

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text; Isaiah 21:1-17

Before we look at Isaiah 21, be mindful of the just how many times there are **“Recognizable Elements”** to End Time events recorded in Isaiah 21.

This is both a forthcoming prophecy but ultimately - - **an End Times prophecy typifying the destruction of future Babylon and the Man of Sin**, the great enemy of the Tribulation Saints (not the church) is foretold in the book of Revelation. Many expressions are borrowed from the prophecies of this chapter, which **therefore must be consulted and organized by those who would understand the prophecy.**

These “Destructions” will ultimately culminate in the coming destructions brought about by he who is known in scripture as “The Man of Sin, the great enemy of the Tribulation Believers, which is foretold in the Book of Revelation.

If you recall, we had the first introduction of the Babylonian Empire back in chapter 13, here in chapter 21 we have additional prophecies coming upon Babylon, here called "the desert of the sea,"

Remember, The Bible teaches us that “Babylon” is not only a **Geographical** location, but it is a **Spiritual** System as well as a Coming, Future **Economic** Player in the End Times that usher in the End of the World.

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1.) Seeing justice for a nations sin vv. 1-2

The burden against **the Wilderness of the Sea.** (babylon) As whirlwinds in the South pass through, So it comes from the desert, from **a terrible land.** **2** A distressing vision is declared to me; The treacherous dealer (Persia) deals treacherously, And the

plunderer (Medes) plunders. **Go up, O Elam!** (Persian Empire, or Iran today) **Besiege, O Media** (Median Empire)! All its sighing (the Jews while in Babylonian Captivity) I have made to cease.

I (The LORD) will make an end to all the groaning that Babylon caused. I will punish Babylon with Foreign Invaders, but in so doing – I will deliver My people out of it. (in this case, through it)

It is interesting to note, that whenever God judges a nation, He will always incorporate that cultures greatest fears. Example: they can be financial fears, they could be Health related fears like massive illness or plagues, they can be drought related, - - but almost always, the final judgment is brought about by the invasion of its most feared foreign enemy.

Psalm 12:5

“For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,” says the LORD; “I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.

This is a great lesson and a window into the 21st Century.

God is going to deliver Israel once and for all from its invading enemies. In the short-term he will protect them against the Islamic, Russian-led Coalition that we see in the book of Ezekiel chapter 37-38.

At some time after that we know that the antichrist,

the man of sin, will arise to deceive the world by what the book of Daniel says is through the promise of peace and prosperity. “He’s going to promise to ‘make Israel, the World, America great again”

But the Bible makes it very clear that for 3 ½ years,

this super politician who has made these mega-promises to the world, his world we’ll begin to fall apart as God’s judgment begins to be manifested for the deliverance of Israel.

The Coming Anti-Christ

Daniel 7:20-27

I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell—the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. 21 As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom. :23 “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from

all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. 24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. 25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time. :26 “ ‘But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. 27 Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.’

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2.) Seeing the wrath of God to come vv. 3-5

Verse 3-5

3 Therefore my (Isaiah) loins are filled with pain (sorrow for the enemy); Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor. I was distressed when I heard it; I was dismayed when I saw it. **4** My heart wavered, fearfulness frightened me; The night for which I longed, He turned into fear for me. **5** Prepare the table, **Set a watchman** in the tower, **Eat and drink**. Arise, you princes, Anoint the shield... Prepare the table, Set a watchman in the tower, Eat and drink. Arise, you princes, Anoint the shield... (all of this speaks of confusion among the Babylonians and them not being prepared for attack **and it speaks of Isaiah calling Israel, Judah to set Watchmen in Place now !!!**)

Since the birth of the Unites States and up until

WWII we had done a pretty good job of fending off enemies - - but one thank that the US has been repeatedly weak in detecting is a surprise attack. (Pearl Harbor and 9/11 and the Next Attack – it will surprise our leaders)

Some 200+ after this prophecy later - - (AMAZING)

This will become a literal fulfillment of the Prophecy against Bel'shazzar of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's grandson as is recorded in History and in Daniel; BTW for decades Babylon had been warned –

Yet Judgment came “Suddenly, like Lightning” upon them.

Daniel 5:6

Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

Suddenly, like Lightning”

Luke 17:26-30

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: **27** They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day

that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. **28** Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **29** but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. **30** Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

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3.) Seeing and saying what he sees vv. 6-9

Verse 6-9

6 For thus has the Lord said to me (Isaiah): “Go, set a watchman, Let him declare what he sees.” (make Judah, Israel to be on-guard) **7** And he (back to the bozo’s of Babylon) saw a chariot with a pair of horsemen, A (1) chariot of donkeys, (Persians) and a chariot of camels, (Medes) And he listened earnestly with great care. **8** Then he cried, “A lion, my Lord! I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime; I have sat at my post every night. **9** And look, here comes a chariot of men with a pair of horsemen!” Then he answered and said, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground.”

There is a Lesson for us here in these verses;

#1 – it’s much easier to stand now and defend what is right, good and valuable to you then and #2, it is to try to get it back after you've lost it. don't let the precious things slip thru your hands, care, maintenance.

In Your Personal Christian Experience with God:

In Your Family Life:

In Your Friendships:

In Your Marriage:

In Your Church:

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4.) Seeing discipline for what it is vv. 10

10 O my people (says Isaiah) , threshed and winnowed, I have told you everything the LORD of Heaven’s Armies has said, everything the God of Israel has told me. – God’s messengers

O my people (says Isaiah) , threshed and winnowed,

This is the work of God. God uses others to deal with His

people. They were “**threshed**” crushed, pressed, squeezed to the point of breaking – but not broken. They were “**winnowed**” put to the wind for blowing away the chaff.

Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; **12** For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

Revelation 3:19-20

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

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5.) Seeing the signs of the time vv. 11-12

:**11** The burden (oracle, prophecy) against **Dumah**. (Edom, Jordan) He calls to me out of **Seir**, “Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?” **12** The watchman said, “The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire; Return! Come back!”

Someone or other called out of Seir, somebody that

was more concerned for the public safety and welfare than the rest, who, the public, were generally careless and secure. Just like the unknown man of Macedonia, in a vision, desired Paul to come over and help them with the souls of men.

“Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?”

Jack 1:11-12:

The future prophecy that tells us what the Kingdom of Jordan will be witnessing when they hear: “It’s really dark, What in the world is happening watchmen? It’s really dark, What’s going on watchmen? – **12** The watchman said, It’s late enough in the morning and there ought to be light outside but it’s still dark. If you really want to know what’s happening, keep your eyes open. Go back inside and ask me later when I know what’s happening myself.”

The Hour is Now, when the LORD is desiring to wake up His church.

Some people are not interested in being awakened.

Some people cannot be bothered with deeper “God-stuff”.

Some people are comfortable in the dark.
There are Some people however – that are asking...
“Watchman, what of the night?”

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6.) Seeing God speak through His word vv. 13-17

:13 The burden against **Arabia**. In the forest in **Arabia** you will lodge, O you traveling companies of Dedanites. (Dedan, the descendants of Abraham & Keturah) 14 O inhabitants of the land of **Tema**, Bring water to him who is thirsty; With their bread they met him who fled. 15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, From the bent bow, and from the distress of war. :16 For thus the LORD has said to me: “Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the glory of **Kedar** will fail; (Tema and Kedar are the descendants of Abraham & Hagar - descended from Ishmael) 17 and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of **Kedar**, will be diminished; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken it.”

!!! Holy Spirit !!!
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