Elohim. I did divide the Red Sea whose waves roared.” How wonderful for God to restate here several times of the power of the waves and the depth of the Sea, for the deliverance of His power was no small body of water that could be waded through. Great and mighty were her depths and waves. God’s deliverance then and what it shall be from the antichrist shall be great and glorious.

“Jehovah Sabaoth” — LORD of Host is His name.

Verse 16

Jehovah guarantees acceptance of Israel as His people, and the reason of your existence is My Covenant with your fathers. Other nations have perished, but you shall be my people forever, for you are protected by My hand — there you are safe. Even the Messiah Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God provides the same safety to Israel, “And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one” (John 10:28-30).

Verse 17

“O, Jerusalem, awake to the promises of God.” O Church of the living God, awake, awake, awake! The past must be forgotten and the present and future lived in. Chastisement has been our meat, and His cup has been bitter.

Verse 18

Israel is suffering for lack of leadership in the things of God. Never fear, Messiah is

coming and shall dry every eye and wipe away each tear.

Verse 19

This is Israel's plight — there is no one to feel sorry for you, and I, even your God will not comfort thee. You deserve the desolation and destruction, the famine and the sword. Rejoice not you Gentiles, for God has not forsaken His people.

Verse 20

The sons of Israel have fainted, the rebuke of the LORD (Jehovah) is upon them.

Verse 21

Listen to me you drunkards — filled not with wine — but with the fury of your God.

Verses 22 - 23

Of all things, the fury of God has turned into mercy, and He assures them that He has removed the cup of fury from their hand, and they (when Messiah comes) shall not drink of this cup again, but it shall be given to Israel's enemies who humbled my people to such a low degree, demanding that they bow to the ground before their enemies so they may use them as stepping stones across the pathways packed with the filth of man and beast.

Chapter 52

After all the suffering Israel has endured, and what is to be endured during the Great Tribulation, we can feel the thrill the people of God will enjoy when they are forgiven for their sin and for the greatest sin of all — the sin of unbelief!

Oh, to be present when Messiah Jesus calls them home, and home they shall return, without fear of the consequences. They shall be able lie down and not be afraid of man nor beast. It will be the time of rejoicing, of joy and happiness. See what is included in their liberation.

Verse 1

Their very capital city shall be the center of the righteous clad in the robes of salvation.

Verse 2

No more shackles of a slave, no fear of anymore beatings and stripes.

Verse 3

You sold yourselves without a price, and shall be bought back (Redeemed), to become the Messiah's with gold or silver.

Verse 4

Look at my people — free at last! They knew the furnace of Egypt and the heat was terrific. Assyria broke them apart into slavery without one cause.

Verse 5

The pain they endured is indescribable, causing my people to blaspheme my holy name.

Verse 6

My people shall know my name and rejoice to be mine. Above all things this people shall rejoice to know that their Messiah Jesus is their God.

Verse 7

Many a rumor Israel heard of untold blessing to be poured out upon them, but as eye did not see, nor the ear even hear, and the joy of the Gospel — the glad tidings, the good news — will now be heard bringing shalom (peace) — joy — exaltation — salvation. O Israel, thy God reigneth!

Verse 8

The messenger of these glad tidings and the watchman shall rejoice together to sing praises to Him who reigns.

Verse 9

Let all lift up their voices in unison with great praise for Jehovah shall lift up Zion again.

Verse 10

The mighty arm of God shall be lifted up and there be no one who would dare stope its purpose. And the salvation (Jesus — everywhere salvation is mentioned in the Old Covenant, it is the word Jeshuah meaning JESUS) and all the nations shall revel in it.

Verse 11

All the redeemed shall go out to demonstrate the joy the gospel has brought them — go with God — clean, holy, and righteous.

Verse 12

Your fleeing days are over, O Israel. You shall go out steady, slowly, to demonstrate that you have no more fear.

Jehovah shall go before you, and the God of Israel shall be your rear guard. In front of you, and in the back of you shall God Almighty be your protector.

Remembering that chapter and verse divisions of the Bible are man-made, we call your attention to the truth that verses 13-15 of chapter 52 belong to the 53rd chapter as it describes the coming Messiah Jesus, in His humiliation and rejection of men that caused Him to die. If this death was the death of an ordinary man, he would have died and have been forgotten

The fact that Jesus died is a subject of history which cannot be forgotten. God won't let the world forget. It was His Son, the Word, the Government of Rome crucified. He did not have to die — no one demanded it of Him. He died, a perfect, sinless, holy and righteous person, because it was the Father's direction and the Son's obedience for Him to die and for a purpose: to die for the sins of the World.

Verses 13 - 15

Just take a look at God's servant — His own Son — how wisely He walked and talked. No one ever caught Him in a lie. If we could only see the end from the beginning. He was made low, so that He could be exalted. His appearance was hideous to behold — He was beaten, spit upon, slapped, laughed at, but we can't continue to look at Him for His features were so pulled out of shape, that in death, His whole body was crumbled as a sack. Yet that Man, if he can be called a man, burst forth from the grave, and nations with their kings shall shut their mouth at Him in awe. Yet, they shall see those things of His deity that had been told them, and shall understand the Gospel which takes in His suffering and His appearance which they have never heard.

Today, we are appalled at the pictures over the TV of people who were terribly beaten. For the people to learn, God will bring to pass for the masses to see what the Son of God endured, and not for Himself, but for the sins of the people of the world — for you and me.

Chapter 53

Oh, how He suffered for my sins.

Verse 1

Who has believed our testimony that God's Son would die as our Substitute for our sins? They sawed in two the body of Isaiah for writing it. Who will accept God's revelation of His Son? To God, His Messiah Jesus grew as a tender shoot from the stem of Jesse (father of David). To man, He had no beauty to attract man to His cause.

Verse 3

He was perfect in everything — in statue, in living, and in speech, yet He was despised and rejected — a lonely person, a man whose heart was so tender that He became one of sorrow and acquainted with grief. Mankind was hardened to Him that we cared not to even look into His face, and cared not be bothered by Him.

Verse 4

But the truth is a complete turn around. Man couldn't and wouldn't believe, not knowing that He is our Substitute — to suffer for our sakes — instead of us being smitten, He was smitten for us. God is letting us know this divine truth for 700 years before it happened. That Jesus the messiah hath born our griefs from sins, carried our sorrows, Christ as our Substitute, yet we saw and cared not.

Verse 5

He was pierced through for our transgressions. Isaiah speaks as though it is in the eternal past tense. He was squashed for our iniquities. The deserving chastisement for our iniquities was laid upon Him as our Sin Offering (Lev. 4). His back opened wide by the soldier's thongs was for the healing forgiveness of our sins.

Verse 6

Oh, this precious wonderful Shepherd who came to seek the straying sheep was ignored, and God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all.

Verse 7

There were no cries of pain when He was oppressed and afflicted. He is led as a lamb without hesitation or refusal at the place of slaughter on the hill called Calvary. As sheep are brought to the shearer, there is fear, for these sheep have gone there before. They lost only their wool, but He is to endure indescribable pain. The only sound He made was the request, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Verse 8

Oh, the steps from the Sanhedrin to Pilate to Herod, and back to Pilate were fainting steps because of the load of the cross, and the smiting of the people and the pulling of His beard. One Roman tribunal after another said, "I find no fault in Him," yet He was suffering worse than a true culprit. Innocence ignored, He was cut off out of the land of the living. Almighty God manifested in the flesh was He. The Creator was becoming the Saviour. He

created the animal that provided the leather through which beat Him. He created the wood that the cross was made of. He created the hill of Calvary where He gave up the ghost on that cross. His death, His suffering was no surprise, for He had known from the beginning that He, the Just One would die for the sins of the unjust, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Holy Spirit. All humanity's sin was laid upon Him.

Verse 9

He, upon death, was placed where no other person had been buried, in the tomb of a rich man, Joseph of Arimathea. There is no reason to refute Gordon's Calvary and Gordon's Garden tomb, for the Holy Spirit will give assurance to you when you step inside of it. He did to me and others whom I know.

His glorious death was between two thieves, one asking for mercy from Him. "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Christ died first, and He was there in Paradise (Abraham's bosom) to welcome the thief after his death a short time later. He is the perfect Saviour — the Only One who was righteous, that could die but not for His Own sins.

Verse 10

And yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise Him. Martin Luther, the great reformer, said upon reading this tenth verse that he read, reread, and read again and again for several days trying to get the answer "How could God be pleased to bruise Him. Finally, He stopped praying and seeking the answer and came to the conclusion that God would have the grace to be pleased with the death of His Son becoming sin for us who knew no sins that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

By Christ's death, He has saved millions of believers who became new creatures by trusting Him.

He is the perfect sin offering of the New Covenant whose salvation is perfect; and shall please the Heavenly Father in everything.

Verse 11

Just listen to this verse. Read it time and again. "And He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied." Remember Jesus was God manifested in the flesh and He suffered in six hours what it would take us all eternity to endure. His suffering was enough payment with His death for the payment of all people of the world. He shall become the Justifier — the one who "declared His believers righteous" — pure without sin, as though we have never sinned. Remember, it is the Messiah, the Son of God, who bore our sins to Calvary.

Verse 12

All these verses from Isaiah 52:13 to Isaiah 53:12 are condensed into this one verse.

He shall be exalted.

He shall rule.

He has poured out His soul unto death (No one took it; He laid it down of Himself, and He was able to take it up again).

He was numbered with the transgressors, yet He never sinned. He became sin for us, but never a sinner.

He bore the sins of many (millions).

He makes intercession for those He saves.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

Chapter 54

From the Cross to the empty tomb and from the portals of heaven we find the Messiah Jesus among His people Israel, never to be separated from the Redeemed ever!

So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. And He said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. (Ezekiel 43:5-7)

Verse 1

Beloved Israel of the Lord shall live again!

Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: (Romans 9:27)

Though whittled down and only a remnant left, yet she shall be enlarged once more.

Verse 2

How many of us have taken this verse to heart and applied it to the work of the Church for today. By taking it by faith for the present we prayed, trusted God for our weak failing local church, and oh, how He did work.

As a tent, Israel shall be enlarged, and she is to look for additional land, for her people shall be multiplied to a great number. Israel has only to remember that God has already given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the land from the Nile River to the River Euphrates also including Lebanon.

There is the millennium reserved for perfect peace and love, and the few Israelites shall be multiplied a thousand fold, and thus all the land promised occupied. Praise the LORD Jehovah.

(The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!) (Deuteronomy 1:11)

Verse 3

Just look what Jehovah is promising.

Verse 4

Fear not, Israel. There will be no one to make you afraid anymore. Messiah Jesus is reigning and all things are under His control.

Verse 5

For He who saith this is your Maker, your Husband — Jehovah Sabaoth (LORD of Host) is His name, and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel. The Messiah Jesus, the God (Elohim) of the whole earth, the Creator, shall he be called.

Verse 6

There shall be no embarrassment to you.

Verse 7

Isn't this precious! "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee."

Verse 8

Yes, in a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee saith Jehovah thy Redeeming Messiah Jesus.

Verse 9

I compare my Grace to Israel with my promise to all the creatures of the earth that I will not again cover the earth with water to its destruction as at the time of Noah; so has Jehovah sworn that I will not show my anger against thee, nor rebuke thee.

Verse 10

Oh, for Redeemed Israel there is more. For as in the future the mountains and the hills shall be removed, and likewise my kindness shall not depart from thee, nor shall the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34) of peace be removed. This says Jehovah that has mercy upon thee.

Verse 11

What a glorious change for faltering Israel. You who quake of the possibility of returning wrath and suffering, I want you to know that those days shall be gone forever, when you are redeemed with Messiah Jesus' blood.

Verse 12

Thou shalt be a great sight to see; As a magnificent building of beauty.

Verse 13

And there shall be no more the sin of unbelief on the part of my people. Jehovah Himself shall teach your children and your once disobeying sons and daughters shall be the object of my peace.

Verse 14

You shall be perfect before peace — no more shall oppression exist, for peace shall be yours. As far as terror is concerned, it shall not come neigh thee.

Verse 15

In this verse we find the possibility of opposition to some of the children of Israel in the Millennium. That is strange, but remember that while Satan is bound in the abyss (bottomless pit) for the entire thousand years, there will be many unsaved Gentiles 100 years old each to trust in Christ and be saved (Isaiah 65:20). For at the close of the Millennium Satan shall be loosed for a season (awhile), and the lost Gentiles shall gather a great army together to surround the Holy City. Fire comes down and destroys the army, and this somewhat of a battle shall be called the Second Battle of God and Magog (Rev. 20:7-10).

Yes, many Gentiles shall be saved, and others lost in the Millennium. When they become 100 years old and do not trust Christ the Redeemer, they die.

There could be a little friction between these unsaved Gentiles against Israel, but it is against God's sanction. Jehovah will put an end to it.

Verse 16

Opposition means two parties are against each other. There shall be some opposition to Israel in the Millennium. God is saying that as He is the Creator, He has created the smith who makes an instrument of war, but He is also the Creator who makes the destroyer of the weapon. Thus Jehovah says, “Yes, I have allowed some opposition, but I will destroy them.”

Verse 17

For no weapon that is formed to fight against you will prosper. (This is the Millennium). And look also at this wonderful promise: “every tongue that speaks against you, you can destroy. This is my guarantee of your preservation.” Oh, to be the servant of Jesus our Redeemer forever!

Chapter 55

Here is God’s salvation in a nutshell. It is for His people and the Gentile without a taint of works — all by God’s grace is mankind saved. Therefore, it is God’s salvation; the gift of God. This 55th chapter states that truth so clearly, so powerful, so enduring of peace, of assurance, of joy unspeakable, to God, to heaven, to eternity. Glory.

Verse 1

“Ho!” This is a work calling your attention, not just an exclamation of joy. This is not a Santa Claus (ho, ho, ho), but rather “Hey, there!” or “Listen to me.” Yes, do listen to Jehovah.

“Everyone” — no one is excluded. And who of us have never thirsted for the inviting and invigoration Water of the Living God!

Everything spiritual is offered by God to the sinner and without price. What’s the catch? What is it going to cost finally? What’s the bottom line? No price. We can’t buy God out.

Verse 2

How true it is that we are given to sums of money and we still have no peace. We are wasting away spiritually. Spiritual pills have we bought to increase our spiritual appetites, and the appetites have indeed increased, but what we ate provided no spiritual nourishment. Left alone, we shall die.

Verse 3

Oh, the sweet, precious, Word of God provides the slacking our thirst and the satisfying of our hunger.

To Israel is offered for the first time the New Covenant (the New Testament). Two hundred years later, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of the same testament (Jeremiah 31:31-34), and that the time was Now for Israel.

The New Covenant (Testament) is not a copy of the Old Covenant (Ten Commandments) which all the Israeli fathers broke. For it was a conditional covenant — the blessings offered depended upon the righteous works of Israel. They had no good works. Therefore, they broke the Covenant — it is gone, null and void. But the New Covenant will be an Unconditional Covenant that can’t be broken. Israel only has to believe that Messiah

is to die for their sins and be raised from the dead, and their faith shall be counted for righteousness.

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. (Romans 4:3-5)

“And the sure mercies of David” God made an unconditional covenant with David also, promising that His Son, the Messiah (Jesus), will reign forever.

And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. (2 Samuel 7:16)

And believing Israel also will live with Messiah Jesus forever.

Verses 4 - 5

Jehovah has given His Son, Messiah Jesus to be His witness to nations (Gentile) and in this Messiah shall the Gentiles trust.

And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. (Romans 15:12)

Verse 6

“Seek ye the LORD” (Jehovah), Israel. But other scriptures declare that none seek after God,

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (Romans 3:11)

But this time, the lost, both Israel and the Gentiles, are commanded to seek Jehovah (Jesus) and there is the surety that He will be found. Yea, call on Him while He is in hearing distance. And He is always in hearing distance when the caller calls in Jesus’ name.

Verse 7

All sinners are wicked. Some are more debased than others, yet only God knows who is the worse sinner.

Lewd thinking is an admitted sin, yet to think that the Gospel (believing the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ) is foolish and childish is the sin most despicable.

Oh, Israel, you once knew Jehovah and can return to Him; the only wise God. However, the Gentiles never knew Jehovah as God and they can’t return to Him, but they can turn to Him!

Verse 8

The thinking of God as far superior than that of His creatures — by his own thinking mortal man ignores God altogether, much less forsaking God’s thoughts. Man is jerked up, shaken, and held. “Listen to Me,” saith the Almighty! Your Creator is speaking to you.

This verse can be applied to the saved, worldly, backslider who can be restored to the right way. It is reversible!

My thoughts, yea, My ways are superior to thine. Keep thinking your doubts of unbelief and you will perish. I am the One you are to answer to. And if you do come to Me as specified, the joy of salvation shall be yours!

Verse 9

What glorious comparison God uses. The thoughts of heaven are God's. The thoughts of the earth are of man that perishes.

Verse 10

Rain and snow come from heaven. There is the mutual blessing of both — to water the earth, and to make the earth to bud, which gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater [there is no such thing as rain and snow falling heavenward]. The blessings are from heaven.

Verse 11

My word is from heaven to earth; it is not aimed to heaven from the earth.

When the child of God realizes that God sends him (for His purpose) to preach the Gospel, that earth's lost people may trust in Jehovah's Messiah and be saved. The mighty Word of God does not return to God without the results Jehovah desires. It shall accomplish that which pleases God, and prosper in that whereunto He has sent it.

Verse 12

In the human experience, when the person trusts the Messiah Jesus as Saviour and God, His redeemed heart and soul and body becomes the Temple of the Holy Ghost, and he is overwhelmed with peace, and the joy of God shall be his portion. The melodies of heaven shall be sung. And the very trees and fields along his path seemingly burst out in song.

Verse 13

The redeemed shall enjoy the things of the Spirit, with the flowers of glory becoming the perfume of his garments.

The Loving God gives His people this sign.

Chapter 56

Herein the loving Jehovah Elohim (Lord God) tenderly extends His mercy and grace to the outcasts; those who are aliens of the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world — the Goyim — the Gentile.

Verse 1

Truly the fifth dispensation, the Law is in effect at the time of Isaiah. This period of time began with the exodus, not the Book of Exodus, but the going out of Egypt by the Israelites. It ended at the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ or from Mt. Sinai to Mt. Calvary. Its duration was 1491 years.

It is time when Israel's obligation to God was to render perfect obedience to the Law of God (commonly termed as the Law of Moses).

In the process of time, many Gentiles were drawn by the Holy Spirit to a saving knowledge of Israel's Jehovah.

Verses 1 - 2

Herein Jehovah speaks to His people Israel whose desire is to please their LORD (Jehovah).

Preserve justice and righteousness, for God's salvation — His deliverance — is about to be accomplished. The Upper Ten Tribe nation of Israel can be redeemed along with the

Two Tribe Judah Nation, and together become the 12 Tribes of Israel again.

But unbelief in God, and the sin of idolatry along with their drunkenness made it impossible with God.

Keep the Sabbath pure and the hands from doing any evil. Maybe the Revival we need shall come.

Verse 3

Among the Israelites were strangers, people of other nationalities who wanted to be partakers with Israel in their worship of one God. In their heart they considered themselves to be Jews, but thought there was in their heart the love for Israel yet the fact existed they were still the Goyim — Gentiles.

Their strangeness could not be overcome. Were they to be separated from God's people and especially separated from Israel's God forever? Was the eunuch (he who was made by an operation unable to have children) never to enjoy a family?

God's answer to both is an emphatic "NO!"

Verses 4 - 5

To the eunuchs who are despaired of marriage but who keep my Sabbaths and choose the things that please me and take hold of the Law, to them will I give in the Temple a place and a name better than having sons and daughters — an everlasting name. In other words, they shall have eternal life because of their faith.

Verse 6 - 7

As to the sons of the Goyim who have united their heart to Jehovah and do serve Him and love the name of Jehovah, to be His servants, and everyone keeping the Sabbaths pure and obey the Law, these shall I bring to Zion, and are joyful in the Temple at the time of prayer. I will recognize their burnt offering and the other four offerings will I accept upon my bronze altar — "for my house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

Verse 8

Israel might become jealous of these believing, righteous living Goyim, but Jehovah has stated that when He gathers the outcast of Israel [gathered by Messiah Jesus in the Millennium], I will gather others, of course, the strangers.

In this dispensation of Grace (from Pentecost to the Rapture), the Church (the assembly of God in Christ Jesus) is composed of Jewish believers and Gentile believers, just as our Lord Jesus said, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold [Israel]: them (Gentiles) also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one FLOCK (church) and one Shepherd," (John 10:16).

Verses 9 - 12

These are Israelites who honor not the Lord neither observe the Sabbath. God calls His believers "sheep" but these creatures He calls "dogs."

The watchmen among them care not for the sheep but are careless, which makes the sheep the objects of cruelty.

They even kill their sheep to eat — never getting enough flesh to eat, and even desire more wine to keep them drunk.

Oh, the difference between God's people of faith whether they be of Israel or of the Goyim.

Chapter 57

Verse 1 - 2

Usually a man of age with his hair of gray is considered spiritual, full of wisdom, and blessed of God, but not so in this verse. God lets us know that the reason He takes many of the obedient, law-loving, and righteous persons from being numbered with Isaiah is that God wants them to be delivered from the persecution of the sinners. He or she shall find that sought-for peace in their death beds.

Verse 3

God has a word for the sons and daughters of the sorcerers, the offspring of the adulterer and the whore.

Verse 4

Whom are your companions? You yourselves have putrefied blood flowing through your veins, and your friends have the same. Your caresses and kisses are those that are reserved for the married.

Verse 5

Your conduct is for the idols and their priests in abominable practices, even offering your children to pass through the fire. Think of it — allowing your children to be roasted alive in your worship of Molek.

Verse 6

In your worship of your idols, you have selected the smoothed stones reserved for such acts in sacrificing your drink offering and grain offering. These offerings are reserved for Me, and how can I be pleased when they are not directed to Me?

Verse 7

Oh, you are separated all right — separated unto idols and their prostitutes upon the mountains. I have not ordered this.

Verse 8

You have uncovered yourselves to this lewd worship. Did I ever order such a thing in the worshipping of Me. My mountain is Zion whom you have deserted.

Verse 9

Oh, you are decked beautifully and perfumed with costly ointments — for the gods, not for Me.

Verse 10

You are self satisfied in your worship of idols, which I hate — the idols and the worship.

Verse 11

You fear your gods, afraid of what harm they can do to you. What can images of gold and silver do?

Verse 12

Oh, yes, I know your righteousness is nothing but debauchery.

Verse 13

Your worship of the false idols (god) only lead to death, but they put their trust in Me, Jehovah, their Elohim (God) are justified and shall possess the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, whether they be alive at the Revelation of Messiah Jesus or raised from the dead (Ezekiel 37).

Verse 14

Oh, prepare with righteous living and preaching the Glad Tidings (the Gospel). The stumbling blocks which hinder My people shall be removed, and they shall be able to enter the land of Promise.

Verse 15

Here is God revealed Himself as a Person (for that He is). He is High and Lofty one! He is the only and one Elohim (God) that possesses eternity. (I have no beginning and no ending — I am the Great I AM!)

I shall have fellowship with my children in my lofty holy place, with them who are of a broken and humble spirit. I will revive, raise from the dead the bodies and refresh the spirits of the humble and broken hearted one.

Verse 16

The time shall come when I will cease to be harsh and cut off my chastisement, and thus not fail the souls I have made.

Verse 17

My heart has always been tender to Israel, My people, but I forsook them for their covetousness of the sins of the flesh. I hid myself from them, and let them depart for that which they crave.

Verse 18

Oh, the joy for Israel when I shall heal him and them into restoration of the comforts of the Spirit.

Verse 19

Yes, the time is coming for the lips to say “Peace, peace,” and peace they shall have, for I will heal him (Israel).

Verse 20

He who continues in his wickedness refusing the grace, love and mercy of His God is forever damned.

What is the plight of those who continue in their wickedness? They shall be like the stormy seas, without rest, whose waters cast up the filth from their deposits.

How true, how pathetic. “There is no peace,” saith my Elohim (God) to the wicked.

Chapter 58

As we continue to study God’s ethical injunctions, let us keep in mind that these words

were written in the Dispensation of the LAW, when Israel's obligation during this time was to render perfect obedience to the LAW of God.

Jehovah contends that while they are obeying the law, many have been made rich. He is not implying that their gain was due to underhanded methods, but rather that as they gained their riches lawfully, they were yet to show mercy and grace to those who could not mete out their rightful obligations.

Verse 1

While trying to keep the law, Israel has erred.

Verse 2

The people did have a form of godliness but were denying the power thereof to show the grace and mercy of God.

They sought God (Elohim) daily in their prayers three times or more a day. They desired to give the obedience to the Law a chance, but the law shows no mercy.

They loved to approach their Maker at the Brazen (bronze) Alter. They delighted in the atmosphere of the open Temple. For the sight of the great alter 30 feet by 30 feet by 15 feet high, with the priest attending their duties, hearing a group of hundreds of voices in true harmony singing the Psalms of Jehovah as David and Solomon composed them.

Verse 3

Oh, they fasted all right, and called attention to the fact by showing a distorted pious face. But God has rewarded them for it simply that during the time of their fasting, they had their mind on making a fast shekel.

Verse 4

You call attention to your fasting to your act by raising your voice for others to notice.

Verse 5

Is this the fast I had in mind? Did I suggest that man afflict his soul by bowing as low as the bulrush, upon a bed of ashes spread upon sack cloth?

Verse 6

In your fasting, I had this in mind, that you forgive the poor his debt, and let him who cannot possibly meet his obligation be relieved forever.

Verse 7

I have given you bread in abundance — not to be stored until it becomes moldy, but rather share your fresh bread with a few poor folks you know.

And what are you doing with all those sandals that are gathering dust, and these extra garments you never wear? Cover thy neighbor's nakedness with them.

Verse 8

What a testimony you shall have, and God's glory shall be your back guard. Elohim (God) shall provide new clothes when you need them.

Verse 9

Do you want your prayers answered? Just do what I want you to. Just don't hold on to "things" — give them away.

Verse 10

And your own body, soul, and spirit shall be filled with the love of God as the Temple experience when Jehovah's Shekinah Glory fell upon it.

Verse 11

Jehovah shall continually guide you, and droughts will not scare you, and you, your barns with the animals shall lack nothing.

Verse 12

Your children shall follow your example, and the blessings of Jehovah shall be theirs also. They will continually increase in their possessions to God's glory.

Verse 13

Be sure and keep the Sabbath. God thought so much of it that after he made the heavens and the earth, He rested and sanctified (set apart) it.

Do not your "things" on the Sabbath but enjoy it as what it is "a delight and holy" of the Jehovah (LORD).

Both man and beast need it, and their being is renewed.

Verse 14

Obeys the Holy Spirit as He has given precepts. Your life will be Jehovah, just as the born again believer in this day of the dispensation of Grace believes, "for me to live is the Messiah Jesus" (Christ).

Jehovah will be a delight to you, and he shall exalt you in the land, and the heritage of Jacob (the Promise Land) shall be yours to enjoy.

Remember, these are the blessings for those under Law. We under Grace have even greater blessings: "We are made joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17) over all God's creation.

Chapter 59

Israel, the apple of God's eye, could have been Jehovah's under His care and possession long before now, but they cared not for God and there is no other. Israel refused Him.

Verse 1

Jehovah is Omnipotent — all powerful — there is nothing He can't do. That mighty arm is powerful to deliver, to rescue, to reach the heights and search out the depths, and the all-knowing God's ears are not dull that He can't hear. God is not out of reach....

Verse 2

But it is your iniquities that have caused this gap, this separation, between Israel and Him. Your sins have caused a cloud to hide His face from you, so that He will not hear you.

Verse 3

Look at your hands. They are defiled with blood, and your fingers are stained with sin. Your lips which you should have used to praise Me have been used to speak lies, and your tongue mutters wickedness.

Verse 4

Oh, the mouth with its lips and tongue with which to praise the only wise God — to plead for truth and justice, yet no one calls for righteousness and for honesty, but they conceive trouble and bring forth your sins.

Verse 5

They hatch viper eggs and spin spider webs. What for? Anyone eating the eggs shall die; and no one can use the thread of the spider as that of the silkworm.

Verse 6

For these threads cannot be woven into thread to become garments. The weaving of silk is a different proposition all together, but you are not of that nature.

Verses 7 - 9

These verses are quoted again in Romans 3:9-18 where the Holy Spirit agrees that it is speaking of Israel, and while the Goyim (Gentiles) commit the same thing, the Jews, therefore, are not better than the Gentile though they (the Gentiles), themselves, are strangers from the covenants of promise.

Therefore, the entire world is guilty of sinning. Thus the curse of damnation is upon them; their feet run to evil, and are quick to shed innocent blood — kill for the pleasure of it. They are guided by their ungoverned thoughts full of destruction of life and property. And they mow down those that try to stop them.

There is no peace in the heart, no thought of retribution for their deeds. They may not be the victim of drugs, yet they are completely warped in their thinking.

Even our law enforcing officials are at loss in knowing what to do.

Verse 10

We are as the blind (and everything is lost to a blind person). We feel for the walls and search for the door but stumble even over ourselves.

Verse 11

Our response is a mighty yell, yet we are like the doves whose voice is their sorrow. Can't something be done about it? Who is left to lead a new way? God's salvation is far from us, for we are all lost in sin and lost for the answer.

Verse 12

There is no ending of sinning, and no one to stop us.

Verse 13

Sinning is rebellion against God and His way, and man thinks he can erase both by ignoring them.

Verse 14

Just repeat these words three times! They were recorded 2600 years ago, and we are alarmed at the similarity of then and now. All can be seen and demonstrated by the T.V.

Verse 15

Those we have elected to office of trust are being removed from office or discouraged to take office as their shortcomings have been found out and published.

Verse 16

“We looked for an intercessor,” says the prophet, and over 100 years later, the Prophet Ezekiel said the same thing.

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. (Ezekiel 22:30)

Yet He can and will bring salvation in the Messiah, God’s own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 17

The one who does know the Lord Jesus is to array himself (for protection) with the armour of God as stated 600 years later by the Apostle Paul.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (Ephesians 6:11-17)

Verse 18

Retribution is coming — as a man soweth so shall he reap.

Verse 19

Oh, so many millions shall turn to the LORD Jehovah Jesus. Yes, when the enemy (Satan and his followers) shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of Jehovah Jesus shall lift up a standard (a sign) against him, and it shall vanish.

Verse 20

The Redeemer shall come to Zion. It is the Messiah Jesus of course, and those that turn to Him shall turn from their sins.

In Leviticus 25:47-55, we read the steps of redemption for a near kinsman who has sold himself into slavery. He must be redeemed by the near kinsman — Christ Jesus is our near kinsman, for He took not upon Himself the nature of angels, but He took upon Himself the seed of Abraham.

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:16, 17)

The near kinsman would come to where he lived who is to be redeemed, and the Lord Jesus came to this earth mankind is.

Then the near kinsman was to pay for the redemption there. Thus the Lord Jesus paid for the redemption of all mankind where we lived — at Calvary by His death and shed blood.

Then the near kinsman was to take the redeemed out of former home of servitude, and

we are awaiting for the Lord Jesus to take us out of their world by the Rapture (Titus 2:13).

At the end, the near kinsman was to set free the one who once was a slave. When we are taken to heaven there the Lord Jesus shall declare us free forever from our former slave owner Satan.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation: And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:5, 9, 10)

This is at the Revelation of the lord Jesus when He comes with His holy angels and redeemed saints (composed of the Church) after the Great Tribulation (the last half of the 70th Week of Daniel).

Verse 21

What a promise to redeemed Israel. The Holy Spirit and His precious Word the Messiah shall put into the mouth of their children and their grandchildren for all eternity. This is initially fulfilled in the Millennium.

Chapter 60

Verse 1

God is Light! This is one of the definitions of God. Arise, Israel; God and His light is shining upon you. You are now redeemed and about to enter the Millennium with your Lord.

Verse 2

Darkness is for the enemies of God — your enemies, too. And the world shall learn that God's glory is appearing upon you.

Verse 3

What audiences you shall draw to yourself. The Gentiles shall come with their kings to you.

Verse 4

Just look around and see for yourself at the Kings of the Nations as they approach you, with your sons you thought lost, and your daughters as delicate as they are shall be carried in your once-enemies' arms to your side.

Verse 5

The glory of God upon you shall radiate for the Gentiles to notice. Not only shall this glory be upon you, but in you. Your heart shall beat with thrills and rejoicing.

You never dream of this but the sea, the Mediterranean Sea, shall bring the wealth of the earth to your door steps.

Verse 6

A man's wealth is known by the number of camels he owns, but your camels shall be brought to you in multitudes. Young camels with little camels within their wombs are to be

your possession. Some of them come from Ephah — descendants of Abraham and Keturah. Yes, kinfolk of Abraham, but not of Isaac. They could never claim this wealth — only Isaac and Jacob.

As wise men from the east brought such gifts to the baby Jesus, your King, these wise men shall bring such gifts to all Israel.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11)

Verse 7

The flocks of Kedar, descendants of Ishmael, a son of Abraham, but these gifts are for the children of Abraham.

These bring flocks of sheep, rams of Nebaioth, and are accepted as clean sacrifices for my altar.

And the Lord Jesus shall glorify the New Temple that He shall build. “And he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:” (Zechariah 6:12c).

Verse 8

So many of your sons shall be brought on the wings of birds to you.

Verse 9

The ships of Tarshish, the place where Solomon and Hiram sent their combined ships, bringing back silver, gold, apes and peacocks every three years. Your sons shall be valued more than gifts of silver and gold — to you, Israel, shall these gifts be brought, to the glory of the Holy One, your Messiah Jesus — and He has glorified You!

Verse 10

The once beautiful city of Jerusalem, shall be rebuilt according to the plans of the Redeemer Jesus, who shall also build the new Temple.

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD. And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God. (Zechariah 6:12-15)

Foreigners shall be employed to build your walls, and their kings will minister to you. Though I struck you in My wrath, yet I show favor unto you.

Verse 11

And the gates of your city shall be always open and never shall they be closed, so that the Gentiles may bring their wealth to you with kings leading the parade.

Verse 12

Put this down, the nations and their kingdom who refuse to bring you gifts shall perish.

Israel will become a wealthy nation overnight, just like it did once before at the time of Moses as they began their journey out of Egypt. Israel spoiled the Egyptians, for the Egyptians brought forth silver, gold, clothing, cloth, and their sheep, camels, and oxen — Untold wealth where the smallest of the tribes shall not suffer for a thing.

Verse 13

Here will be the answer of how will the land of Israel will be abounding in vegetation, trees, bushes and flowers. Lebanon shall give her glory to this cause — her cedars especially. The whole city and nation shall be beautiful, adding to the glory of the new temple and the quarters of Messiah Jesus.

Verse 14

Those who persecuted you in the past shall bow to your needs, and exalt you, and unashamed, they shall call you “the city of Jehovah,” and “Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”

Verse 15

As people of the world have shunned you so long, now I will cause you to be the object of everlasting pride, a glorious place to visit and spend time and money with you.

Verse 16

I will drain the coffers of the nations, and suck the riches of the kings of the milk of their treasuries.

O Israel, you shall awaken from your present trauma of such gained wealth, and I, Jehovah, am your Saviour; yes, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Verse 17

Look at the spoils I shall cause nations to heap up for you. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron:

And to keep your wealth coming in and losing none by mismanagement, I will give you honest and righteous managers (like Pharaoh appointed Joseph to manage the food distribution of Egypt).

Verse 18

Oh what a glorious place to live and worship Jehovah. No more will the land be gang ruled, nor will your cities be subjected to robbers. For you shall call your walls the protector of its people — salvation — and your open gates “praise.”

Verse 19

And did you know that you will not need the sun for light at day.

Nor the moon to give its light at night?

For Jehovah, you shall have, the everlasting Light, and your Elohim (God) for your glory.

Verse 20

That sun of yours shall set no more, neither will that moon of yours diminish in brightness. And Jehovah shall be your everlasting light. This ends your moaning and mourning.

Verse 21

Then all your people will be righteous. This is when the sinful nature of Israel is eradicated, which is also described in Romans 11:26

And so shall all Israel be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

And Daniel 9:24:

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

The land of Israel shall become hers, as promised, forever. Israel shall be the branch of His planting, the work of His hands, so that Jehovah shall be glorified.

The smallest citizen will become a clan (thousand) and the least one a mighty nation.

I, Jehovah, will fulfill these promises swiftly in its time.

Chapter 61

THE ANOINTING OF THE SON OF GOD FOR HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY

The first three verses of this chapter describe the Messiah's work upon the earth.

Verse 1

At last the Messiah has come, for "the Spirit of the Adonai (Lord) Jehovah and (GOD) is upon me." The first expression of God breaking the silence in over four hundred years is found in Luke 1:11-13 where the angel of the Lord appeared unto Zachariah, the future father of John the Baptist, to announce the gift of a son to him and his wife Elizabeth and to be named John.

And the first mentioning of the Lord God by name is found in Mark 1:9-11 and Matthew 3:16-17; the Son present, being baptized, the Holy Spirit, as a dove descending on the Son, and the voice of the Heavenly Father stating, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Here in Isaiah 61, we read of the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilling these wonderful prophecies.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me."

"Jehovah (LORD) hath anointed Me." I am the Messiah (I am the Christ), and for what purpose?

"To preach good tidings" (the Gospel, the Good News) "unto the meek" — those who know they are lost and can't save themselves. The Gospel which brings salvation is good, very good, news.

"He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted." Thus a once held desire to live for God is lost, but now it can be recovered. Brokenheartedness can be caused by our fellow creatures who render us powerless to fulfill God's calling for our lives. Now, the Messiah can heal that which was broken, a new heart with new desires and new hopes can be received by faith in Him.

"To proclaim liberty 'set free' to captives and freedom to the prisoners."

Verse 2

“To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD (Jehovah).” Turning to Luke 4:16-19, we read of the account of the Lord Jesus going into the Synagogue and reading this portion of Isaiah 66:1, 2, but stopping in the middle of verse 2. He did come to proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah (LORD) for “behold now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation,” and that year has lasted nearly two thousand years. The rest of the verse Christ did not repeat, for it says “and the day of vengeance of our God: to comfort all that mourn.” This is in the future, and the Lord Jesus will proclaim that day of vengeance when He appears on earth the second time with His saints.

And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believer (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

[King David was anointed twice over Israel, the Holy Spirit being poured out upon him until he died. The Lord Jesus was anointed only once with the Holy Spirit, and that was forever.]

Verses 3 - 11

This shall be fulfilled in the Millennium.

Our thoughts carry us back Millenniums — when Israel was the head and not the tail, when Israel loaned and never borrowed, when God was supreme in their lives and they were not strangers to the Word of God nor ignorant of His promises of redemption. Yet they lost this position.

But there is coming that joyous period when God will redeem not the people only, but the whole land, rivers, and springs shall be redeemed. When water shall flow again in once filled beds and fountains shall fill the branches with living water.

Rocky land shall be translated into fields bearing immense harvests; trees to be transplanted and yields their precious fruits.

Verse 3

Oh, what a change in Jehovah’s redemption. He’ll change beauty for ashes that all the work that shall be done, shall be done to the praise of Almighty God.

Verse 4

Old cities and hamlets shall be rebuilt and dwelt in.

Verse 5

The Gentiles shall be their shepherds, plowmen, and vinedressers.

Verse 6

The whole earth shall acknowledge Israel as a people, “the priests of the LORD” (Jehovah). This was their God’s desire as found in the dispensation of law.

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak

unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. (Exodus 19:5-7)

But Israel failed, yet when Messiah Jesus reigns, they shall fulfill God's plea.

Verse 7

Double chastisement shall be exchanged for double blessings — for Israel's heart has been redeemed.

Verse 8

God's great new everlasting covenant shall not only be recognized but fulfilled by Israel's faith in Messiah Jesus (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. (Hebrews 13:20)

Verse 9

The Gentiles recognized that Israel's seed are the object of Jehovah's mercy.

Verse 10

Listen to Messiah Jesus. He speaks first of Himself, and then He describes His redeemed people Israel.

Verse 11

What future glory will Israel bring to the rest of the world in praising the Redeemer Jesus forever.

Chapter 62

In the millennium when Christ sits upon the throne of David as David's Son and as a Priest after the order of Melchizedek, peace is guaranteed to Zion, all Jerusalem and the possessions of the twelve tribes.

It is good to remember that not all Gentiles shall be saved (see 65:20) during the Millennium. There will many to reject Christ as Saviour during the whole 1000 year reign of the Messiah.

Verse 1

Jehovah's peace shall be Israel's portion, and the Gospel which brings salvation shall be offered to the Gentiles. Israel, when they look upon Him whom they have pierced and trust Him as Jehovah and Saviour, never departs from their God ever. They are righteous: transgressions are finished, sins have been ended (Daniel 9:24). All Israel has been saved, their sinful nature eradicated, even as the church; both are in the Kingdom during the reign of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

The Gentiles, saved and lost, shall acknowledge thy righteousness, and their kings shall revel in thy glory.

Israel at the beginning of the Kingdom shall be called by another name.

Verse 3

Israel shall be a crown of glory and a royal diadem in the hand of their Elohim (God).

Verse 4

“Forsaken” shall never be mentioned of Israel, nor her land branded as “desolate.” Her many stones are to be removed (verse 10). Israel shall be called Hephzibah (“my delight is in her”) and Beulah (“married”).

Verse 5

The young men shall fall in love with the land and rejoice that they possess her.

Verse 6

Watchmen shall be placed upon the walls for a continued protection. Against whom? Though Satan is in the bottomless pit and cannot tempt anyone, yet jealousy shall have its roots in some Gentiles. Israel shall need protection against sinners who will want to rob Israel of the riches piled high that the world send them, yet the deliverance of Messiah Jesus is complete.

Verse 7

All this works together for Messiah to make Jerusalem a “praise in the earth.”

Verse 8

The raising of the right hand is the swearing sign of the sincere.

When one swears, he swears by one greater than he; therefore, when God swears in this incident, as He cannot swear by none greater, thus He swore by Himself (Heb. 6:13), and what does God vouch for? Israel’s corn will not be food for its enemies, nor the sons of the Gentiles drink thy wine for which Israel labored.

Verse 9

They that gather shall eat it, and praise the Lord for it, and the wine shall be drunk to the glory of God in His temple.

Verse 10

The people shall go out to their inheritance with joy, heaping up the stones they have gathered from their plots.

Verse 11

Jehovah verifies to the entire world the deliverance and salvation of Israel. And Messiah shall bring rewards to the faithful who shall use these gifts for God’s glory.

Verse 12

The world shall call Israel “the holy people,” the “redeemed of Jehovah (LORD),” while Jerusalem shall be called “Sought out, a city not forsaken.”

Chapter 63

Verse 1

By reading Isaiah 16, we have learned that Petra (Sela) shall be the refuge for Israel from Jerusalem as they leave the beloved city because the antichrist has set his throne in the rebuilt Herod’s Temple, which is called the “abomination” of Daniel 9:27,

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of

abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

And then destroys the city and the temple which is called “of desolations.” The Lord Jesus has said “When ye therefore see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso readeth, let him understand) then let them which be in Judaea flee to the mountains” (Matt. 24:15, 16).

Isaiah 16 says the mountains are Petra. Petra is located in Edom, Esau’s inheritance as well as Bozrah. Israel shall flee to the Petra and stay there 3 1/2 years. When those of Jerusalem flee out of the city, God calls upon the Moabites (descendants of Lot and his first daughter) to help these hopeless Jews and protect them on their flight to Petra.

Verse 2

We know that when the Lord Jesus returns to earth, His feet will stand upon the Mount of Olives. And at once He goes to Petra to set His people free. He is described as having His garments dyed red....

Verses 5 - 6

His garments are dyed red in the blood of Israel’s enemies. He then goes on to Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-13) and there the victory over the antichrist and his 200 million soldiers (Rev. 9:13-21).

Verses 7 - 9

Oh how God shed His mercy upon His people, especially as He led them out of Egypt and through the Red Sea. He saved them by the angel of His Presence [the Angel of the Lord] — Jehovah Himself. He delivered them, yet they rebelled against Him. In all their affliction, He was afflicted. He suffered with them. Look at the working of the Holy Spirit before their last rebellion.

Verse 10

They vexed the Holy Spirit and caused much grief.

Verse 11

The Holy Spirit was within them.

Verse 12

Dividing the waters.

Verse 13

Leading them through the deep.

Verse 14

Causing them to rest when tired though the waters lay congealed around them and Pharaoh and army drove closer behind them (see 62:7).

Verse 15

Israel asks a show of God’s mercy again.

Verses 16 - 17

No doubt, Thou art our Heavenly Father. Thou in heaven can and must have mercy upon us while Abraham and Israel (Jacob) our earthly fathers are ignorant of us. Show thy

once used power and restore the tribes to their proper inheritance.

Isaiah is writing as though the Babylonian captivity would be in his day — for when the captivity came, Israel knew that God had warned them.

Oh, God! Honor Thy covenants! And establish the New Covenant for our salvation and deliverance. For Thou art our Saviour and Redeemer.

God did not cause Israel to sin, but He did honor Himself by chastising His earthly people as they needed it.

Verse 18

We, Thy people, only possessed our possessions for a little while.

Verse 19

Our God never ruled over the Gentiles. There is not a promise spoken nor a covenant made (Eph. 2:12) with the goyim (Gentile), only as they came in contact with Israel.

Chapter 64

The prophet speaks of judgment which shall come upon Israel as an already accomplished fact.

Verse 1

O God, roll the sky as a scroll — come to us with forgiveness and show Thy omnipotent power over the elements of the earth. You have done so in the past. Why not now?

Verse 2

Send holy fire, hot enough to boil the waters around us.

Verse 3

We never saw or thought of such divine vindictiveness until Thou didst show Thy mighty arm.

Verse 4

What a promise under the dispensation of Law! God is unlimited in His greatness toward them that trust Him.

Why didn't Israel act upon this promise and trust God to bring it to pass? One reason, they knew not their God. He was far from them, but ready to answer in a moment's time.

Today, this verse is activated in this marvelous dispensation of Grace. Well, what is in store for the child of God? Turn to 1 Corinthians 2:9 and 10. Verse 9 states the same verse of Isaiah 64:4, but the 10th verse states the fulfillment of the promise: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God."

The spirit of man is the seat of man's wisdom. The Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) is the Seat, the Container and Revealer of God's wisdom. The spirit of man reveals the knowledge of man, where the Holy Spirit reveals the things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:11-13).

Verse 5

Israel desires to be what God intended them to be, but they fell into sin because they

wanted to do what they wanted to do, and make up their own spirituality “having the form of Godliness but denying the power, thereof” (2 Timothy 3:5).

Verse 6

As Daniel many years later admitted and confessed the sin of His people, yet he included himself as sinning with Israel.

And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; (Daniel 9:20)

Isaiah, he too, included himself in the admission of sins committed by Israel.

The best that they were and the righteousness they practiced is compared to the filthiest of all rags.

Verse 7

To seek God and find Him is certainly not of the flesh. It is wholly of the Holy Spirit. Man leaves out God in his worship. Then what does he worship? Himself, of course.

Verse 9

O Jehovah, you are the Father of Israel and the potter of Israel’s clay. What went wrong? Israel, the vessel, became marred in the potter’s hand (Jeremiah 18:3, 4). But Israel doesn’t want to be made supple for forming again.

It is beautiful to see a potter mold a vessel to his liking, but you ought to see the lump of clay before it is fit to be put on the wheel. The first thing the potter seeks for are bits of stone, etc. These are removed, then the pounding takes place. With fist and arm he drives through the clay, then when supple enough and pliable enough, with all resistance knocked out, it becomes ready for the wheel — to be shaped into the vessel like the potter chooses.

If it takes “a working over” of the clay the second time, the potter will do so. No resistance by the clay is possible. But Israel did not care for this kind of treatment. Just look at all the ways God has chastised Israel, yet she is adamant in doing what she wants. When Israel comes to that place of yieldedness of “thou will be done,” victory will be hers.

Verse 10

How prophetic these words are. Cities become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, and Jerusalem has been destroyed.

Verse 11

Prophetically, Isaiah sees Solomon’s temple burned with fire.

Verse 12

Isaiah asked Jehovah can these judgments be postponed? The answer is “no.”

For these words of Isaiah were fulfilled over 100 years later.

Chapter 65

Here among Israel will be a “special number” of believers who shall receive the blessings of God’s grace. These are called the “remnant,” whom God shall shape into being a people and a witness for his name, through their unswerving faith.

Verse 1

What a contrast between Israel and the righteous goyim. Israel ceases to follow Me yet here is a peculiar people, believers in Jehovah. You can rest assured that I allow to them the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, yet to those who never asked Me and allowed them who never sought Me to find me — I even let them know my name, the great “I AM.”

Verse 2

As far as My people, Israel, are concerned, I have spread out My hands of hope to this rebellious people, but there has been no response for good. They still walk according to the way they think is best, who continue to provoke Me to My face. They make offerings to false gods in secret cults among the graves and in their rites they eat swine flesh and drink unclean broths from their brewers — who have the nerve to say “leave me alone.” “I am holier than thou.” These words are burning smoke in my nostrils all the day long.

Verse 6

“But I shall repay them for this sin of slighting Me,” it is written as such.

Verse 7

“I will avenge Myself for their iniquities and their father. I have not forgotten.” I will measure their former acts on the mountains and on the hills.

Verses 8 - 10

“But there is my grace for them who set themselves apart unto Me. I shall remember them with joy — provisions for this new order of Israel shall be pasture lands reservations in Sharon.”

Verse 11

The Valley of Achor was the place many years ago where, after the defeat of Israel at Ai, God processed Israel to find the guilty one who caused Israel such defeat and shame. All Israel was brought to Joshua. He brought the family of Judah and took the family of the Zarhites. He brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: he brought his household man by man; and Achan was pointed out.

It was the thievery of Achan; the taking of a Babylonian mantle was taken along with the loot of 200 shekels of silver and a bar of gold. So Achan, with the spoil of war, with his sons and daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tents, and all that belonged to him were brought to Joshua, and there they were stoned and burned with fire in the valley of Achor (trouble) (Joshua 7:16-26). But Messiah Jesus shall cause no trouble, but this time He shall bring to the herds a resting place in Achor. These blessings are for those people of God who seek him in the Millennium.

Verse 11-12

“But for those who forsake Jehovah, who forget Jerusalem, I shall offer you to the sword. I called but you did not want to hear, and chose the wrong way I hated.”

Verse 13

“Listen,” says Adonai Jehovah (Lord GOD).

My servants shall eat — but you shall famish.

My servants shall drink — but you shall thirst.

Verse 14

My servants shall rejoice, but you shall cry, will wail with a heavy heart, a broken spirit.

Verse 15

Your name you shall leave in death, and my servants shall be called by another name.

Verse 16

What a change shall occur in the Millennium under Messiah Jesus. Blessings shall be in abundance, for the past is forgotten.

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

(Jeremiah 31:34)

Verses 17 - 19

The heavens and earth shall become new. Jerusalem shall again become the city of joy. God shall rejoice in his people. No more the hearing of the cries of despair.

Verse 20

The Gentiles will be given 100 years to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. When they reach 100 years and have not taken Christ as Saviour; they die. (This shows how Satan raises up a great army among the Gentiles, trying to capture the beloved City. The number under the loosed Devil is very great: they are 99 years old and younger of dissatisfied unbelievers.)

Verse 21

Israel and the believing Gentiles shall build houses and live in them. They shall plant vineyards and eat of the fruit.

Verse 22

They shall live in the houses they build, and eat of their own planting. They are people for the blessings of God, and not for the curse.

Verse 24

Remember, I called and no one answered? Well, before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear. What a report with the Almighty God (El Shaddai).

Verse 25

This verse is similar to verse 8. The curse shall be taken off the wild animals, and they shall not eat flesh anymore.

The curse is taken off the "snakes" verse 8.

Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all. (Isa.65:8)

However 65:25 says:

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock:

and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Thus the "curse" of Genesis 3:14 is never removed

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

And what or who is the Serpent? Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

This verse clearly states that the serpent is the devil, Satan. The curse is never removed from him. During the Millennium, Satan, the serpent is cast into the bottomless pit (the abyss) where the souls and spirits of sinners, his children, are.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. (Revelation 20:2)

After the 1000 year reign of the Lord Jesus, Satan the Serpent shall be loosed for a season (awhile), and shall deceive a large multitude of live Gentiles to follow him to take Jerusalem.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. (Revelation 20:9)

Then Satan, the Serpent, shall be cast into the lake of fire where his son (antichrist) and the false prophet are, who have been suffering the pangs of hellfire for one thousand years. Thus the devil - the serpent, the antichrist, and the false prophet with all damned sinners shall suffer forever in the lake of fire.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)

Chapter 66

This 66th chapter of Isaiah gives the last appeal by Jehovah (the LORD) to His covenant people of Israel, and their refusal on the part of the majority. It ends with the judgment of God at the great white throne (Revelation 20:11-15) and the casting of unsaved Israel into the lake of fire.

Between the call to Israel and the casting into hell of those Israelites who refuse God's last invitation, God reveals the fact of the preaching of the Gospel of the Messiah to the Gentiles in the Millennium and the results of this act.

Verses 1 - 2

It is true that the Lord Jesus shall build the temple of Jehovah during the first part of the Kingdom of Heaven (the Millennium).

And speak unto him, saying Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the

temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. (Zechariah 6:12, 13)

But here at this time, this prophecy covers the time after Nebuchadnezzar destroys Solomon's temple, for the temple of Solomon was standing at the time of Isaiah's prophecy. It covers also the time described in Hosea 3:4, 5.

For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king: and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Why let the temple remains be open to the elements of the air and rain. Why haven't you sought to build a building where Jehovah may rest among His people?

And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. (Ezekiel 43:7)

All the quarries with the precious stones are the product of my hands, yet my people have not chosen to build my house to dwell among my people.

I seek the one who will humble himself before me and who trembles at my word.

Verse 3

But your sacrifices (at time of Isaiah) have turned to this appreciation of God:

He who sacrifices an ox will be as though he has slain a man.

He who sacrifices a lamb as though he breaks a dog's neck.

He who offers the meal offering is like one who offers swine's blood.

He who burns incense is like one who blesses an idol.

They, my people, have chosen their own way.

Verse 4

I have nothing left to do but choose their punishment.

Verse 5

I called, but none answered. I spoke, but none wanted to hear. They delighted to do evil in my sight.

Hear and tremble at my word. Your brethren have given you up, and did so to bring glory to My name.

Verse 6

Of all things, a voice is heard from the temple — it is the voice of Jehovah!

Verse 7

What a peculiar experience Israel is facing. She is delivered a man-child without pain and travail.

Verse 8

The rest of her children shall come forth to become a glorified, saved nation — when?

When she does travail she brings forth children. Here is the prophecy that the nation can be born at once.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. (Romans 11:26, 27)

Verse 9

Well, I bring the righteous seed to the birth and not let her bring forth her children.

Verse 10

Rejoice in the prospect that the nation of Israel shall be saved although there remains only the remnant.

Verse 11

Jerusalem has attractive prospects to those who love her. She sits as a woman who has been recently delivered of the children of her womb, whose breasts are full of the milk of prosperity, and her children are welcome to lie upon her bosom and nurse at her breast until her milk fills their mouth with her milk.

Verse 12

What tranquility her children can enjoy — like peace like a river, and the riches of the Gentiles shall be her extended blessings.

Verse 13

Jehovah will comfort believing Israel as a mother guards the children of her womb.

Verse 14

Blessings are for Israel and Her indignation is extended toward her enemies.

Verse 15

The Messiah Jesus returns with fires of judgment to His enemies.

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power: When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. (2 Thess. 1:4-10)

Verse 16

The sword (death) shall accompany His fire.

Verse 17

The lost: Israel and the Gentile, shall be burned with the fire and troubled by the sword, as they have worship their manmade gods, and in that rite of eating swine flesh and the rats shall be consumed together.

Verse 18

And as far as the believing Goyim (Gentile nations), they escape the sword and fire of God's wrath, and rewarded in being able to see the Glory of the LORD (Jehovah).

Verse 19

Those who, by their faith, are delivered from the death of Jehovah, shall be sent to the nations of Tarshish, Pul, Lud, Meshech, Rosh (remnant of Russia), Tubal, and Javan, and the distant nations who have not heard of My fame, nor seen my glory. And as newborn believers, they shall declare My glory among the nations.

Verse 20

Then the nations, believing Goyim, shall bring Israel's scattered remnant as a meal (grain) offering unto Jehovah (see Leviticus 2:1). They shall be returned from all nations to which they were scattered, in chariots, in litters, upon mules, upon swift beast to My holy mountain Jerusalem, even as the children of Israel bring their grain offering in clean vessels unto the house of the LORD (Jehovah).

Verse 21

Israel shall become a very small people during the Great Tribulation by the antichrist: 2/3 of Israel will be slain in the Promised Land

And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. (Zechariah 13:8, 9)

And 9/10 of Israel will be slain in the world.

And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof. (Isaiah 6:12, 13)

Even the Levites who worked with care to keep the temple clean and respectable, and the Cohens (priests after the order of Aaron) who were the priests, suffered loss of such numbers that God takes of the Gentile believers men to fill the office of the Levites and Cohens (priests).

Verse 22

The new heaven and earth are cleaned for the Millennium as they remain so shall the seed of Israel remain.

Verse 23

Here as in Zechariah 14:17-21

And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the

horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

shall the Gentiles come to worship the LORD on the Feast Day of Tabernacles.

Verse 24

Those that are saved shall be able to view the remains of the wicked dead during the Millennium.