

As the Leaf Falleth Off

Isaiah 34:1 – 35:10

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~ If you have been following our Spiritual Safari in our last several reports from Isaiah, you'll know we have seen the judgments of the eleven nations that were contiguous to Israel. We have also seen the judgment on the ten northern tribes, and we have examined Isaiah's warning to the southern kingdom of Judah concerning their inevitable captivity; as Babylon would soon come upon them and take them captive. I have also warned all would-be readers not to read these reports; and I make that caution *again* now: stop reading and click away. You will be in the most prejudiced group of a seemingly hopeless minority if you agree with one single word I say in this report, friends. I promise you that.

The very small and seemingly insignificant strip of real estate known as modern-day Israel is the most sensitive area in the world. One thing we know conclusively from Scripture is that the land and the people go together. When they obeyed God, He blessed them in the land; and when they disobeyed God, He drove them out of the land. What we are witnessing with Jews returning to that land today is not a national turning in obedience to the True and Living God – the Lord Jesus Christ. Frankly, they even reject the Lord God Almighty in Heaven of the Old Testament, Who sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb that taketh away the sins of the world in the New Testament. They still worship science and education; even after realizing that science and education will not – cannot – solve the problems of mankind today.

Of course, many Old Testament prophecies have been literally fulfilled; as we have seen up close in the first thirty-three chapters thus far in Isaiah — but that which has *not* been literally fulfilled remains eschatological. I do not believe we are seeing *any* fulfillment of prophecy at this present hour whatsoever. In fact, I know we aren't. The stage is being set for the Great Tribulation, but the wheels of prophecy are at a complete standstill presently according to Scripture. I know the emotional sensationalist constantly calls attention to a single-verse of prophecy here, or cuts and

pasters an entire disconnected passage there, when forging her own dreamed up personal religious philosophy – and it always involves being in the Great Tribulation period; however, when you consider the entire Bible, as our safari does, then it is impossible to do that. That is not the responsible way one studies the Word of God, either. So, if you have ignored my warning, and are still reading this report, then make sure you read *super* carefully, because this is one area of the Bible where context is critical. If you miss any of this, you miss the prophetic connection to Revelation....

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1 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

~ In prophecy, wrath on this world begins when the first seal is opened in Revelation chapter six; and it is the Lamb of God — the Lord Jesus Christ — opening those seals. The church — the body of Christ — is not appointed to wrath. The church is not Israel; and the Great Tribulation is a completion of the seventy weeks prophecy given to Daniel in Daniel chapter nine — which involves Israel — not the church. God set Israel aside in the book of Acts, and picked up the church as His witnesses in the world. When the age of

grace is over, God will remove the church and restore Israel to begin the final seven years of His dealings with them.

Further, a basic study into the identity of the twenty-four Elders in Revelation, chapters four and five, will reveal that the elders are wearing white raiment; which is the robe of righteousness we receive for being in Christ. The elders are wearing crowns, too. Only one group of people in the entire Word of God is promised crowns, and that is the church. Also, Revelation chapter four specifically states that the elders are sitting on *seats*. In Ephesians chapter two, Paul says we have been raised to *SIT* together with Christ in Heavenly places. Finally, they praise the Lord Jesus for redeeming them with His blood – all of which only fits the church; as angels are not redeemed. The twenty-four elders in Revelation absolutely and unmistakably represent the church. They are seen in Heaven with Christ before the first seal is opened, beginning the Great Tribulation period. In other words: *RAPTURED* before the Tribulation Period begins.

Paul said, "... much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" – Romans chapter five verse nine. The Great Tribulation period is specifically called that "*great day of wrath*" by all of the prophets. That's in Revelation chapter six verse seventeen. The serious student of Scripture will embrace no other theory of eschatology aside from the Futurist Theory; as none of the other three theories - Preterist, Historical or Historical-Spiritual - can even be remotely sustained in the entirety of Scripture. May God bring us all wisdom, judgment and discernment in His Word forevermore. Let's keep looking for the glorious appearing of our Blessed Hope - our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, friends - as the Word of God tells us to; we'll find that much more edifying in our lives than all the end time and Antichrist stuff. You won't sell any books to the world doing it this way, but you might actually win a few souls for Christ...

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

~ After the church is removed from the earth in the rapture, the world's remaining inhabitants will go through unspeakable trouble. Well, God is going to have us witness said judgment - and it is frightful. It's the War of Armageddon. This chapter of the Bible is an utter contradiction to the core philosophies of *all* modern cultures, and to every contemporary society. Mankind, on one hand, is looking to a future where he has so improved himself by his own efforts, that he believes he will attain utopia. The church, on the other hand, teaches that they will somehow have some part in bringing in the Millennial Kingdom. They easily lose sight of being the body of Christ.

Atheists don't even understand that evolution, for example, is not a science by any means – it is merely a philosophy. There is way too much subjective opinion in the scientific community relevant to what may or may not have happened here on earth millions of years ago to credibly categorize evolution as scientific research. Either way, the notion that there is going to be improvement as we progress forward in time just doesn't happen to be the case. If evolution produced the first perfect Jesus, why hasn't sinless man been replicated? See, my friends who aren't supposed to be reading this report, we have to actually think these things through to their final conclusion – as Isaiah did.

Onward and upward, day by day forever obtaining more greatness — is an absolute misnomer; a disappointing deception that the natural man has woven into the fabric of his life. Certainly, man has made many wonderful advances. Some offer luxurious gadgetry and self-created environments that cannot be much better. Man might even perfect flying a magic carpet and teleporting before long; GPS equipped, totally driverless, of course – who knows? - but man is not on his way to some great future of good things. The kingdom that comes through Christ's power and glory will be a poured-out blessing upon a scorched earth *IN THAT DAY*; but the consummated end-game of man's self-righteous pride is unmitigated

destruction. Every thought and deed done apart from God is going to come under a horrible and frightful judgment....

8 For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

~ Every breath man takes today is contrary to and in contempt of the True and Living God – the Lord Jesus Christ. That simply must – and will – come into a final conflict. The Book of Revelation calls this time period the War of Armageddon. The sin of man will finally be lifted up by the man of sin who will attempt to usher in a kingdom by himself; and that kingdom will be the Great Tribulation kingdom! Its rebellion can only be crushed by the coming of Christ with a rod of iron – a sword – and dashing the enemy like a potter's vessel. That day is coming, friends – but is not yet. Notice the words and phrases chosen to describe this judgment: indignation, fury, utterly destroyed, and delivered to the slaughter. Those are the strongest possible terms that could have been used! The judgment is beyond worldwide – it's universal – and it is severe. I know things seem bad in the world today, but we *"ain't seen nothing yet."*

This is the time spoken of as *"Jacob's trouble"* – and the time of the earth's travail. The Great Tribulation period will bring unparalleled suffering; more unbearable than anything ever seen in the history of the world. The seals, the trumpets, and the vials in Revelation all intensify as they progress; and each confirms that this earth is moving very definitely, very deliberately, and wholly unstoppably towards the judgment of God! Make no mistake: world-wide judgment is coming – according to the prophet Isaiah. The descriptions we see here are going to become repulsive; and we're going to soon talk in detail about some of the vilest events recorded in the entire Word of God. So, let me warn you again here: don't read the Spiritual Safari ever again. I don't recommend this Bible teaching. I'm sure many people doubt that judgment is coming upon this earth – God says, *"judgment is coming to this earth...."*

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

~ So, all the kings horses, and all the kings men, couldn't put it all back together again. This section of Isaiah is no joke, my beloved. When you see that leaf fall off of the tree – that's it; you could no more reattach the leaf than you could stop rain from falling. Even if you could reattach the leaf, it wouldn't do a bit of good – it's not going to live and grow. That's the judgment coming to our lives. God said the sword of judgment shall come upon us. The Rock of Christ will fall upon us if we haven't fallen on Him! You can't keep it from happening, and you can't do a thing about it – except accept Christ, whereby we can have eternal life. Let's learn to listen to God in His Word today. The Word of God is inviolate. Jesus said, *"this world shall not pass away until all has been fulfilled...."*

13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

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1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

~ We can all thank God the War of Armageddon in Isaiah's previous chapter won't be the end all of all things! This chapter is a poetic gem. The highest sense of poetic justice portrays all of the future coming Kingdom blessings. We can also all thank God that this chapter concludes the judgment section of Isaiah's prophecy. The fires of judgment have all burned out, and all that remains are pure substances. The sword of justice has been placed back in its sheath. The trouble is over and delightful times will now come. Peace, plenty, provision, and prosperity will take the believer from suffering to peace *IN THAT DAY* – from night to the light of dawn – from judgment to salvation – from tears of pain to a genuine joy of

the Lord. The calm of this chapter is unmistakable from the storms of the previous judgments and woes. The curse of sin on the earth is lifted; all things are restored to the state they were before Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord....

6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away ~

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