

He Bringeth It Even to the Dust

Isaiah 24:16 – 26:18

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~ Our Spiritual Safari returns to harsh and extreme judgment in the prophecy of Isaiah; and, if you have your Bible opened, have prayed for wisdom, judgment and discernment, and have pre-read this section of Scripture, then this report will mean much more to you. We are moving into an area of Scripture that is utterly terrifying. I wish I could pass along to you exactly how hesitant and anxious I was when I was writing these next several reports. Our safari keeps the sensational to a minimum; however, there are some places in Holy Writ that are altogether uber-sensational – and here we are. Just to be perfectly honest with you – because I always am honest with you dear readers – an extremely, exceedingly small handful of people in this world today have ever read or properly understand this portion of the prophecy of Isaiah.

Chapter twenty-four brings us the culmination of the previous earthly judgments of the eleven nations that surrounded Israel into that which the Lord Jesus Christ Himself labeled the Great Tribulation period. That is a period of time when the full constraint of judgment from God breaks forth upon the earth in fury and torment. In our last report, we realized the present condition of the world almost seems to fit verse one of chapter twenty-four. Well, even in the midst of all of that, we're also told that, during the Great Tribulation period, the children of God are going to have song and joy, and ultra-exuberance for the Word of God — and the Lord Jesus in their hearts will not be containable. They will be able to glorify the Great and Almighty God of Israel while, if you'll pardon the expression, all hell breaks loose on the face of this earth and on the isles of the sea. They will glorify the Lord in the fires, my beloved!

Thank God we can discern that we are not in the Great Tribulation period today by recognizing that, although things are currently very bad, they aren't as bad as other times in history – such as the Nazi era, or even Viet Nam. Things certainly seem catastrophic today; and some problems of mankind have no solution, to be sure. However, if you think things are bad

right now – my friends – you ain't seen *NOTHING* yet. Even so, through it all, God tells us that the remnant of those tribulation saints who do remain on earth during that time will be sealed, preserved, and protected from the treacherous and unspeakable condemnation on the world throughout its duration; and that's where our last report left off. If you haven't read our last report – and I would actually recommend the preceding six reports – then I highly suggest you go back and read them now, because we are, in this chapter of Isaiah, obviously, in the middle of the Great Tribulation period....

XXIV

16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My misery, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

~ One of the main characterizations of the Great Tribulation period is going to be deception. There will be no end to the fear of being deceived by disinformation, and defrauded with misinformation. The snare in verse seventeen means deception. The first thing Jesus said in the Olivet Discourse is, *"take heed that no man deceive you."* In the immediate post-World War Two era, Harry S. Truman and Winston Churchill coined the slogan, *"Freedom from Fear!"* Some politicians are still trying to deceive us into believing that is possible today. World leaders make great promises of peace; it's too bad that *EVERY ONE OF THEM* are common liars. Well, the marching, protesting and dissatisfaction with life today will be increased and accelerate to the point of intolerability. We talk so much about tolerance today; but there is coming a day when *NO ONE* will tolerate *ANYTHING* – and political anarchy and societal chaos will ensue. We have a very real atomic bomb hanging over our heads and certain men are itching to employ it.

The world seems to think we are somehow coming into a time of great peace; but the stage is rapidly being set for the Great Tribulation play to commence. They are being deceived – and all according to the Bible. They are heavily deceived about life by the organized scientific community — in every imaginable way — from evolution to abortion. They are utterly deceived about education by the ultra-wealthy, who sell sheer ignorance at university for shamefully-inflated costs. Most people never even think about eternity; because they cannot see past the immediate. Eternity is a vague, abstract concept to them. Satan is a deceiver, friends; and we have already seen in Isaiah chapter fourteen verse sixteen – in irrefutable and unmistakable terms – that the devil is a man. Myriad multitudes are profoundly deceived by religious rackets. It is absolutely mind-numbing to consider the general Christian population and their collective ignorance of all things Scriptural. We simply don't understand the true frightful ramifications of a nuclear war – because we've never had one. I know we have dropped a couple of atom bombs — but that was many decades ago; and it wasn't nations bombing nations with nuclear warheads. It was more of a two-round drive-by shooting that the United States perpetrated.

Fear of the pit means fear of death in verse seventeen. I find it nearly pointless talking to atheists because they are constantly – incessantly – talking about the torment of God, and that is the main reason they hate Him. They don't even have an inkling of a clue they are confirming what the Bible says is going to happen to them. When we get to Revelation, we'll see a quarter of the earth's population wiped out; and then a third of the remaining people will be exterminated. Today, we talk about a population explosion but, my beloved, there is coming an explosion that wipes away more than half of the population! Jesus said, *“except those days be shortened no flesh would be able to survive.”* Christ has been made over to us wisdom today. He is the Blessed Hope – and the *ONLY* Hope – of this world as I type this report and as you read it. That hope will only be available for a limited time to come. Once the world is completely sold on lies and deception, Satan is going to laugh and say, *“SUCKERS!”* as he flips the world the middle-finger....

18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit

shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

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Revelation 20: 4 and I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years ~

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23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

XXV

1 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

~ So, the next event on God's prophetic calendar is the rapture of the church. The wheels of prophecy are at a complete standstill today; and will remain so until the rapture occurs. After that, the church, in Heaven, becomes the bride of Christ, the Great Tribulation period ensues and then – after that – we, the church, return with the Lord Jesus to rule and reign on earth with Him in the Millennial Kingdom Age. That, my friends, just happens to be what the Old Testament is all about – the Kingdom Age! The King is coming, and the earth will be His Kingdom.

Satan, who is the god of this world today, and the prince of power of the air, will be gone. This is not the Kingdom today. No, today, Christ says privately and personally to us, ***“come unto Me all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”*** That's the invitation that we, as children of God,

are to send out to lost individuals in this sick and dying world today. It's an exercise in free will. The choice is ours. If we choose not to decide, we still make a choice, because Christ saith, *"you are either for Me or you are against Me."* Period – full stop....

7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said IN THAT DAY, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

XXVI

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10 Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

12 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

13 O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14 They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

~ So, our Spiritual Safari expedition through the entire Word of God ends this report with more prospects in the Millennial Kingdom. Israel will have a song in their hearts *IN THAT DAY* that is wholly absent and void today. This chapter brings us great introspection as our soul desires Christ in the night. I wonder how many so-called Christians truly recognize their great need for the Lord Jesus. We saw the bride in the Song of Solomon as she realized she couldn't rise to the heights of the glory of King Solomon. She said, "*draw me and we will run after Thee.*" Friends, if Christ doesn't draw us, then we aren't going anywhere with Him.

Do you have a genuine passion for God today? Is Christ drawing you? There's a lot of lip-service in the church. We're plagued by pseudo-spirituality from proud pygmies quoting Christian clichés and preposterous platitudes. I grow weary of seeing and hearing from them. They give me a literal headache. They say they love the Lord, and they want to serve Him, and then they turn right around and do absolutely nothing for the cause of Christ. They sure won't study the Bible properly, correctly and completely.

I'll make a confession to you dear readers: I find myself running *AWAY* from God more than I find myself running to Him. Jesus tells me to love Him with all my heart, mind, and soul – and I want to – but I have discovered that I could love Him more. I could be more obedient. I could be closer to His will for my life. I could be more dedicated – if *I ONLY KNEW HOW*. That's what's real. That's what's honest. The suffering of this reality is the only thing that will ever bring forth anything worthwhile in your life, friends; you can just write that down. Most people's sufferings mean absolutely nothing. I don't see people crying out for Christ that way today. I am – I assure you – I am....

15 Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen ~

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