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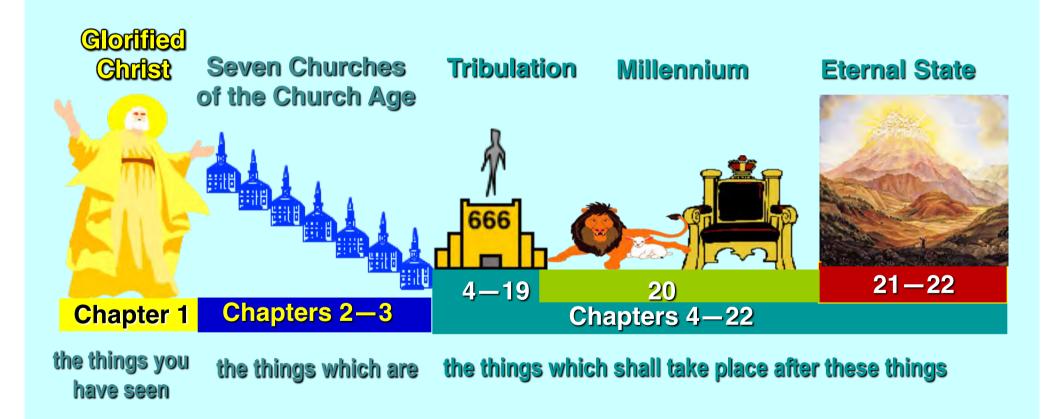
Worldwide
Judgment &
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Depicts the Great
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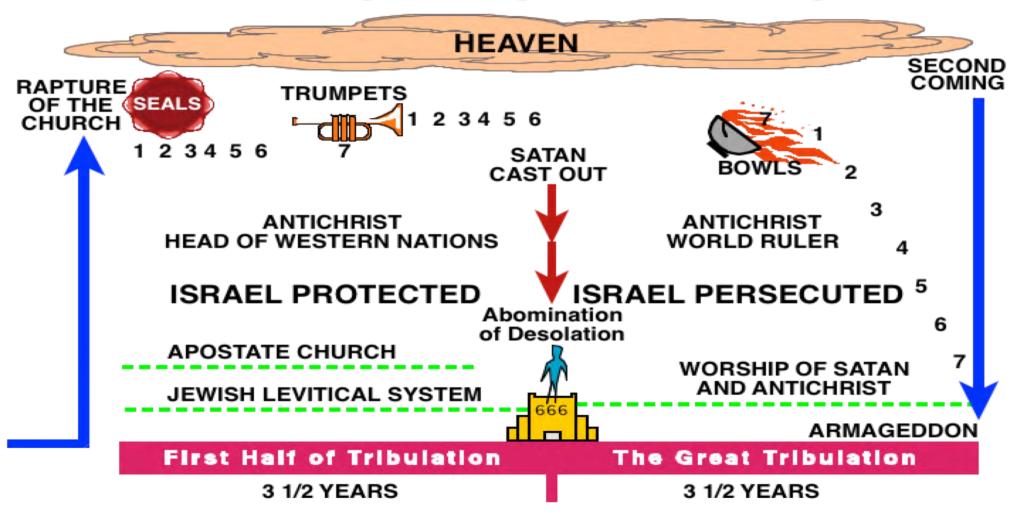
OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

"Write therefore the things which you have seen, the things which are, the things which shall take place after these things."

Revelation 1:19



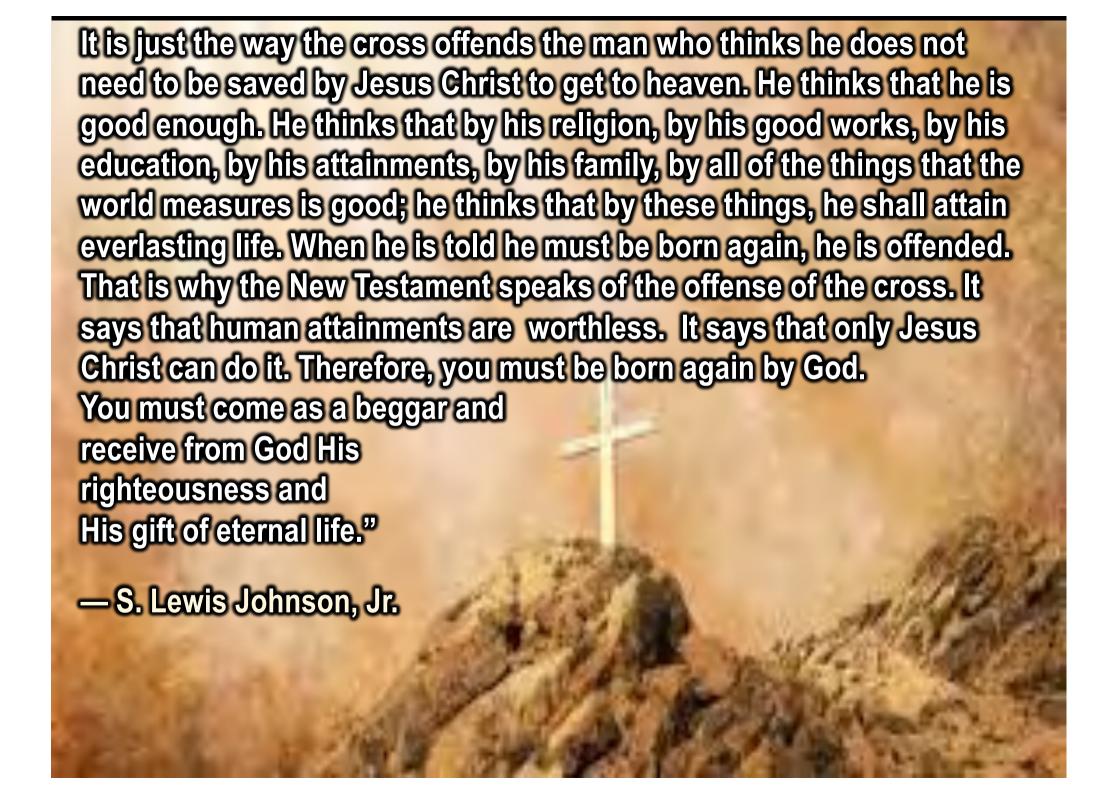
TRIBULATION EVENTS





Why Christ's Return to Reign is So Hated

"Political and religious liberals will not believe this in spite of the testimony of the word of God and human experience. The political liberal hates the truth of the second coming and the overthrow of the kingdoms of this world because it proclaims his incapacity to set the world in order. If you listen to the political leaders of our day, you will notice that all of them talk about plans for world peace, all seek, by their political expediencies and plans, to set the world in order. They think, and they have thought for centuries that they can do this. The religious liberal hates the second coming because it says that all his social, ecumenical and ecclesiastical plans are useless. They do not like to be told that the second coming of Jesus Christ is the only way for the world to attain peace and consequently, they do not like the biblical solution...



Isaiah's Little Apocalypse (Isaiah 24-27)

Isaiah 24–27 is called "Isaiah's Little Apocalypse." The Greek word apocalypsis means "unveiling," as this revelation unveils God's future plans similar to both Daniel and Revelation



Nations Judged





Messiah Reigns



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Isalah's Little Apocalypse The Drama of Deliverance Isalah 24–27

I. The Characteristics of the Destruction

24:1-20

A. The Determination of the Destruction

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"Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface, and scatters its inhabitants. And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor. The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word."

Isa, 24:1-3

FILLED WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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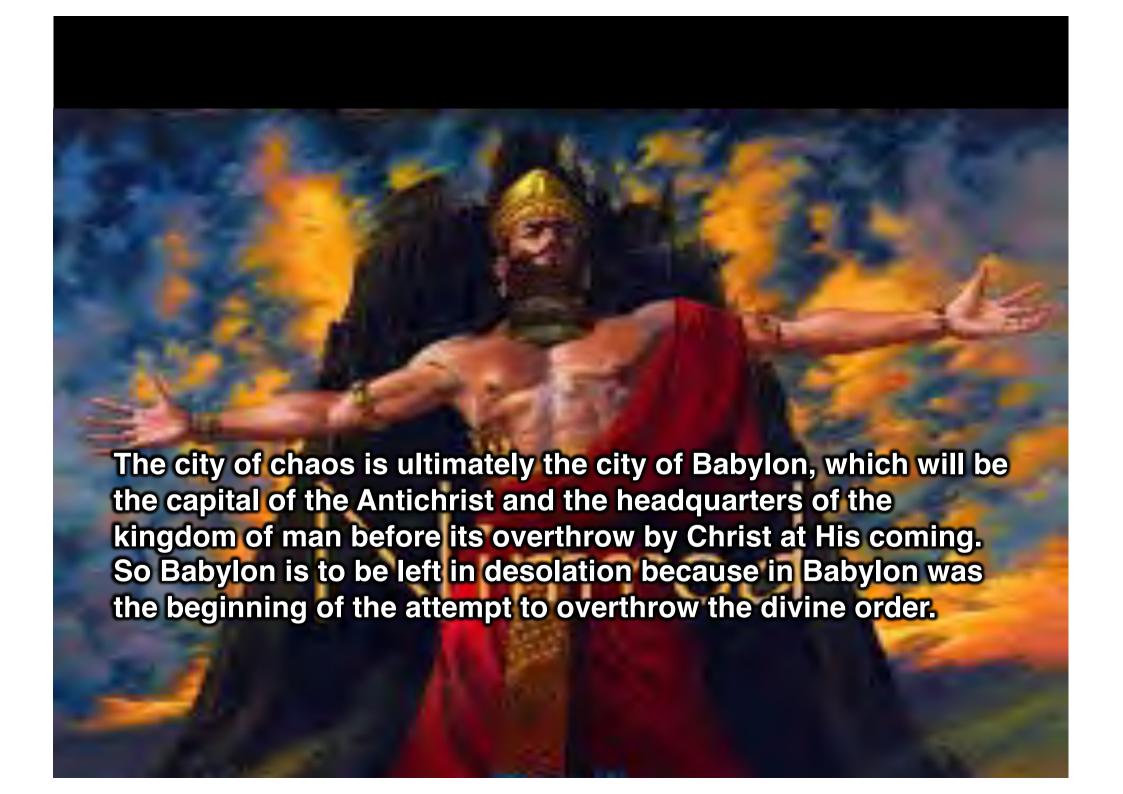
"The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled..." Isaiah 24:3

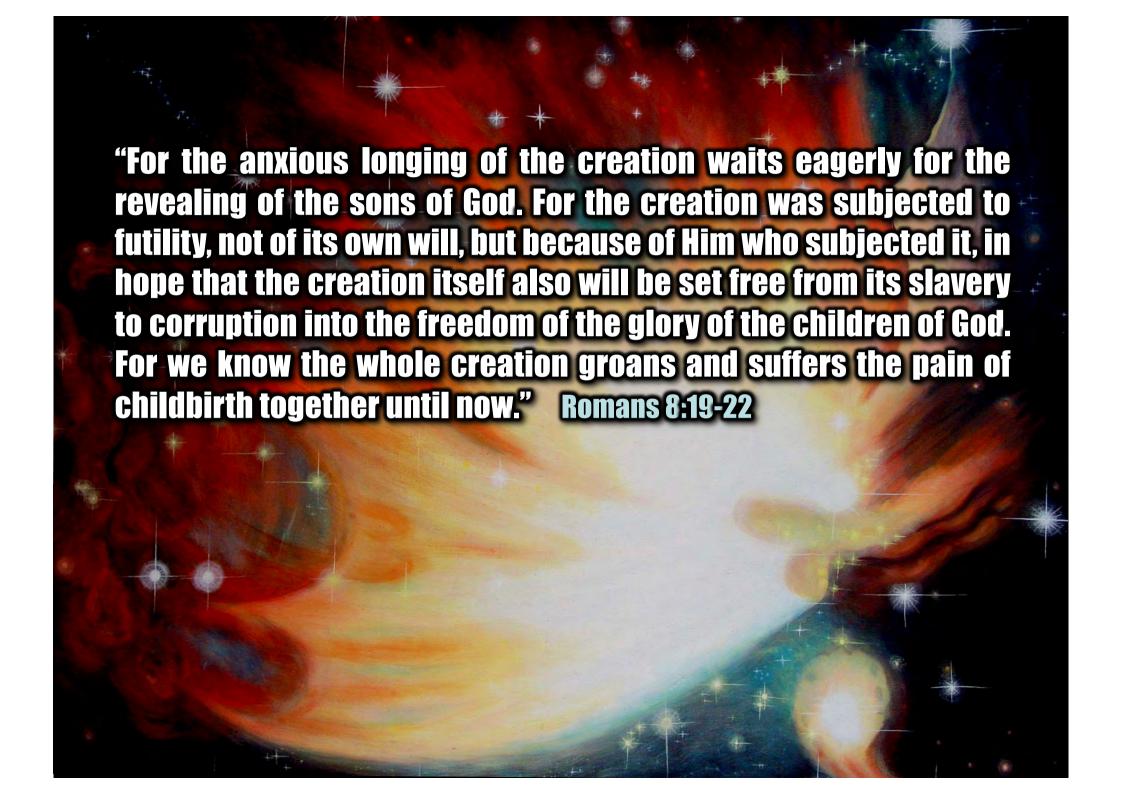


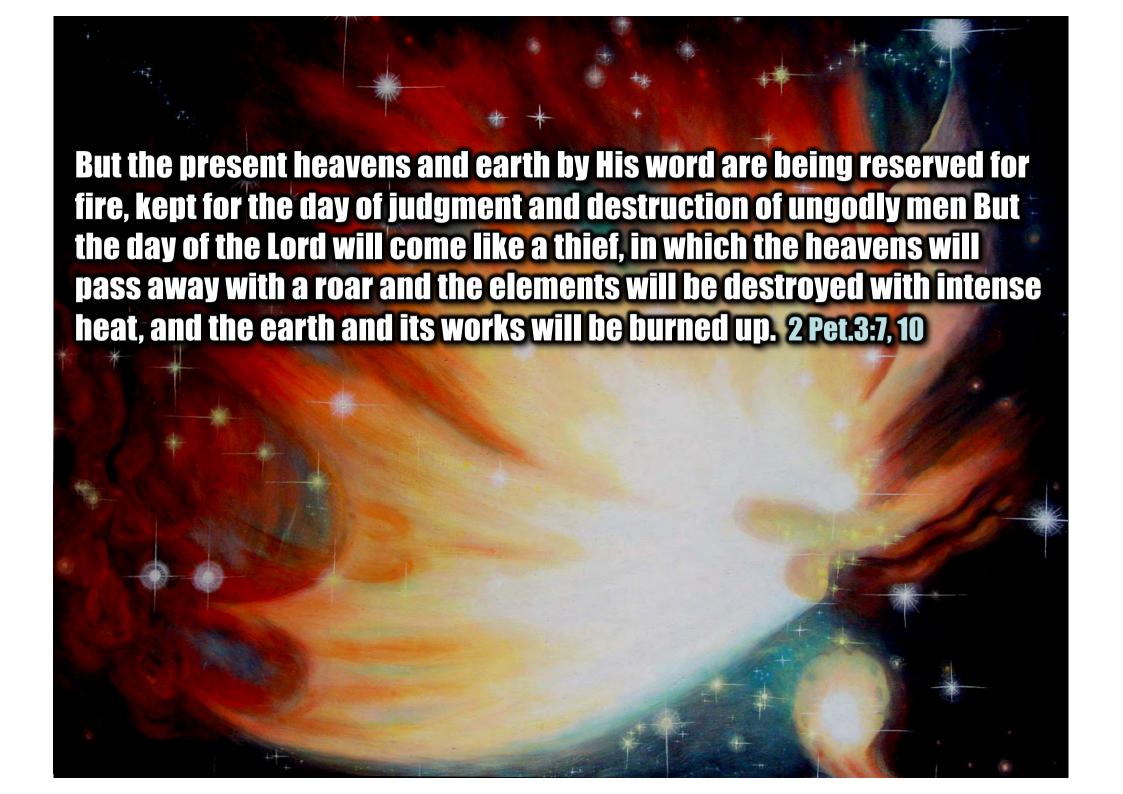
"I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer. And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, 'Come.' And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men should slay one another ..." Revelation 6:2-4

"The earth mourns and withers, the world fades and withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away. The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left. The new wine mourns, the vine decays, all the merry-hearted sigh. The gaiety of tambourines ceases, The noise of revelers stops, The gaiety of the harp ceases. They do not drink wine with song; Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. The city of chaos is broken down; Every house is shut up so that none may enter. There is an outcry in the streets concerning the wine; All joy turns to gloom. The gaiety of the earth is banished. Desolation is left in the city, and the gate is battered to ruins." Isa. 24:4-15





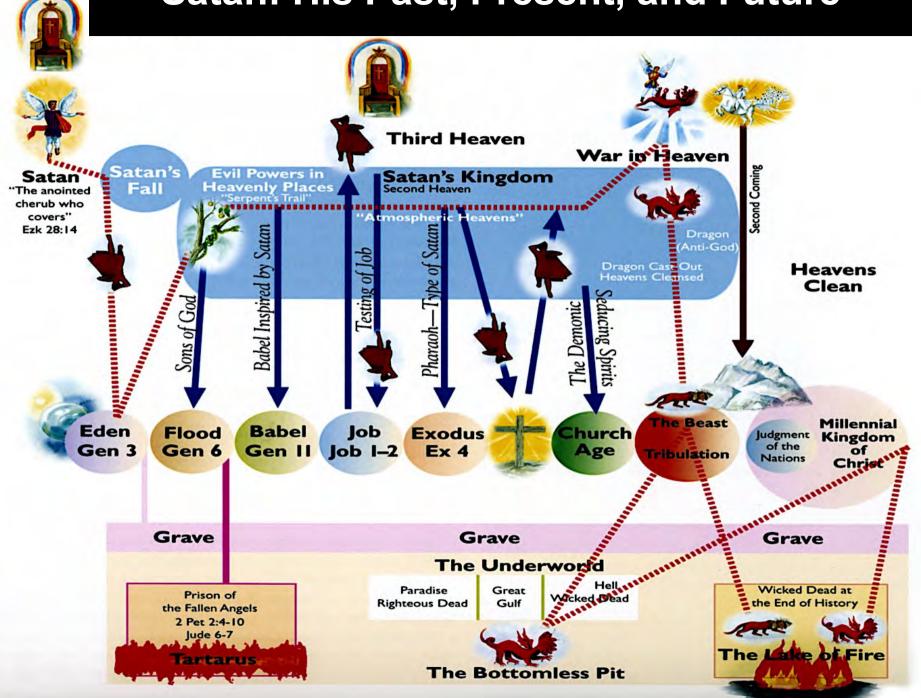


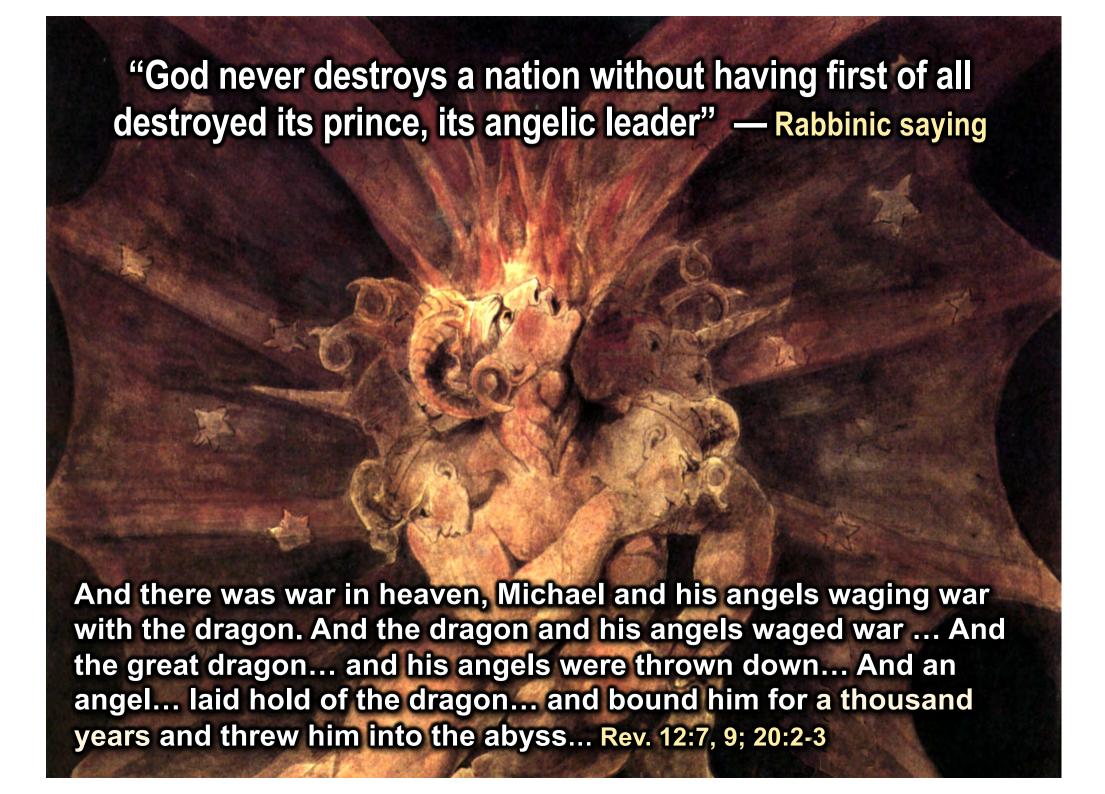


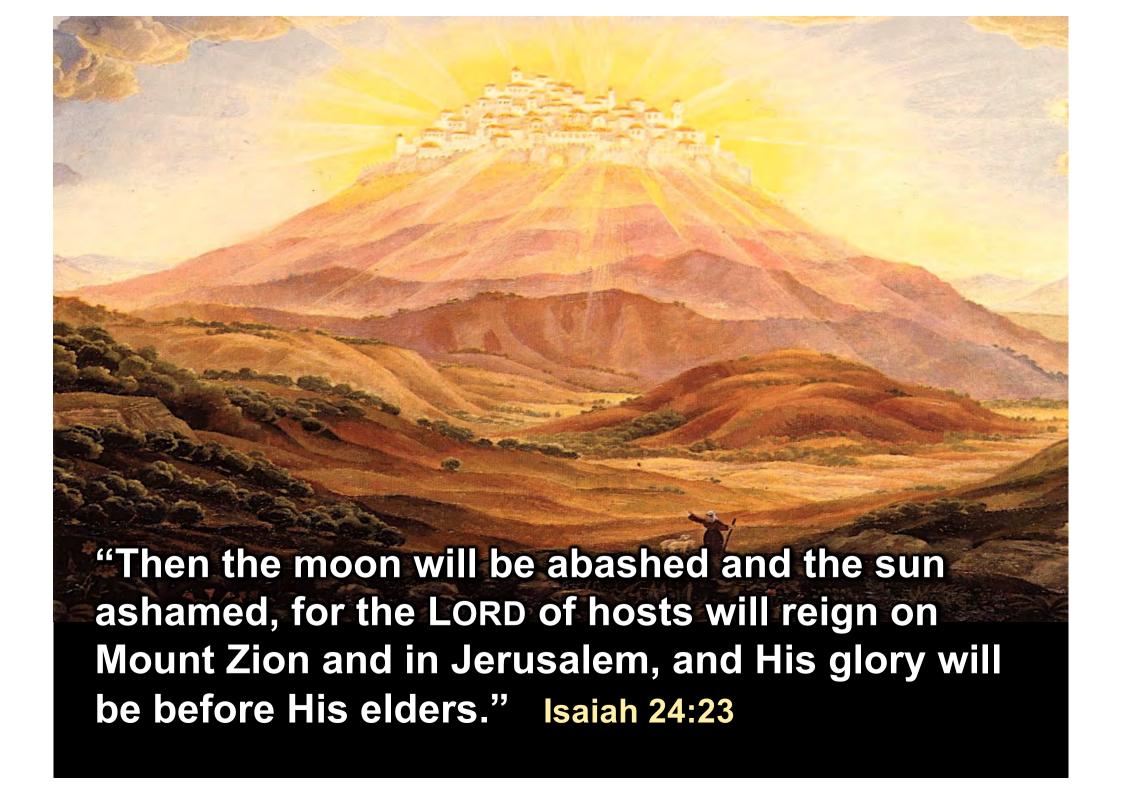
"So it will happen in that day, that the LORD will punish the host of heaven, on high, and the kings of the earth, on earth. And they will be gathered together *like* prisoners in the dungeon, and will be confined in prison; And after many days they will be punished." Isa. 24:21–22

This a moral judgment upon the universe, not just the earth itself for it touches the angelic sphere, "the host of high ones." It refers finally to the judgment of the fallen angels and their Satanic Prince and his henchmen the Antichrist and False Prophet.

Satan: His Past, Present, and Future





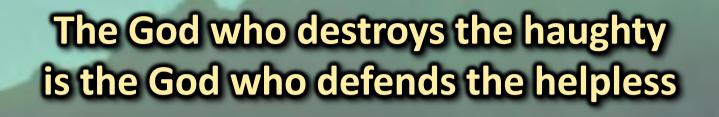


Isaiah 25

The Kingdom (Isaiah 25–27)

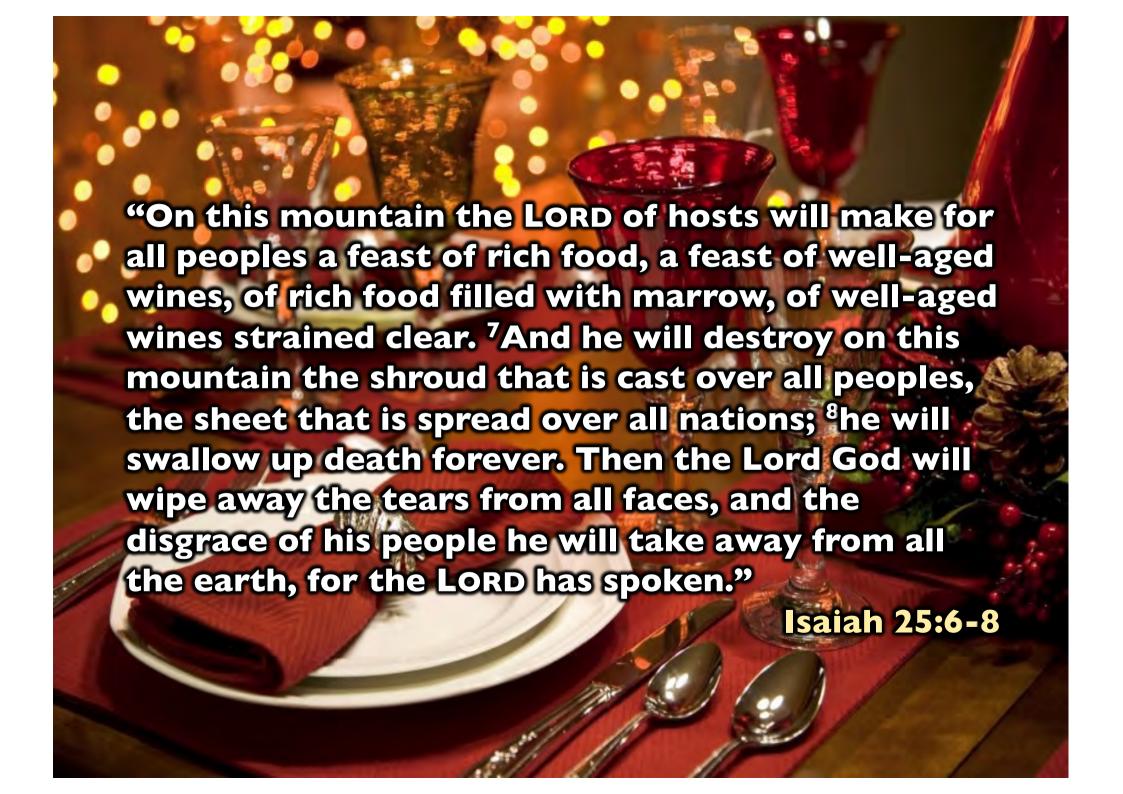
Song of Praise (Isaiah) 25

"O LORD, I will honor and praise your name, for you are my God. You do such wonderful things! You planned them long ago, and now you have accomplished them. Isaiah 25:1-5 NLT ² You turn mighty cities into heaps of ruins. Cities with strong walls are turned to rubble. Beautiful palaces in distant lands disappear and will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore, strong nations will declare your glory; ruthless nations will fear you. But you are a tower of refuge to the poor, O LORD, a tower of refuge to the needy in distress. You are a refuge from the storm and a shelter from the heat. For the oppressive acts of ruthless people are like a storm beating against a wall, ⁵ or like the relentless heat of the desert. But you silence the roar of foreign nations. As the shade of a cloud cools relentless heat, so the boastful songs of ruthless people are stilled."



Whether in sudden storm or in steady scorching, the LORD will be a shelter and a shade to his saints

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH FOREVER; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces . . . ISAIAH 25:7-8



"And the LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; a banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow..." Isaiah 25:6



THE MESSIANIC BANQUET AT QUMRAN 1QSa (Rule of the Congregation)



- 11 [Th]is [(is) the ses]sion of the men of the name [who are invited to] the feast, the men of the name. And they shall sit
- 12 [God] leads forth the Messiah (to be) with them: [The Priest] shall enter [at] the head of all the Congregation of Israel and all
- 13 [his] br[others, the Sons of] Aaron, the Priests [who are invited to] the feast, the men of the name. And they shall sit
- be[fore him each man] according to his glory. And after (them) the [Messi]ah of Israel [shall enter]. And the heads of ¹⁵ the t[housands of Israel] shall sit before him [each m]an according to his glory. (And they shall sit before the two of them, each) according to [his rank] in their camps and their journeys. And all ¹⁶ the heads of the ma[gistrates of the Congrega]tion with their sage[s and their knowledgeable ones] shall sit before them, each man according to
- 17 his glory. And [when they] (solemnly) meet together [at a tab]le of the Community [to set out bread and new w]ine, and to arrange the table of
- 18 the Community [to eat and] to dri[nk] ne[w wi]ne, no man [shall stretch out] his hand to the first portion of ¹⁹ the bread or [the new wi]ne before the priest; fo[r he shall] bless the first portion of the bread ²⁰ and the new wi[ne, and shall stretch out] his hand to the bread first of all. And aft[er (this has occurred)] the Messiah of Israel [shall stret]ch out his hands
- 21 to the bread. [And after that] all the Congregation of the Community [shall ble]ss (and partake), each ma[n according to] his glory. And [they] shall act according to this statute 22 whenever (the meal) [is arr]anged, [when] as many as ten me[n] (solemnly) meet together.

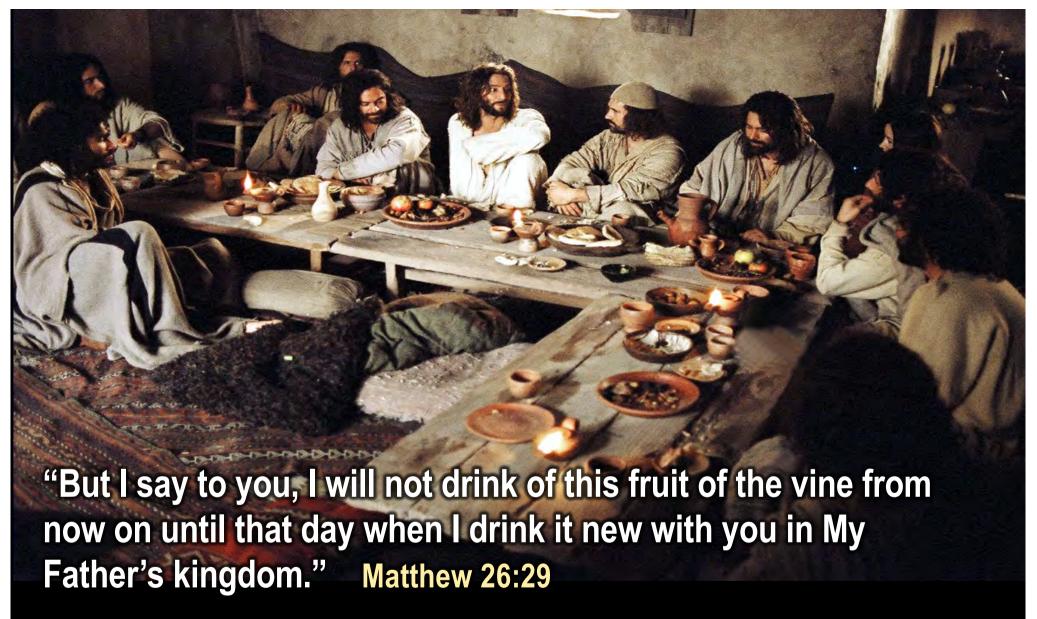
Messianic (Eschatological) Banquet in the New Testament

- (1) Jesus is the host at the messianic meal.
- (2) The Last Supper looks toward the future meal.
- (3) The Lord's Supper commemorates both the death of Jesus and anticipates the coming messianic meal.
- (4) Miraculous feedings by Jesus look back at Isaiah's messianic meal.
- (5) The Lord's supper constitutes judgment for those not prepared and blessing for the faithful.

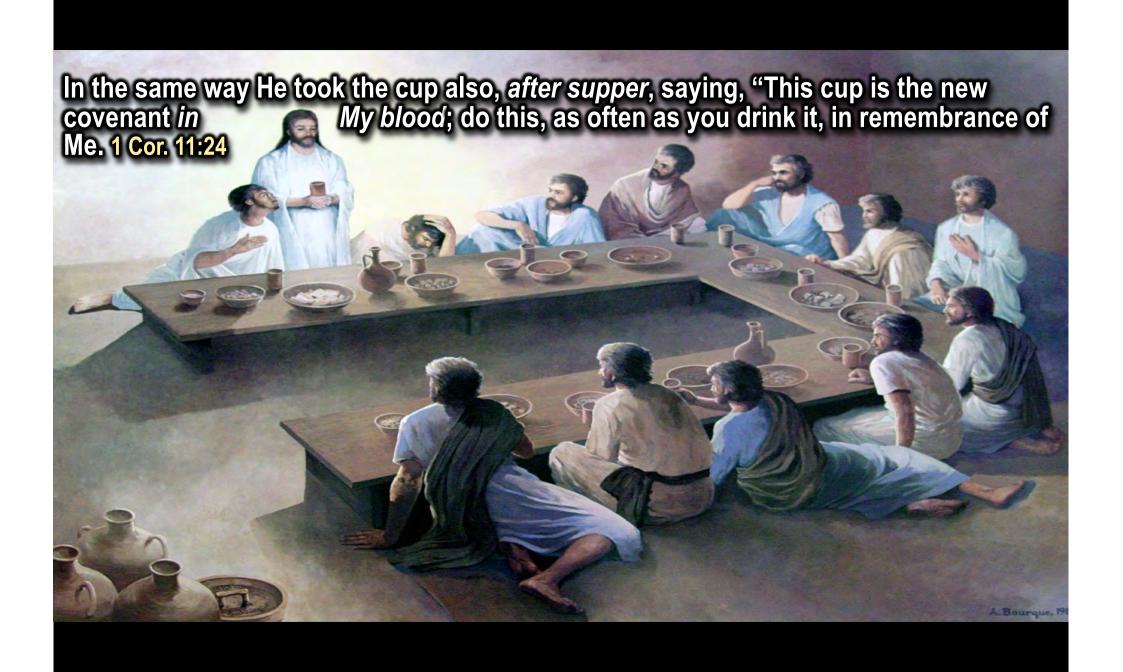
"And I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 8:11



"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God." Luke 13:28-29

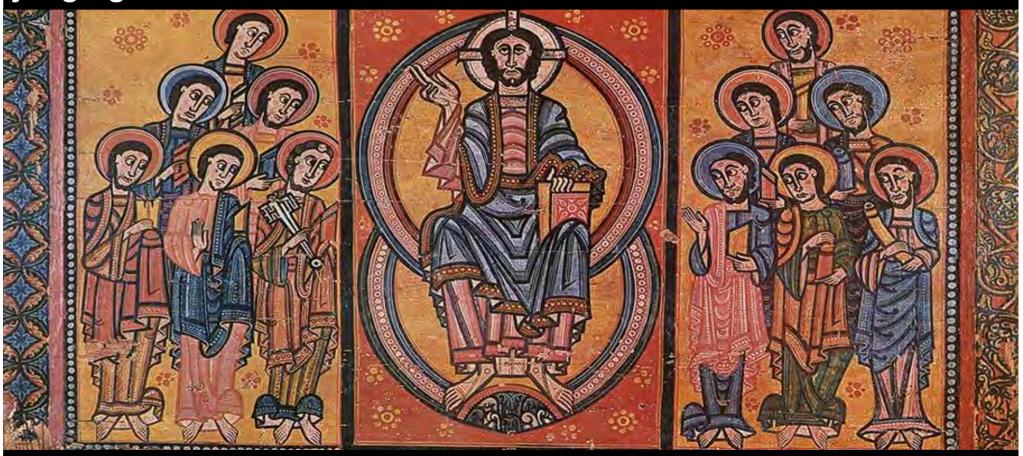


"Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Mark 14:25





"And Jesus said to them, 'Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matthew 19:28



"Just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 22:29-30

Isaiah's Little Apocalypse The Drama of Deliverance

The Drama of Deliverance Isaiah 24-25

- 1. Man offers no hope in this or any future age.
- 2. Only the coming of Christ can answer the desire for universal justice and world peace.
- 3. Israel today has problems, but its future will have praise.
- 4. We must evangelize while there is still time.

Isaiah 26

The Kingdom (Isaiah 25–27)

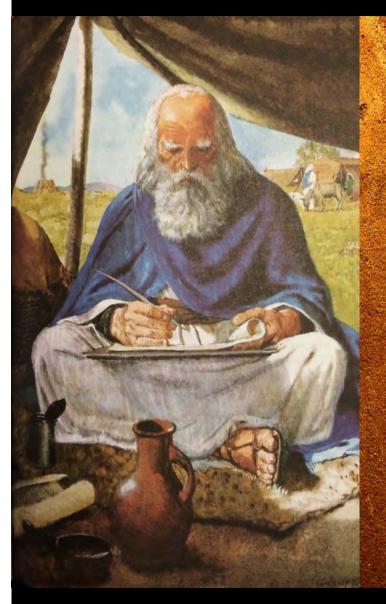
Song of Praise (Isaiah) (Redeemed) 25

The redeemed will praise God in song for protection in their time of judgment (Isaiah 26).









"Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits."

Isaiah 26:19

Isaiah 27

The Kingdom (Isaiah 25–27)

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Universal Restoration 27 Forgiveness and restoration in the kingdom age will follow the nation's refining since God has not forgotten his covenant (Isaiah 27).





Isaiah 28

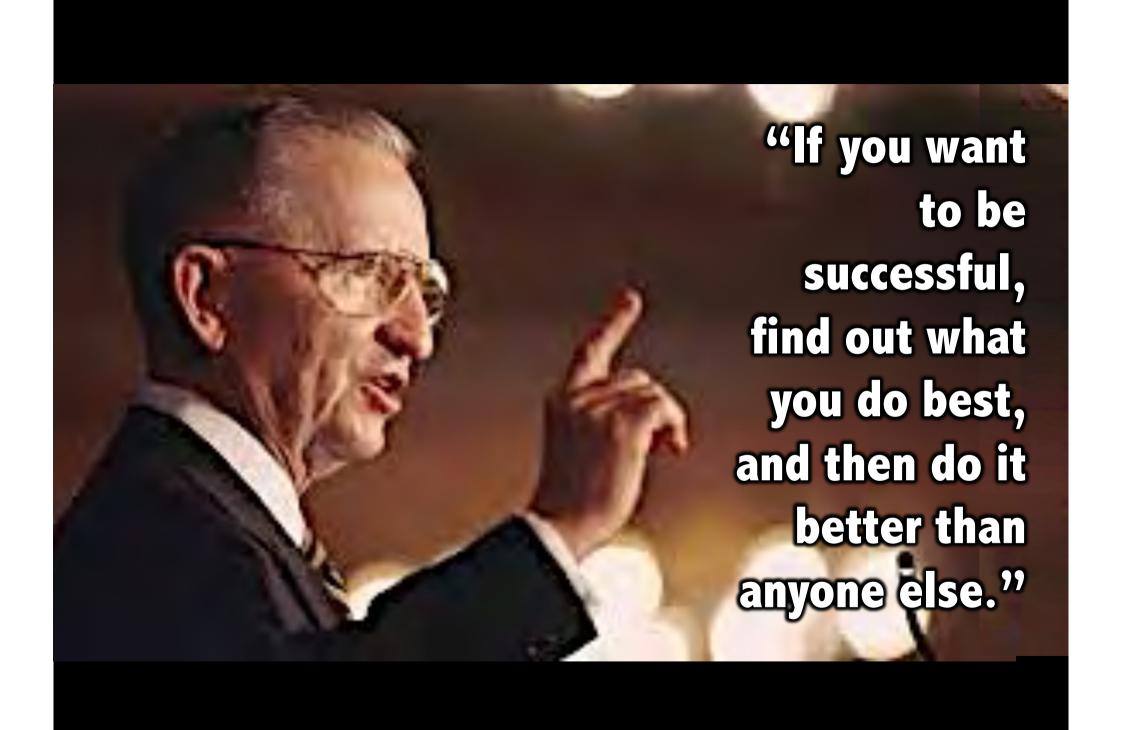
Woes (delight in God—not Egypt) <u>Isaiah 28–33</u>

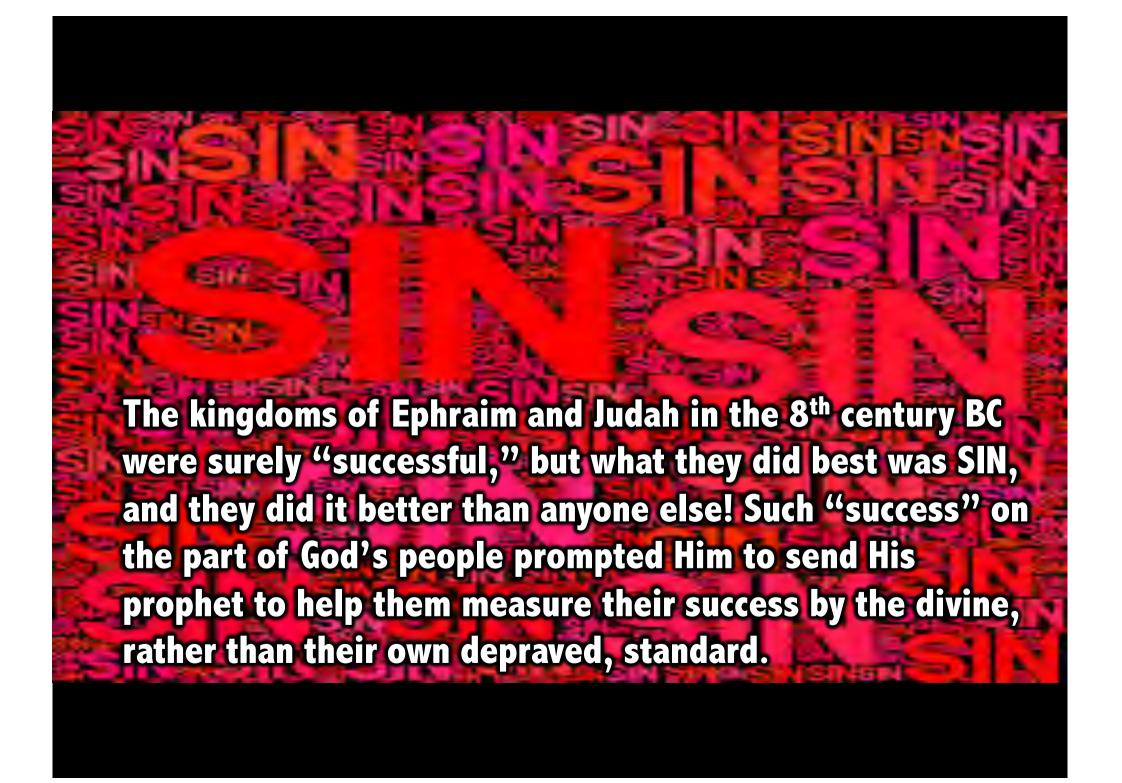


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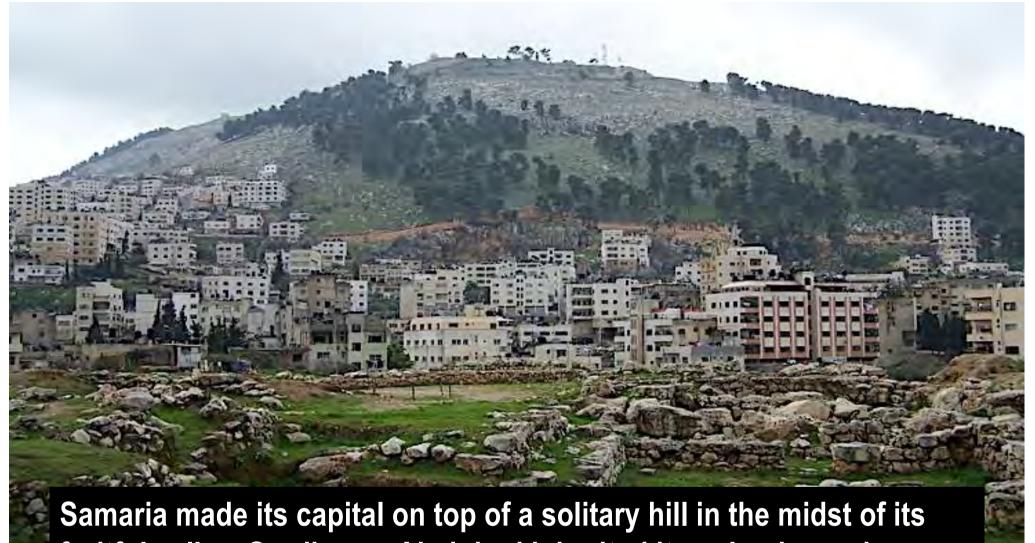




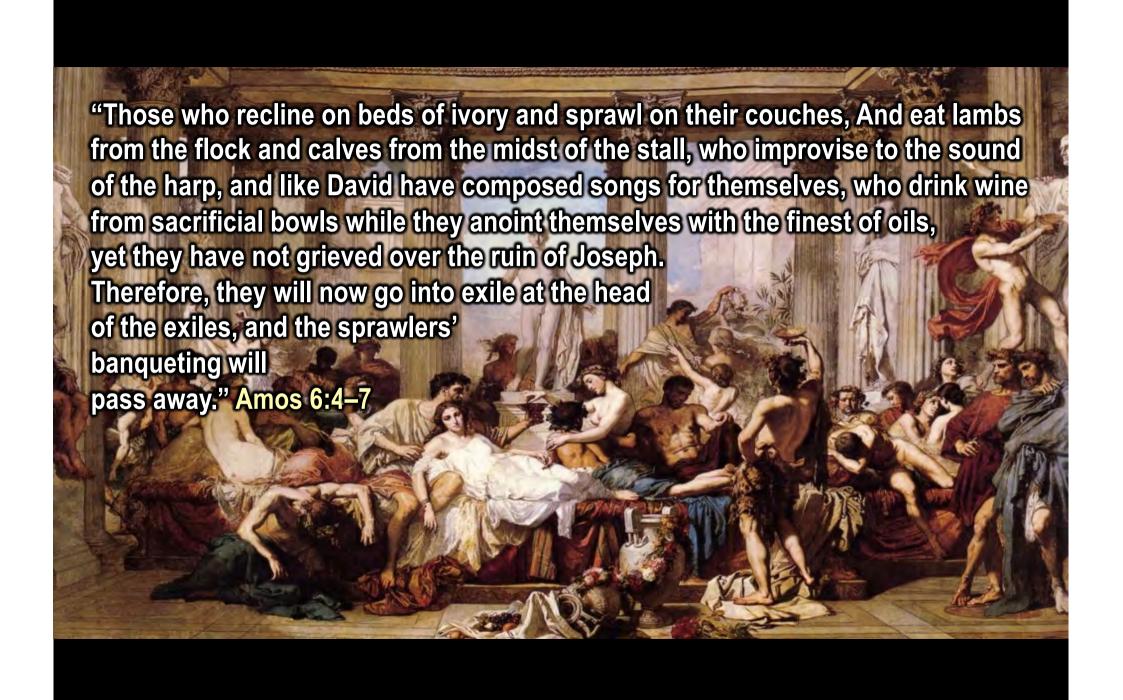
Here Comes the Judge — Again!

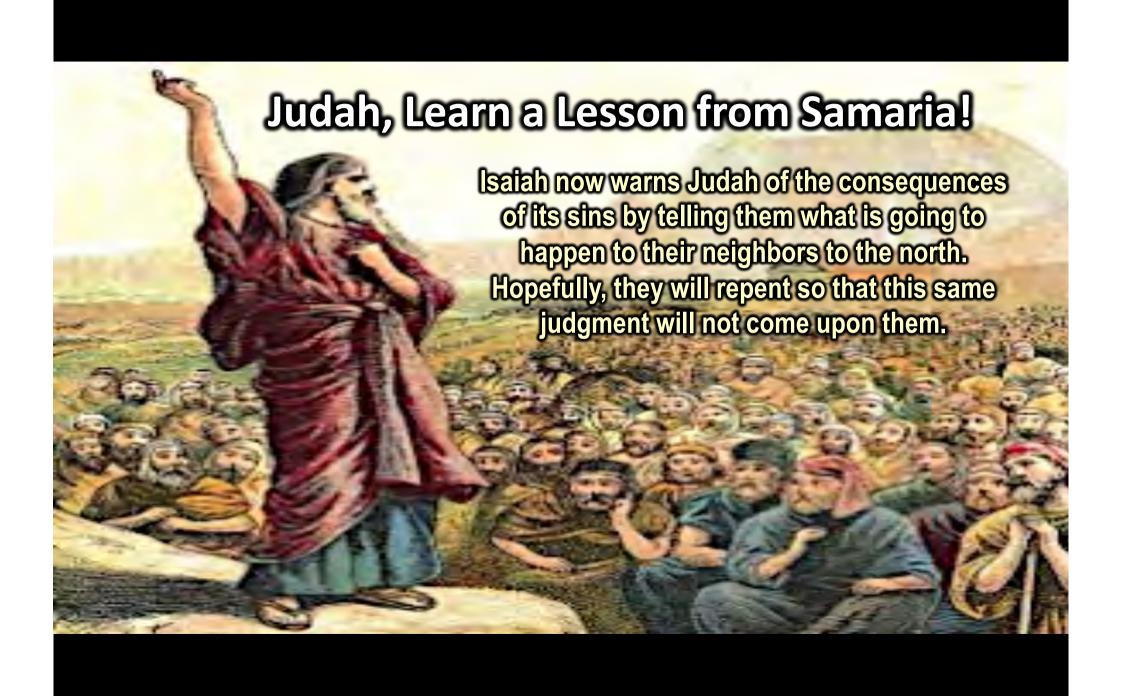
"In this new section of the book (chapters 28–31), Isaiah returns to the theme of judgment. This is an appropriate place to take up the matter. He has just prophesied Israel's glorious future (chapters 25-27). The thought might make the people of Judah arrogant. It might lead them to think that their Jewish ancestry was all that was demanded. They could possibly turn away from the temple worship and their obedience to the Law. To prevent such action, Isaiah warns the nation that God will judge sin." —Peter Stevenson, Isaiah, 224.

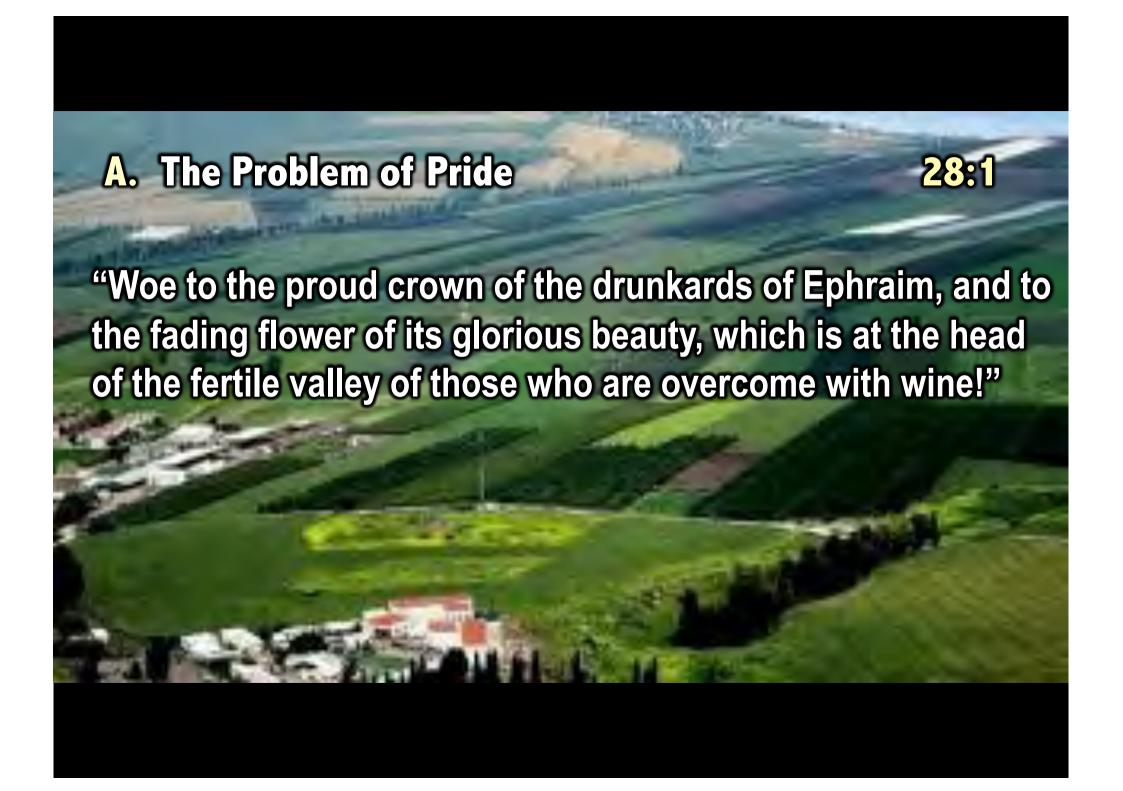


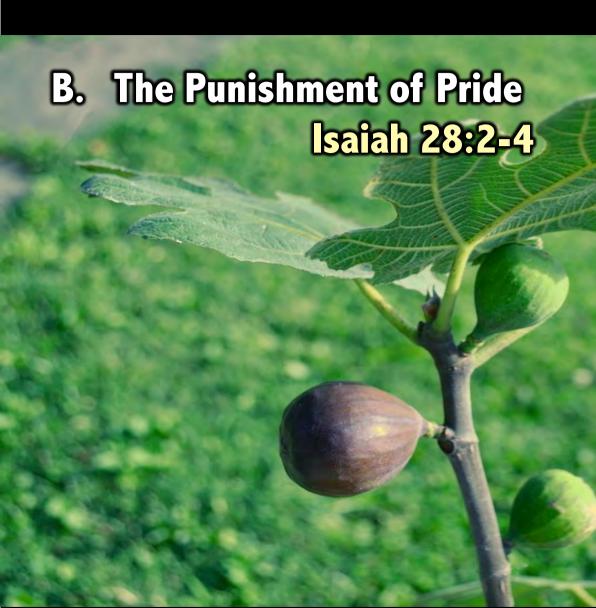


Samaria made its capital on top of a solitary hill in the midst of its fruitful valley. Omri's son Ahab had inherited its splendor and furthered its sins. The chief of these sins was pride, which had stolen Naboth's vineyard and crowned Jezebel's folly. Known for its luxurious living, riotous conduct, and rampant materialism, Samaria was earlier condemned by the prophet Amos:









"Behold, the Lord has a strong and mighty agent; As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction, like a storm of mighty overflowing waters, He has cast it down to the earth with His hand. The proud crown of the drunkards of **Ephraim is trodden under foot.** And the fading flower of its glorious beauty, which is at the head of the fertile valley, will be like the first-ripe fig prior to summer; Which one sees, and as soon as it is in his hand, he swallows it." Isaiah 28:2-4



"In that day the LORD of hosts will become a beautiful crown and a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people; A spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, a strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate."





"And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink: the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are confused by wine, they stagger from strong drink; They reel while having visions, they totter when rendering judgment. For all the tables are full of filthy vomit, without a single clean place."

B. The Comments of the Scornful

28:9-10



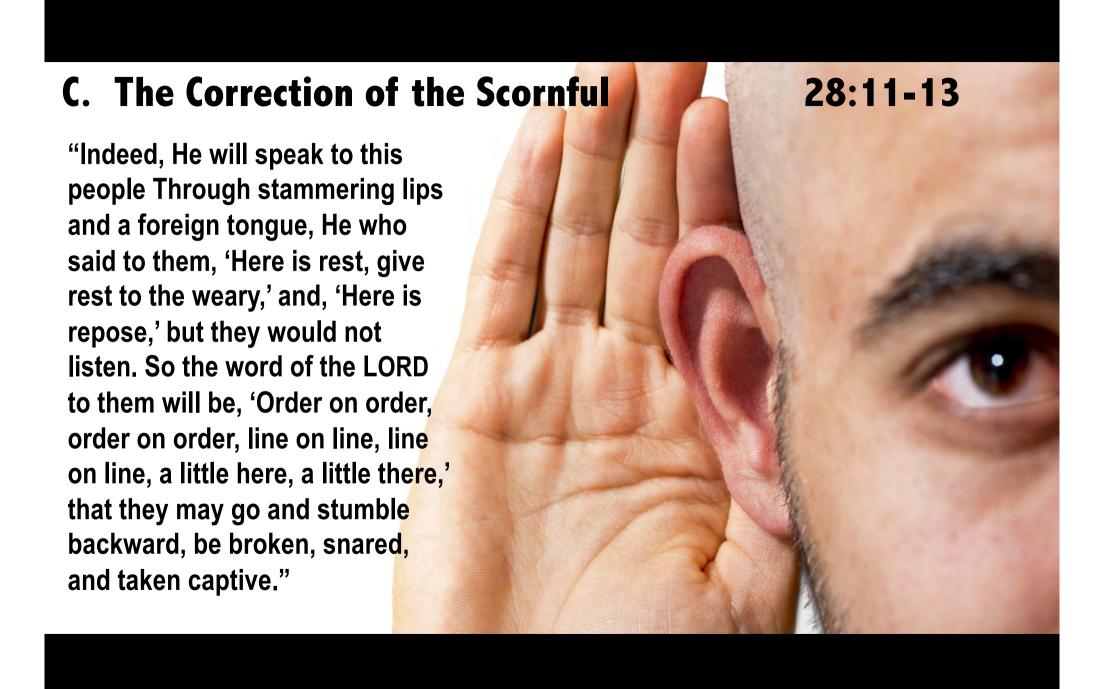
"To whom would He teach knowledge? And to whom would He interpret the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast? For He says, 'Order on order, order on order, line on line, a little here, a little there.'

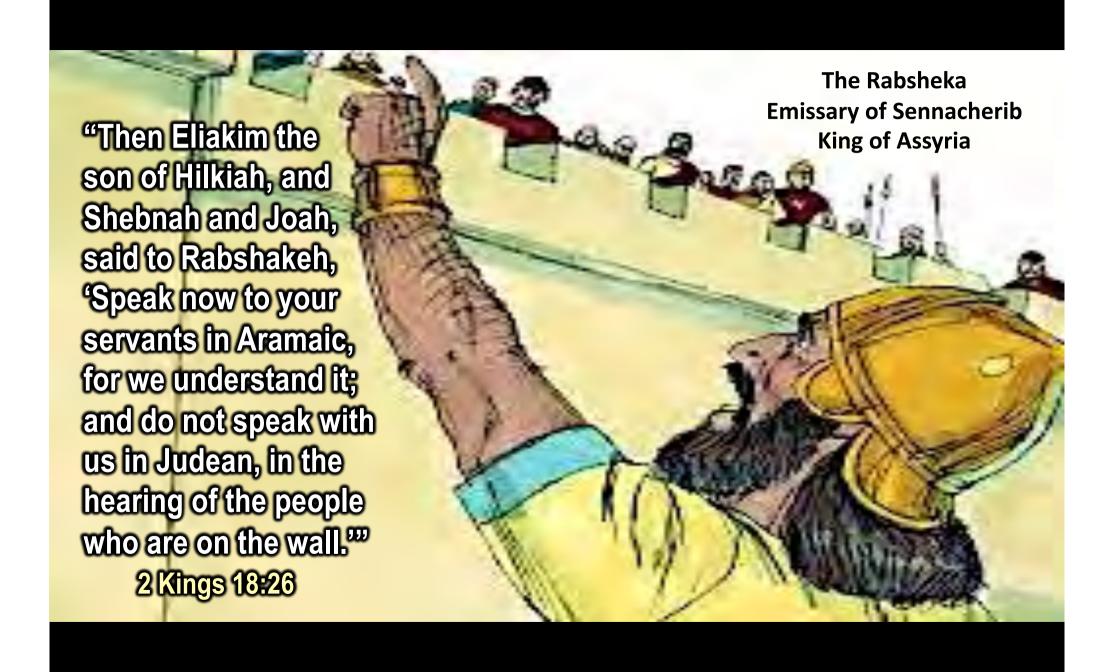


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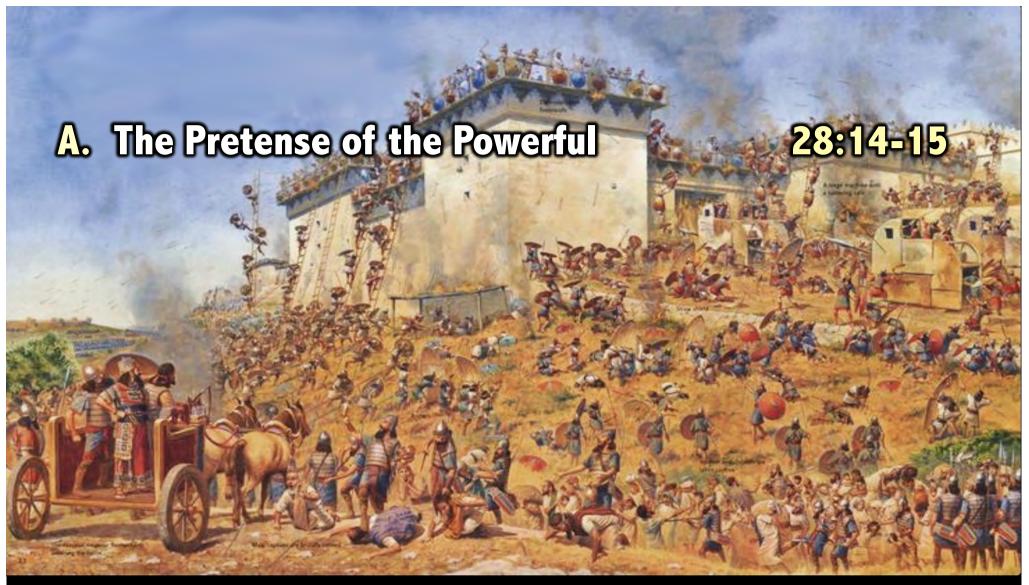




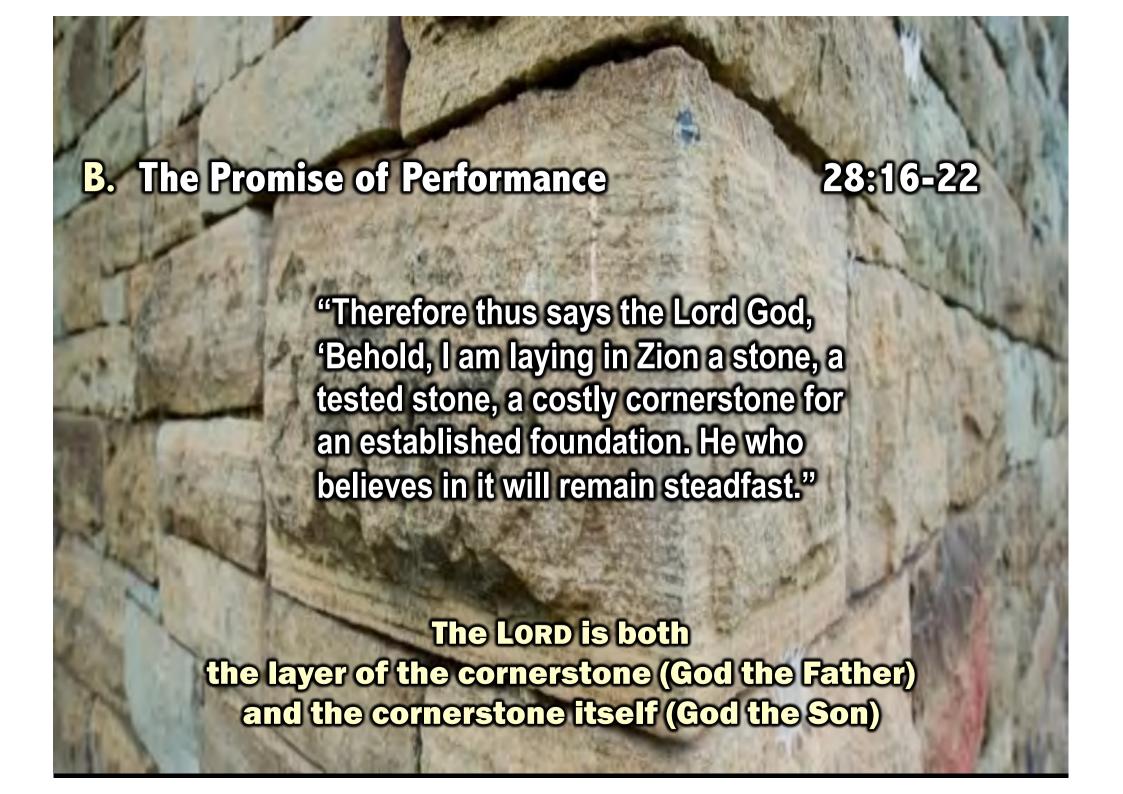


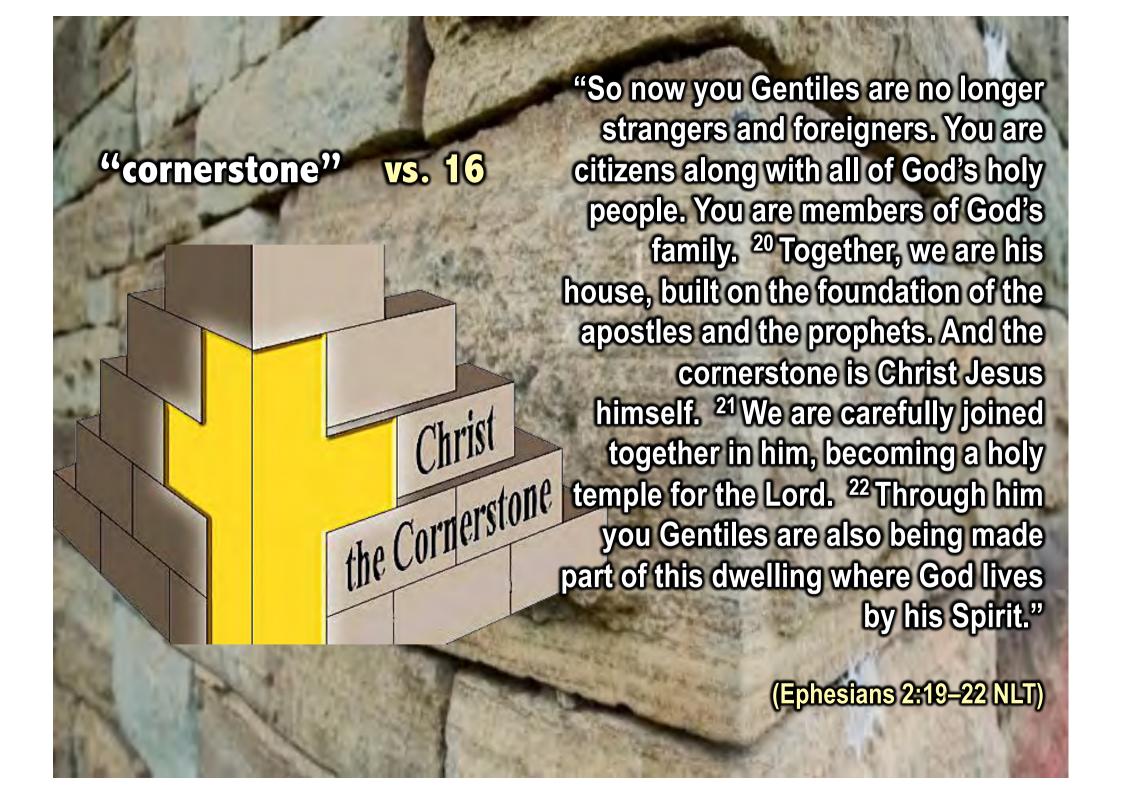
"Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. In the Law it is written, 'By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.' Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers."

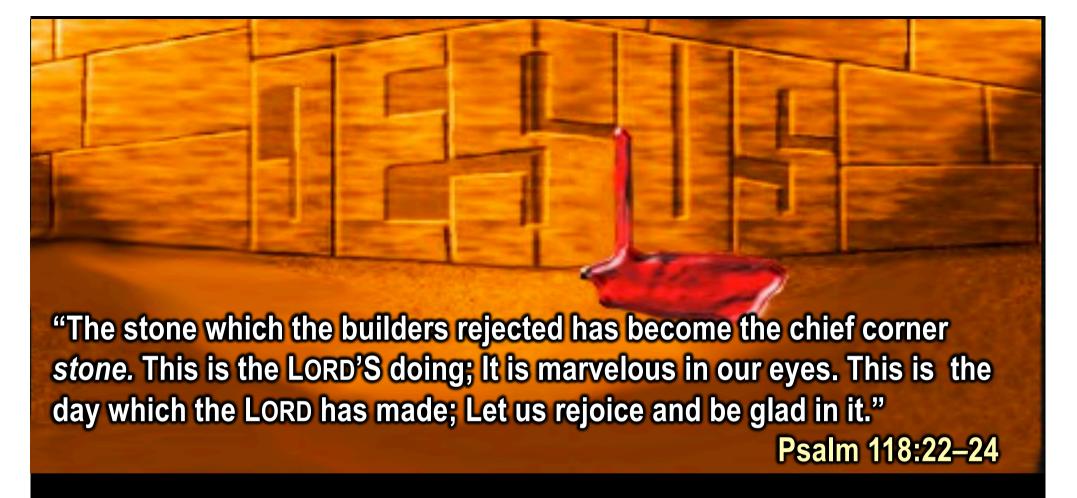
1 Corinthians 14:20–22



"Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, O scoffers, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, for we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception."







"As the Scriptures say, 'I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.' ⁷Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

1 Peter 2:6-8 NLT

"I will test you with the measuring line of justice and the plumb line of righteousness. Since your refuge is made of lies, a hailstorm will knock it down. Since it is made of deception, a flood will sweep it away. 18 I will cancel the bargain you made to cheat death, and I will overturn your deal to dodge the grave. When the terrible enemy sweeps through, you will be trampled into the ground. 19 Again and again that flood will come, morning after morning, day and night, until you are carried away. This message will bring terror to your people" (Isaiah 28:17-19 NLT).

28:17-22

"20 The bed you have made is too short to lie on. The blankets are too narrow to cover you. 21 The LORD will come as he did against the Philistines at Mount Perazim and against the Amorites at Gibeon. He will come to do a strange thing; he will come to do an unusual deed: ²² For the Lord, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, has plainly said that he is determined to crush the whole land. So scoff no more, or your punishment will be even greater" (Isaiah 28:20-22 NLT).

In the Messianic Kingdom, justice will be the measuring line and righteousness the plummet, instruments by which one measures the true line of any structure. So, using the same terms they used to mock God's Word, Isaiah predicts they will become victims of death and Sheol and a scourge—all the terrifying consequences of invasion, devastating war, and exile.

C. The Parable of the Plowman

28:23-29

"Give ear and hear my voice, listen and hear my words. Does the farmer plow continually to plant seed? Does he continually turn and harrow the ground? Does he not level its surface, and sow dill and scatter cummin, and plant wheat in rows, barley in its place, and rye within its area? For his God instructs and teaches him properly. For dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge, nor is the cartwheel driven over cummin; But dill is beaten out with a rod, and cummin with a club.

Grain for bread is crushed, indeed, he does not continue to thresh it forever. Because the wheel of his cart and his horses eventually damage it, He does not thresh it longer. This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who has made His counsel wonderful and His wisdom great."

C. The Parable of the Plowman

28:23-29

"God is the great plowman, Israel His soil—He breaks up His ground, He furrows it just enough to make it ready to receive the seed, that is the Word and Wisdom of God (vv. 23, 24)... The farmer plants his grain in its appointed places (v. 25). He knows how to cultivate his soil because he has been instructed by God Himself; he employs the right instruments and methods to accomplish his task (vv. 26-28). How much more does the Lord God Himself know how to deal properly with His soil – Israel?" Victor Buksbazen, *The Prophet Isaiah*, 252

"The point of both parables is to show that God's chastening is in measure. God makes His counsel wonderful. He makes His 'working' great. The word for counsel has a sense of soundness or competence associated with it – 'sound wisdom.' The Lord shows His counsel and wisdom as He works with His people. He punishes them to bring them to the point at which He may bless them." Peter Stevenson, *Isaiah*, 235

Principles from Isaiah 28

- (1) Sin takes us farther than we wanted to go, costs us more than we wanted to pay, and keeps us longer than we wanted to stay. Pride prevents us from seeing how far we have fallen from God's path of blessing.
- (2) In Christ, God has provided a solid foundation for the future. We may shake upon the rock, but it will never be shaken under us! Trust Him and you will never be spiritually disturbed or disappointed.

Principles from Isaiah 28

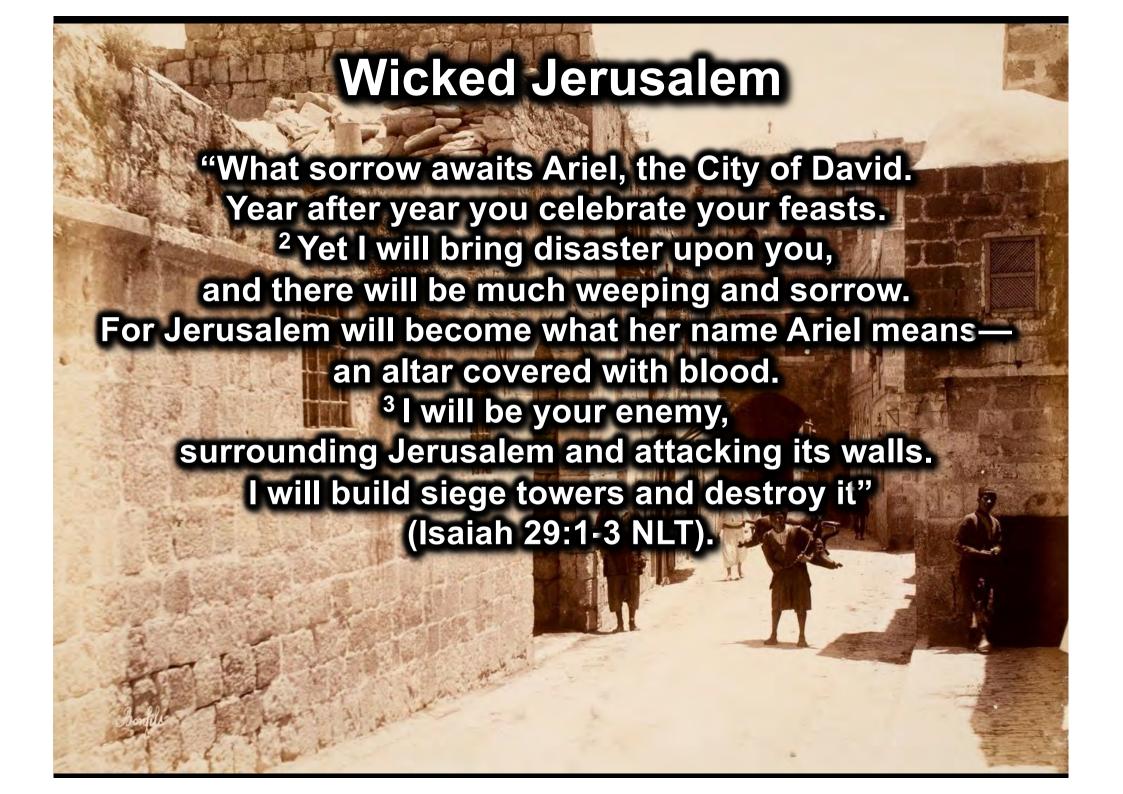
(3) God prepares us as His soil by whatever means is necessary to plant the seed of His Word and to make it grow. We must trust His wisdom to work in us for our blessing.

"All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed." Hebrews 12:10=13

Isaiah 29

Woes (delight in God—not Egypt) Isaiah 28–33





Isaiah 30

Woes (delight in God—not Egypt) Isaiah 28–33



Egypt was deemed strong



But Egypt was unreliable

"'What sorrow awaits my rebellious children," says the LORD. 'You make plans that are contrary to mine. You make alliances not directed by my Spirit, thus piling up your sins. ² For without consulting me, you have gone down to Egypt for help. You have put your trust in Pharaoh's protection. You have tried to hide in his shade. ³ But by trusting Pharaoh, you will be humiliated, and by depending on him, you will be disgraced'" (Isaiah 30:1-3 NLT).

Isaiah 31

Do not trust Egypt

"What sorrow awaits those who look to Egypt for help, trusting their horses, chariots, and charioteers and depending on the strength of human armies instead of looking to the LORD, the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 31:1 NLT).



Isaiah 32

Woes (delight in God—not Egypt) Isaiah 28–33









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The Millennal Government		
Duration	One thousand years	Rev. 20:2-5
Theocratic Rule	God will rule in the person of Jesus Christ on the throne of David. King David reigns as a prince under Christ.	2S. 7:16; Ps. 89:20-37; Isa. 24:23; Jer. 30:9; Jer. 33:15-17; Ezek. 34:23- 24; Ezek. 37:24-25; Ezek. 45:22; Dan. 7:13-14; Hos. 3:5; Luke 1:30-33.
Representative Rule	The twelve apostles will represent Christ ruling over national Israel. Church-age and Tribulation saints will represent Christ ruling over the Gentiles.	Isa. 32:1; Dan. 7:17- 18, Dan. 7:21-22, Dan. 7:27; Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:30; Rev. 3:21; Rev. 5:10.
Universal Rule	Christ's rule will extend both spiritually and literally over the entire earth.	Ps. 2:6-9; Ps. 72:8; Dan. 2:44; Dan. 4:34; Dan. 7:14, Dan. 7:27; Mic. 4:1-2; Zech. 9:10

The Millennial Government

Seat of
Government

The earthly Jerusalem will be restored, blessed, and greatly expanded to serve as the seat of government and worship.

Isa. 62:1; Isa. 65:18-19; Ezek. 48:15-19; Luke 21:24; Rev. 11:2.

Global Environment

The heavens and earth will be renewed to restore the creation to Eden-like conditions and repair the damage from man's long reign of abuse and the judgments of the Tribulation period.

<u>Isa. 65:17; Matt.</u> 19:28

Populace

Resurrected and glorified saints will rule in the midst of Christ's "brothers" (the faithful Jewish remnant), and the "sheep" (faithful Gentiles) who survive the Tribulation.

Dan. 12:2; Isa. 26:19; Isa. 65:20, Isa. 65:23; Matt. 25:31; Rev. 20:4

The Millennial Conditions

The Curse	Many aspects of the curse will be reversed. People will live to a great age, but death will still occur. As before the Flood, animals will revert to vegetarianism and will no longer fear man.	Isa. 11:6-9; Isa. 65:20, Isa. 65:25; Ezek. 47:8-12; Zech 8:4; Zech 14:8 (cf. Rev 21:1-2)
Productivity	The earth will be fruitful and men will enjoy the fruit of their labors.	Ps. 67:6-7; Ps. 72:16; Isa. 35:1; Isa. 55:13; Isa. 65:22; Joel 2:24-26; Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13-14
Mount Zion	The region of Mount Zion will be lifted up to form the Mountain of the Lord's House.	<u>Isa. 2:2; Isa. 56:7; Eze.</u> <u>20:40; Eze. 40:2; Zec.</u> <u>14:4, Zec. 14:10-11; Mic.</u> <u>4:1</u>

Evidence the Saints Will Reign in the Millennial Kingdom

"until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom...

Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him."

Daniel 7:22, 27

"Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? 1 Corinthians 6:2

"and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever... And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth... And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever."

Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 22:5



"But you are a tower of refuge to the poor, O LORD, a tower of refuge to the needy in distress.

You are a refuge from the storm and a shelter from the heat.

For the oppressive acts of ruthless people are like a storm beating against a wall,

or like the relentless heat of the desert.

But you silence the roar of foreign nations.

As the shade of a cloud cools relentless heat, so the boastful songs of ruthless people are stilled" (Isaiah 25:4–5 NLT).

"And each will be like a refuge from the wind, and a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry country, like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land."

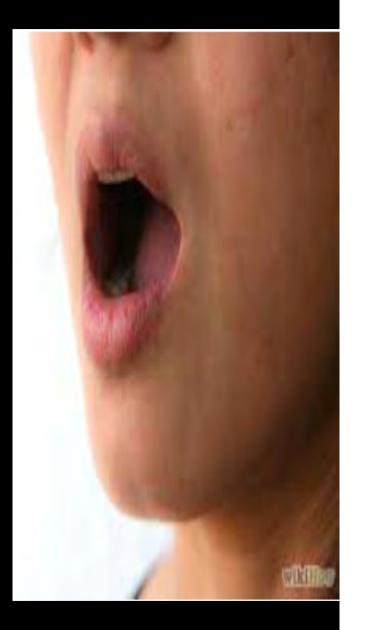
Isaiah 32:2

"streams in the desert" Isaiah 35:6c



"And the mind of the hasty will discern the truth, and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly."

Isaiah 32:3-4



Reversal of Israel's Previous Condition of Discipline

"And He said, 'Go, and tell this people: "Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand." "Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, And return and be healed." Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered, "Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant, houses are without people, and the land is utterly desolate, the LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. Yet there will be a tenth portion in it, and it will again be subject to burning, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump." Isaiah 6:9–13

"And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink: The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, They are confused by wine, they stagger from strong drink; They reel while having visions, they totter when rendering judgment."

Isaiah 28:7

"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and thus all Israel will be saved, just as it is written"

Romans 11:25–26

The Picture of False Security Isaiah 32:5-14

"No longer will the fool be called noble, or the rogue be spoken of as generous. For a fool speaks nonsense, and his heart inclines toward wickedness, to practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD, to keep the hungry person unsatisfied and to withhold drink from the thirsty. As for a rogue, his weapons are evil; He devises wicked schemes to destroy the afflicted with slander, even though the needy one speaks what is right. But the noble man devises noble plans; And by noble plans he stands." 32:5-8

Isaiah may here have in view the leaders of his day who advocated an alliance with Egypt, rather than trusting in God. When the righteous reign of Messiah comes, such worldly rulers will have been overthrown and only those who are pure in heart (noble, generous) will remain (stand) and share in the government of the Kingdom. See Matthew 5:8; 6:22



"Rise up you women who are at ease, and hear my voice; Give ear to my word, you complacent daughters. Within a year and a few days, you will be troubled, O complacent daughters; For the vintage is ended, and the fruit gathering will not come. Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent daughters; Strip, undress, and put sackcloth on your waist, beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, for the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; Yea, for all the joyful houses, and for the jubilant city. Because the palace has been abandoned, the populated city forsaken. Hill and watch-tower have become caves forever, a delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks."

The Hebrew term **batach** means "security," indicating that these women represent those who feel secure in their reliance upon men rather than God. This is a false security and even though they feel secure they are deceived, for they will find on the day judgment comes through the Assyrians that the object of their trust was false. As a result, the whole land will become desolate until God brings His promised restoration.

Isaiah 32:9-14

B. The Promise of Faithful Security 32:15-20



"Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fertile field and the fertile field is considered as a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness will abide in the fertile field. And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever." 32:15–17

"But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD'S people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!" Numbers 11:29

"For I will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants." Isaiah 44:3

"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances." Ezekiel 36:26–27

"And I will put My Spirit within you, and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it, declares the LORD." Ezekiel 37:14

"And I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Lord God." Ezekiel 39:29

"And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind." Joel 2:28

"And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication." Zechariah 12:10

A Closer Look at Isaiah 32:17

And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever."

Shalom (prosperity, health, reconciliation)

Sagat (quiet, maintain peace, absence of anxiety)

Betach (assurance, security, confidence, trust)

Why We Need a Righteous Government

"Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, and in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places" (saiah 32:18)

This describes a nation at peace with itself and other nations. This is a characteristic of the Millennial Kingdom when all mankind is united under the righteous rule of the Righteous King.

"And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one. And people will live in it, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security."

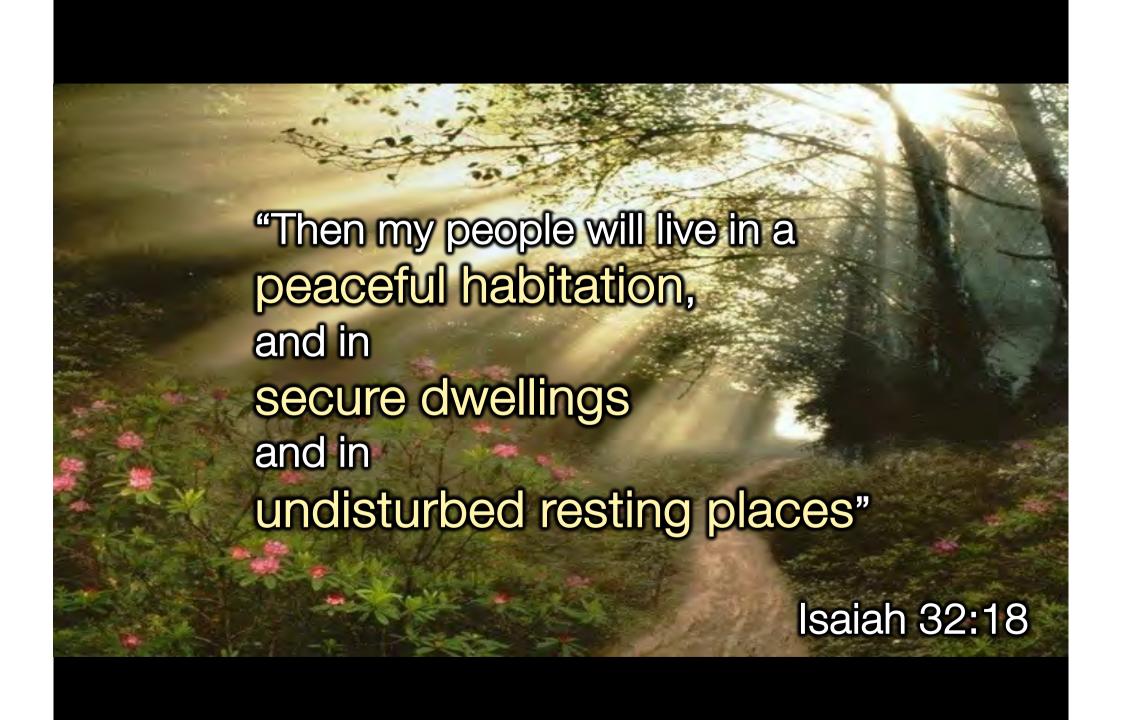
Zech. 14:9, 11

How This Promised Peace Will Come

"And it will hail when the forest comes down, and the city will be utterly laid low. How blessed will you be, you who sow beside all waters, who let out freely the ox and the donkey." 32:19-20

"A stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and crushed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth... And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever." Daniel 2:34-35, 43-44

There is a peace only possible on the other side of war. God must level the ungodly world in order to establish His righteous Kingdom (Rom. 16:20).



Practical Applications

- 1) True peace will come to the earth only when Christ and his saints reign (Jn. 14:27; 16:33; Rom. 14:17; Col. 1:20; James 3:18).
- 2) In view of the blessings God has planned for His Kingdom, believers should not follow the world, but follow the LORD (2 Peter 3:11-13).
- 3) The same One who will reign on earth in righteousness in the future is the One who reigns in our lives today (Hebrews 2:9-11).

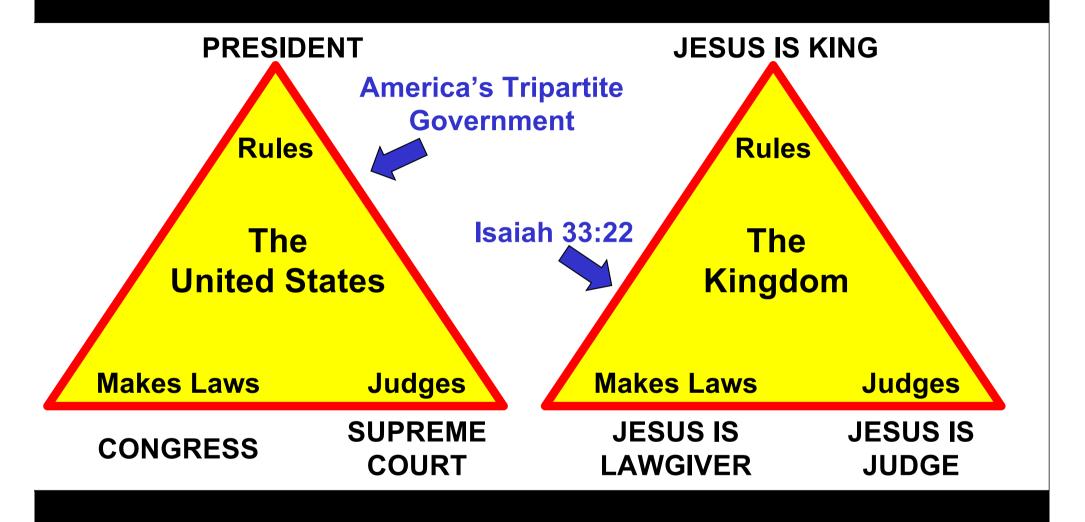
Isaiah 33

Woes (delight in God—not Egypt) <u>Isaiah 28–33</u>





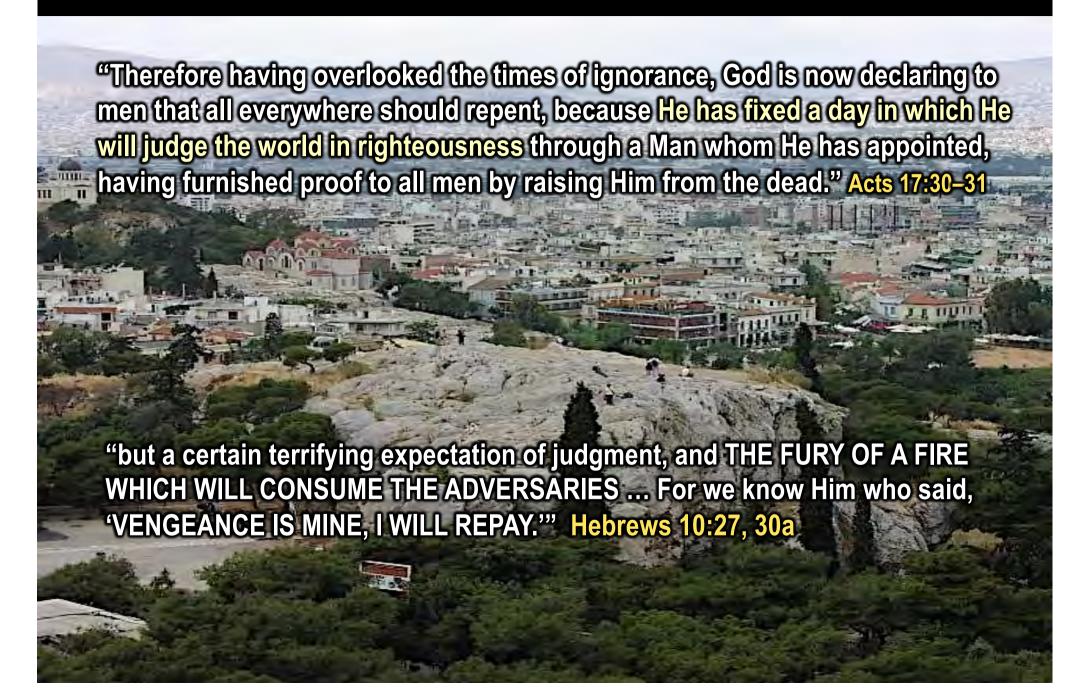
From Republic to Monarchy



Isaiah 34



Mars Hill, Athens, Greece



Outline of Isaiah 34:1-4

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I. God's Wrath Revealed

Isaiah 34:1-4

A. God's Indictment of the World

"Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen,

o peoples!

Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it."

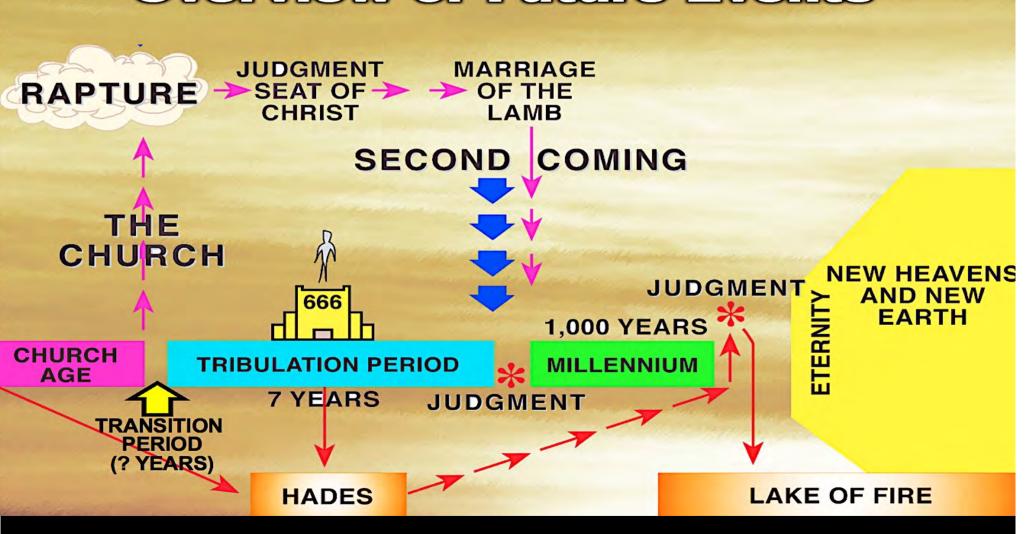


"For the LORD'S indignation is against all the nations, and His wrath against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to slaughter. So their slain will be thrown out, and their corpses will give off their stench, and the mountains will be drenched with their blood."

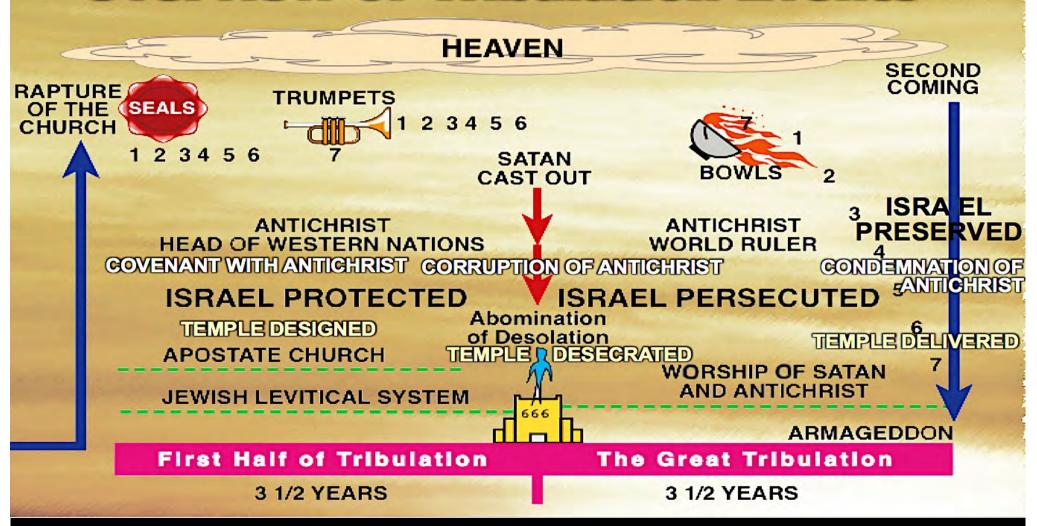
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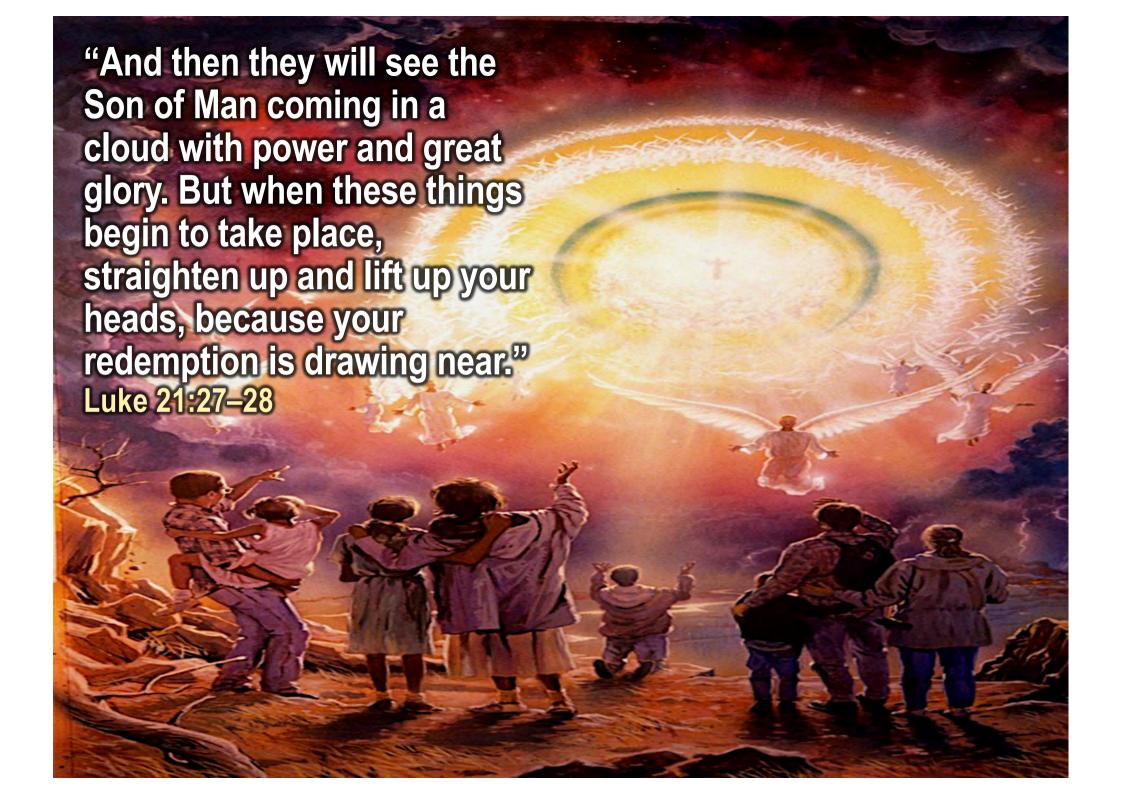


Overview of Future Events



Overview of Tribulation Events





Isaiah's Previous Description of the Tribulation Judgments

"Enter the rock and hide in the dust from the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty. The proud look of man will be abased, And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty, and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased. And it will be against all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up, against all the oaks of Bashan, against all the lofty mountains, against all the hills that are lifted up, against every high tower, against every fortified wall, against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the beautiful craft. And the pride of man will be humbled, And the loftiness of men will be abased, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. But the idols will completely vanish. And men will go into caves of the rocks, and into holes of the ground before the terror of the LORD, and before the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble. In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, in order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs, before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble. Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils; For why should he be esteemed?" Isa 2:10-22 NAU

Isaiah's Previous Description of the Tribulation Judgments

"Wail, for the day of the LORD is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will fall limp, and every man's heart will melt. And they will be terrified. Pains and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor, They will look at one another in astonishment, their faces aflame. Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light. Thus I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud, and abase the haughtiness of the ruthless. I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I shall make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken from its place at the fury of the LORD of hosts in the day of his burning anger."

Isaiah 13:6-13

Other Descriptions of the Tribulation Judgments

"And I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes."

Joel 2:30–31

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken..."

Matthew 24:29

C. God's Instruction for the World Isa 34:4

"And all the host of heaven will wear away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as one withers from the fig tree."

Scripture Comments on Scripture

"Behold, He puts no trust in His holy ones, and the heavens are not pure in His sight"
Job 15:15

"For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God." Romans 8:19–21

"And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places." Revelation 6:12–14

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10

2 Peter 3:10 and Isaiah 34:4

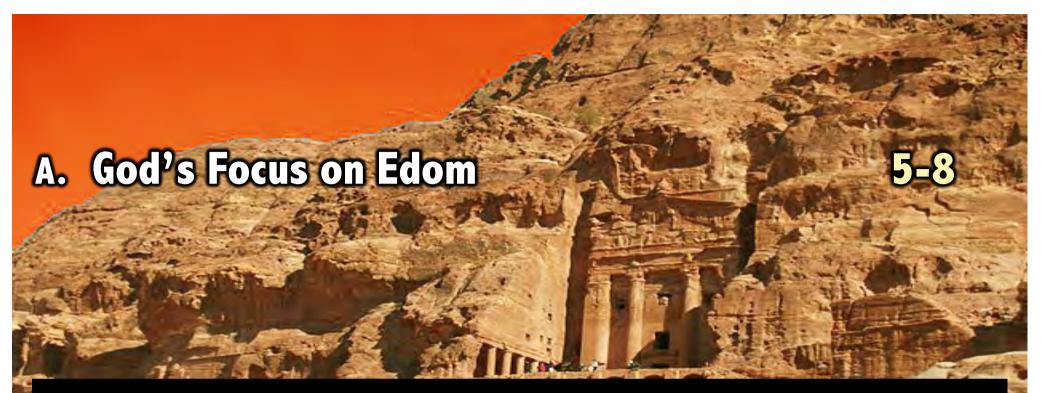
"This theme the Apostle Peter discussed in the third chapter of II Peter. An examination of its context shows that the apostle was speaking of the events of the day of Jehovah. At that time, according to his prediction, the heavenly bodies will be dissolved and pass away with a great noise and the earth will burn with intense fire. There will be volcanic eruptions here and there on the earth. The smoldering fires that are deposited in the earth will burst forth into mighty conflagrations. Since Peter gave that description in reply to the mockers who question the second Coming of Christ, it is evident that he was talking about the Tribulation and what will occur at that time. All the facts of the context point in that direction."

D. L. Cooper, Commentary on Isaiah, Biblical Research Monthly (Nov 1944)

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"For My sword is satiated in heaven, behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom, and upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction. The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. Wild oxen shall also fall with them, and young bulls with strong ones; Thus their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust become greasy with fat. For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompenses for the cause of Zion."

Edom Represents the World's Attitude Toward Israel

Israel experienced constant enmity and aggression from Edom throughout its history. Opposition to the People of God was opposition to God and deserved the vengeance of God (Isa. 34:8a). For this reason, "God loved Jacob; but hated Esau" (Malachi 1:2-3).

- (1) When Israel was in distress in the time of Moses, Edom refused to allow Israel to cross their territory and even threatened them with attack (Num. 20:14-22).
- (2) Almost every king of Israel had to fight with the Edomites.
- (3) Edom persuaded Babylon to destroy Jerusalem; then joined in looting the city (Psalm 137:7; Obadiah 10-14).

This attitude toward "Zion" (Isa. 34:8b) reflects the anti-Semitic attitude and actions of Gentile nations through history (persecutions, pogroms, the Holocaust) and will characterize the way they will treat Israel during the Tribulation (Matt. 24:9-22; 25:31-41; Rev. 12:6-17).

The Role of Bozrah/Edom in Bible Prophecy

Bozrah ("sheepfold"), a pastoral city and capital of Edom, 25 miles southeast of the Dead Sea, was the homeland of Jacob's twin brother, Esau.

Even though Edom as a nation ceased to exist about 500 B.C., the lands once occupied by Edom, now modern Jordan, will certainly face the devastation Isaiah declares in chapter 34. For God, these lands will always have the title "Edom" no matter the name that others allot to them.

"Who is this who comes from Edom, with garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, this One who is majestic in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength? It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? I have trodden the wine trough alone, and from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also trod them in My anger, and trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, and I stained all My raiment. For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and My year of redemption has come. And I looked, and there was no one to help, and I was astonished and there was no one to uphold; So My own arm brought salvation to Me; And My wrath upheld Me. And I trod down the peoples in My anger, and made them drunk in My wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."



Isaiah 63:1-6

"God comes from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His splendor covers the heavens, and the earth is full of His praise. His radiance is like the sunlight; He has rays flashing from His hand, and there is the hiding of His power." Habakkuk 3:3–4

Teman is a chief settlement in Edom; Mount Paran is the area between Edom and the Sinai



God's Protection of the Remnant at Bozrah

"I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like sheep in a sheepfold (Bozrah); Like a flock in the midst of its pasture they will be noisy with men. The breaker goes up before them; They break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, and the LORD at their head." Micah 2:12–13

Isaiah 41:17–20 indicates that God will miraculously provide food and water, when Jews flee to the wilderness in the Tribulation, just as He did in the wilderness of Sinai. These provisions will cause them to reconsider their relationship with God. Isaiah 65:8–16 describes how God will enable the Faithful Remnant to survive the Great Tribulation's persecutions and devastations.

Christ's Locations at the Second Coming

Across the Sky

Across the Land

Into Jerusalem

- Heaven opens, Jesus appears on a white horse
- Jesus descends from heaven with his mighty angel armies
- Jesus encircles the entire globe showing his glory
- Every eye will see him
- A shout, the voice of an archangel, the loud call of God
- 7th & Last Trumpet sounds
- OT & Tribulation saints resurrected
- Jesus arrives on earth with his angels, ready to make war on the nations who stand against Israel

- He marches through the south & east wilderness areas (Tenam, Mt. Paran, Mt. Seir) through Jordan (Edom, Bozrah, Moab) striking down Israel's enemies and judging them for their deep hatred of his chosen nation
- Enemy blood will soak his garments red
- His march will display significant supernatural power
- He proceeds to Judah to rescue those who fled to the desert when they saw the Abomination of Desolation

- Jesus stands on the Mount of Olives and it splits
- Jesus crosses Kidron
 Valley through the sealed
 Eastern Gate and enters
 Jerusalem, the King's city
- Triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the King of Kings
- The nation of Israel is born again in a day
- Jesus sends his armies out to free the cities of Israel
- Many other Muslim strongholds will feel God's wrath (Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Assyria)

Campaign of Armageddon

- 1. Assembling of the Antichrist and his armies in Megiddo (Rev. 16:12-16)
- 2. Destruction of Babylon (Rev. 18:1-24)
- 3. Fall of Jerusalem to Gentile nations (Rev. 11:2; Zech. 14:2)
- 4. Gathering of the armies of Antichrist at Bozrah (Isa. 34:5-8; Mic. 2:12-13)
- 5. National regeneration of Israel (Zech. 12:10-13:6; Rom. 11:25-27)
- 6. Second coming of the Messiah beginning in Bozrah (Rev. 19:1-18; Isa. 63:1-6)
- 7. Battle of the end in the valley of Jehoshaphat in Jerusalem (Joel 3:2-3)
- 8. Victory ascent upon the Mount of Olives (Rev. 16:17-21)



The terms "sword" (Isaiah 34:5-6a), "judgment" (5a), "devoted to destruction" (5b), "sacrifice" (6c), "day of vengeance" (8a) and "year of recompenses" (in the plural) in Isaiah 33:8b all refer to God's Tribulation punishment of the world for rebelling against him.

"And its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its loose earth into brimstone, and its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; Its smoke shall go up forever; From generation to generation it shall be desolate; None shall pass through it forever and ever. But pelican and hedgehog shall possess it, and owl and raven shall dwell in it; And He shall stretch over it the line of desolation and the plumb line of emptiness. Its nobles — there is no one there whom they may proclaim king and all its princes shall be nothing. And thorns shall come up in its fortified towers, nettles and thistles in its fortified cities; It shall also be a haunt of jackals and an abode of ostriches. And the desert creatures shall meet with the wolves, the hairy goat also shall cry to its kind; Yes, the night monster shall settle there and shall find herself a resting place. The tree snake shall make its nest and lay eggs there, and it will hatch and gather them under its protection. Yes, the hawks shall be gathered there, every one with its kind."



(tohu bohu) terms used of the uninhabited earth in Genesis 1:2

"Seek from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these will be missing; None will lack its mate. For His mouth has commanded, and His Spirit has gathered them. And He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has divided it to them by line. They shall possess it forever; From generation to generation they shall dwell in it."

Just as God prophesied in His Word, Edom (and the rebellious nations of the world) will be removed of men and the lands will return to the control of wild animals.

"And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth." Revelation 6:8

Lessons from Isaiah 34

- 1) God's judgment must come because He is holy and just and cannot deny Himself. This judgment results in ruin for the world's wicked and reward the righteous.
- 2) God's Word is a faithful and reliable witness to all men that what He has promised, he will perform.
- 3) Israel and the Jewish People are important to God from the beginning to the end.



"So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it." Isajah 55:11



Isaiah 35

The Blooming Desert

"Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. ² Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the LORD will display his glory, the splendor of our God" (Isaiah 35:1-2 NLT).





Relationship Between Isaiah 34 and 35

ISAIAH 34

"For the LORD's indignation is against all the nations, and His wrath against all their armies \dots " Isa. 34:2

"O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations" Ps. 59:5 "Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is Thou who dost possess all the nations." Ps. 82:8

7 YEARS

TRIBULATION PERIOD

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST



ISAIAH 35

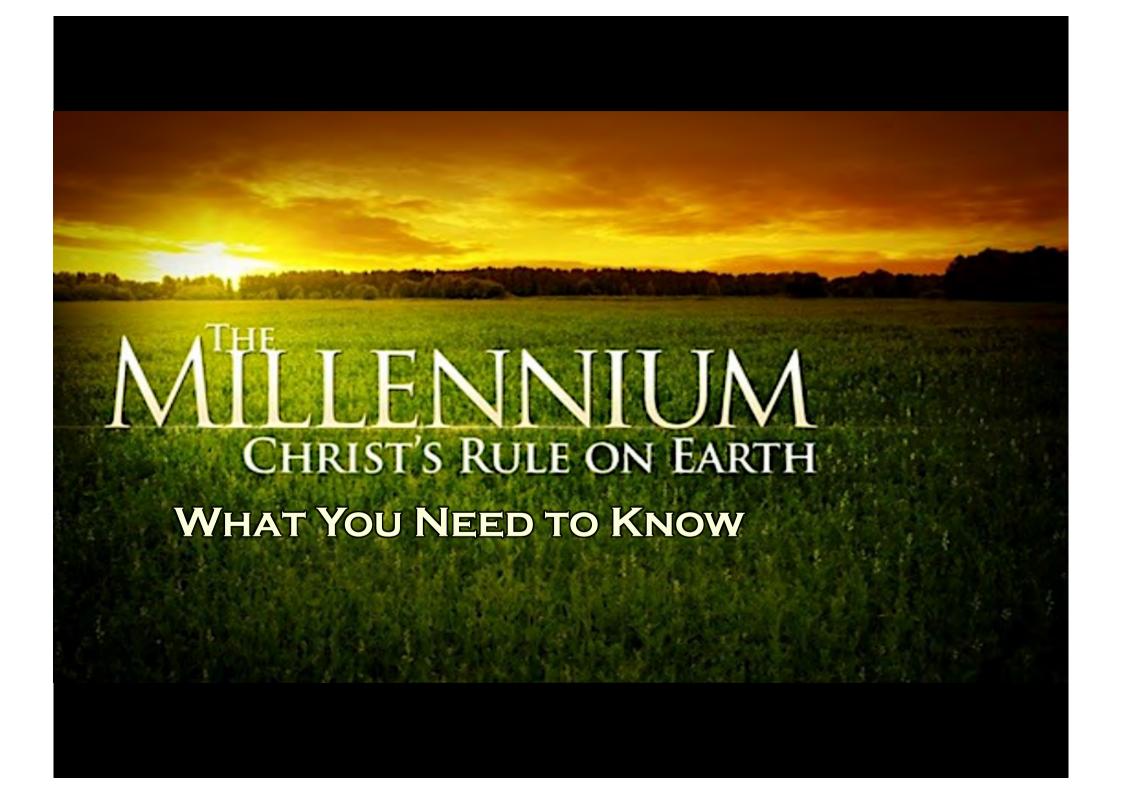
"And the ransomed of the LORD will return, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads." Isa. 35:10

"The LORD will reign forever, Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!" Ps. 146:10

1,000 YEARS

MILLENNIUM



The Kingdom of God: The Bible's All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Revelation 22:5

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command



Fulfillment

The Kingdom: The Key Theme of the Old Testament

God's restores man to participate in His kingdom rule for His glory
mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall
and accomplished by redeeming man
through Israel as a kingdom of priests
and ultimately through the Messiah,
who will reign as Savior and King
to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant

for Israel and the nations

What is the Millennium?

- 1. It is Paradise regained (Isa. 11:9b; 25:6-9; 65:17-25).
- 2. It is the animal creation restored (Is. 11:6-8).
- 3. It is the Nation of Israel restored (1 Chron. 16:35; Ps. 80:3; Isa. 11:11-12; 44:23).
- 4. It is the Centile nations included (Ps. 18:49; Ps. 138:4; Is. 2:3; 11:10; 51:4; 66:18).
- 5. It is the climax of human history (Ps. 7:9; Rom. 8:19-23; Rev. 11:17).
- 6. It is the literal reign of Christ on earth (Isa.12:6; Zech. 14:9).
- 7. It is a time of perfect peace and justice (ls. 2:4; Ps. 45:6).
- 8. It is what the human heart yearns for (Ps. 79:9; Is. 30:19; Lam 5:21).
- 9. It is that for which we pray (Matt. 6:10-13).

The Millennium as the Conclusion of World History

- 1. History is moving forward toward a prophesied End (Dan. 2:44, 7; 2 Pet. 3:4-7).
- 2. History requires a resolution to end sin and establish salvation. This must come at the end of the age as the climax of salvation history (Rev. 19:11-20:6).
- 3. The Millennium is not the first chapter of eternity; it is the last chapter of time that finds the fulfillment of Christ's cross work in His earthly reign when sin and death will be finally overcome (Matt. 26:29; Acts 1:6-7; Heb. 2:8; 9:28). Only "Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power" (1 Cor. 15:24-25). But Christ only does this through His millennial reign and the resurrection of the wicked at its end (Rev. 20:4-6, 14).

The Necessity of the Millennium

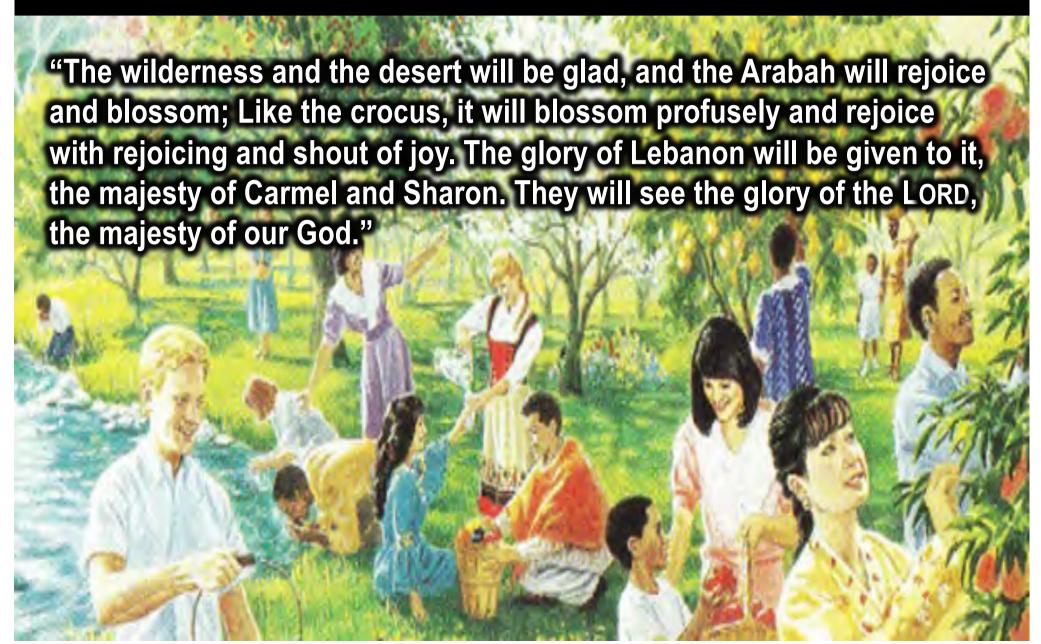
- 1. Without a Millennium, God loses the war to Satan (Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10).
- 2. Without a Millennium, Christ does not reign in this world (Rev. 11:15, 17).
- 3. Without a Millennium, the saints do not reign with Christ on earth (Rev. 5:10).
- 4. Without a Millennium, God would break an unconditional land promise to Abraham (Gen. 13:15; 15:8; 17:8).
- 5. Without a Millennium, God would break an unconditional throne promise to David (2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 89:28-37).
- 6. Without a Millennium man's God-given longings for a utopia will go unfulfilled.
- 7. Without a Millennial we lack an urgency in evangelism (Lk. 19:13; Phil. 4:5).
- 8. Without a Millennium we lack an incentive for holiness (Rom. 13:11-12; 2 Pet. 3:10-11).

I. The Restoration in the Kingdom

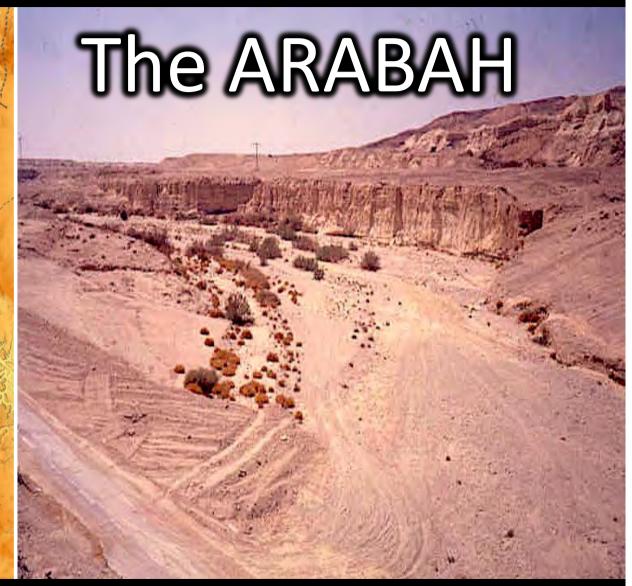
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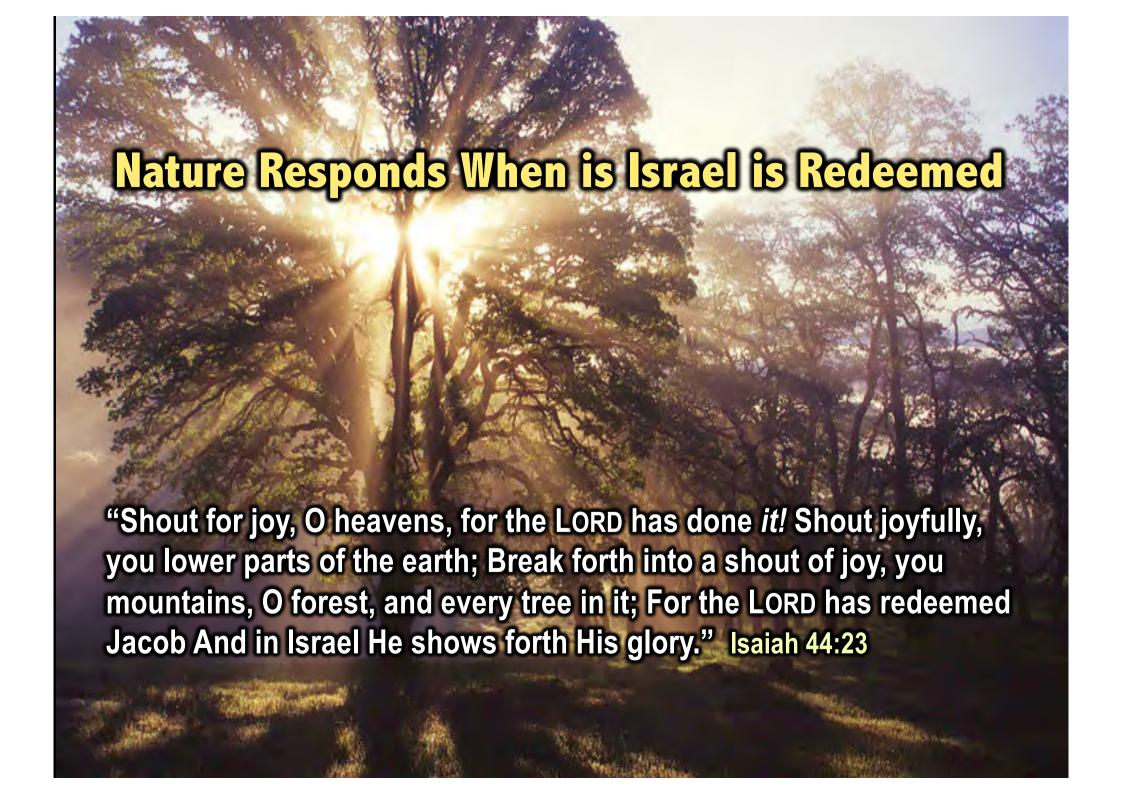
A. The Restoration of Nature

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The Millennium Reversal of the Curse and a Renewal of the Land

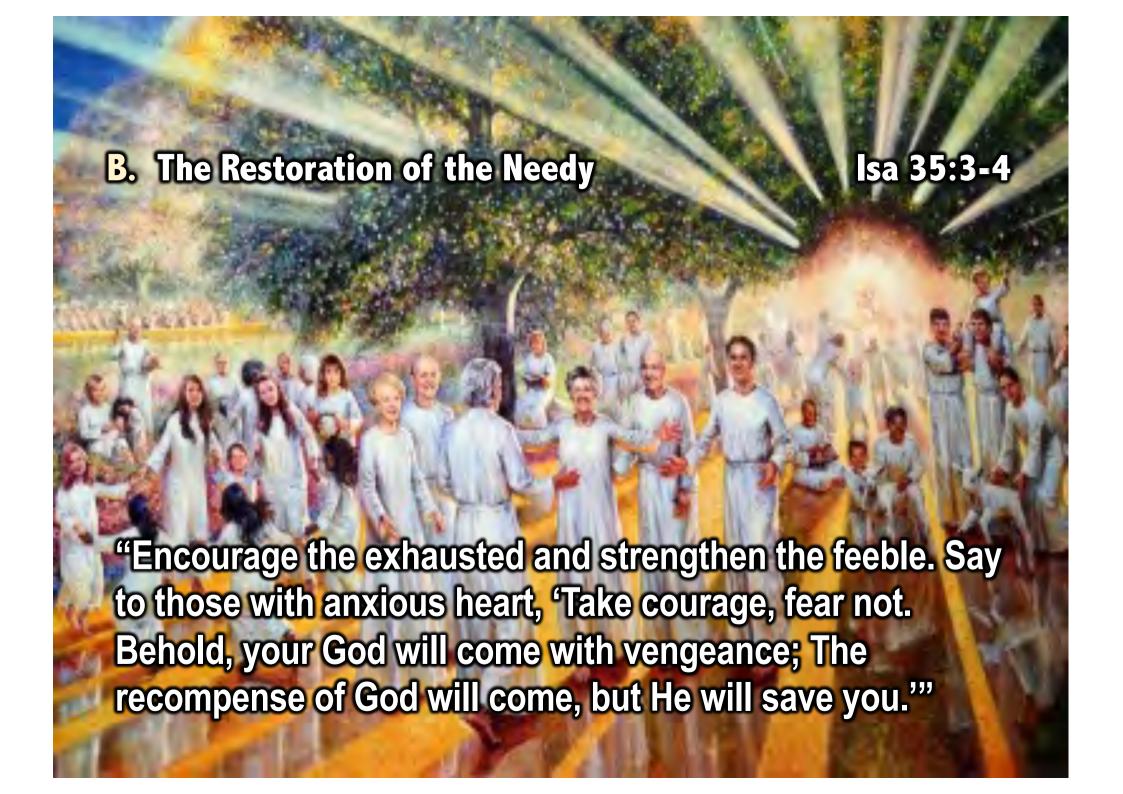
"Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you ..." Genesis 3:17b-18a

"Why is the land ruined, laid waste like a desert, so that no one passes through?"

Jeremiah 9:12

"Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody." Isaiah 51:3

Carmel ("fruitful field") Sharon Plain (known for its flowers)





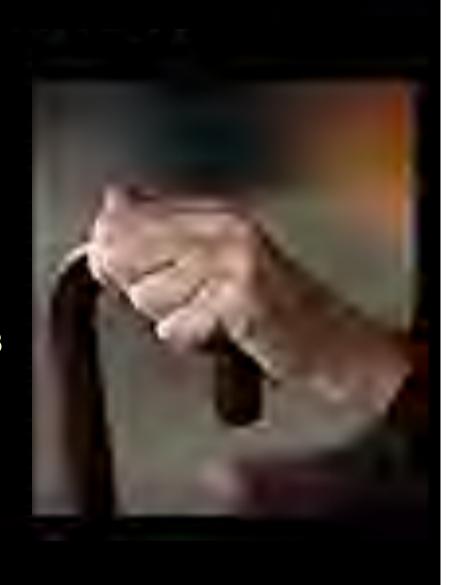
"Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth, say to the daughter of Zion, 'Lo, your salvation comes; Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him." Isaiah 62:11

Pattern: Suffering -> Salvation, Tribulation -> Kingdom

"All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteous-ness. Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed."

Hebrews 12:11–13

If we in the Church Age have a reason to hope for deliverance from our present tribulations, believers in the Tribulation will also have a reason to hope in the coming of Christ to save them from their enemies and give them the promised Kingdom.



II. The Redemption in the Kingdom

A. The Redemption of the Ruined

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"Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy."

Christ's Healing: A Preview of the Millennium

"And on that day the deaf shall hear words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The afflicted also shall increase their gladness in the LORD, and the needy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel." Isa. 29:18–19

"the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM." Matthew 11:5

"And He answered and said to them, 'Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM." Luke 7:22

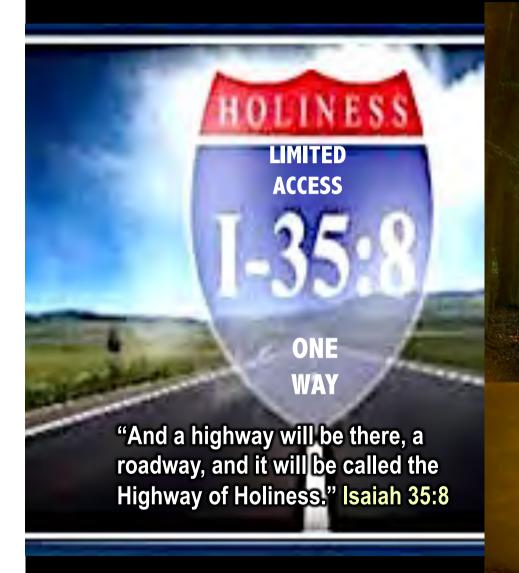
B. The Redemption of the Region Isaiah 35:6b-9

In Isaiah 34:8, 13 the streams were filled with pitch and jackals roamed through the citadels. Now this desolate condition is reversed:

"For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the Arabah. And the scorched land will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, grass becomes reeds and rushes. And a highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it. No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there."

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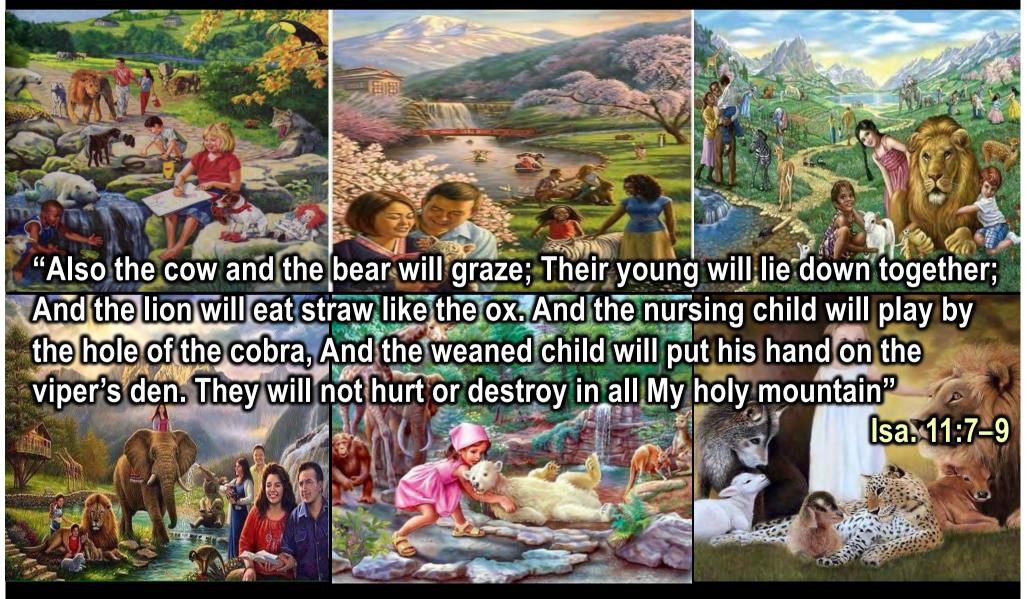
"I will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land fountains of water." Isa. 41:18 "Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east... These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah ... so everything will live where the river goes." Ezek. 47:1, 8-9



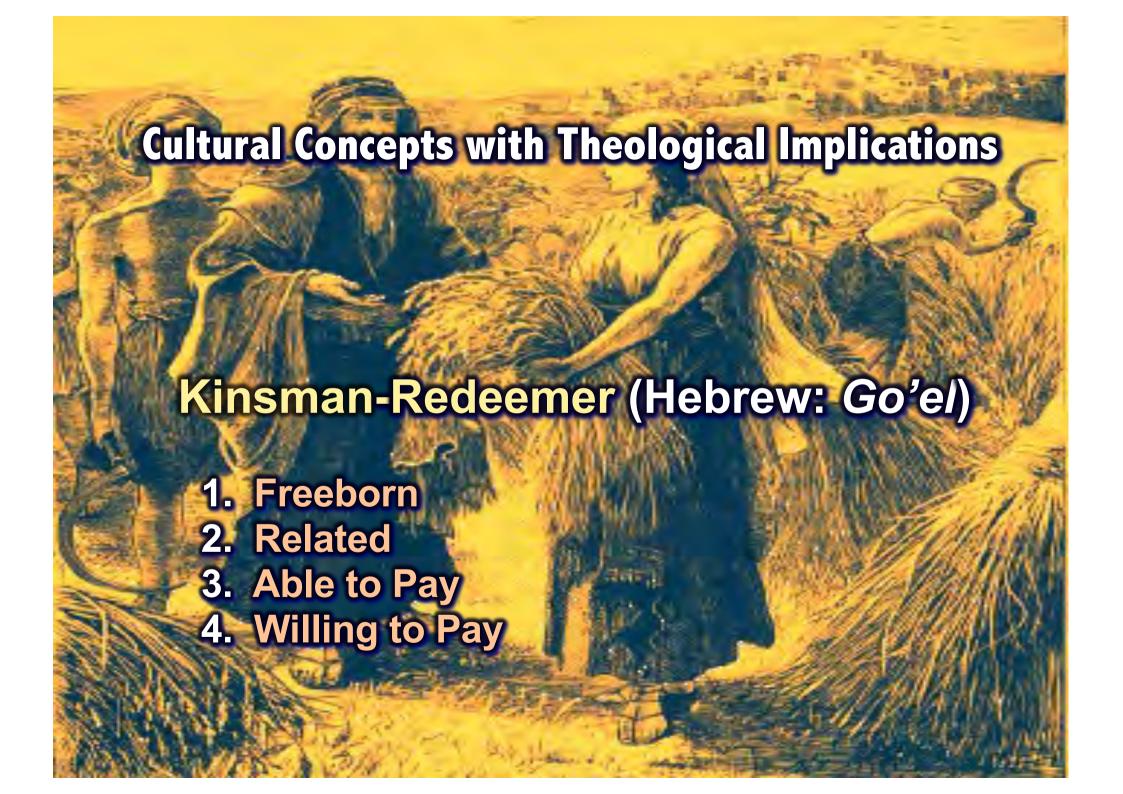
The HIGHWAY of HOLINESS Those redeemed by the blood of Christ will travel to Zion to worship the Redeemer

WALKING 1 Coliness

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Christ our *Go'el* (Kinsman-Redeemer)

This kinsman-redeemer (goel) idea beautifully typifies Christ & the Church. Christ fulfilled all 4 requirements as goel to redeem mankind:

- 1. He must be *related* by blood to those he redeems (2:20; cf. Deut. 25:5, 7-10). Jesus was God made fully man (John 1:14; Rom. 1:3; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 2:14-15).
- 2. He must be *able* to pay the redemption price (2:1; cf. 1 Peter 1:18-19).
- 3. He must be *willing* to redeem (3:11; cf. Matt 20:28; John 10:15, 18; Hebrews 10:7).
- 4. He must be *free* himself (4:10; cf. the virgin birth freed Christ from the curse of sin, Matt 1:23).

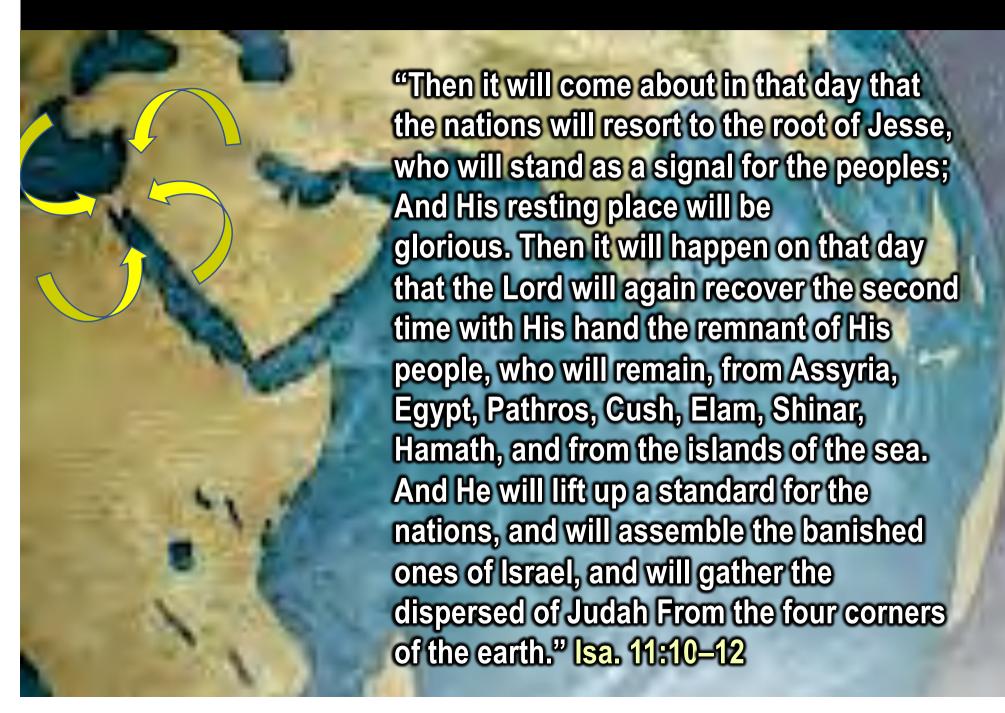




"And the ransomed of the LORD will return, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

"Wake up, wake up, O LORD! Clothe yourself with strength! Flex your mighty right arm! Rouse yourself as in the days of old when you slew Egypt, the dragon of the Nile. ¹⁰ Are you not the same today, the one who dried up the sea, making a path of escape through the depths so that your people could cross over? 11 Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness."

National Israel's Restoration to the Land





LESSONS FROM ISAIAH 35

- 1. This world has not yet seen the best that God can do. The kingdom will be God's demonstration to mankind that the kind of world for which they have longed, only He can provide.
- 2. God would not promise what He could perform. Despite the problems of today and the Tribulation of tomorrow, God's glorious kingdom will come with the return of Christ.
- 3. In view of this future hope, believers today should encourage and strengthen one another in the Lord. We have a wonderful future and we must remind those who despair of this world that Christ is coming to make all things new.

Isaiah: Restoration of the Created Order

Judgment (and Salvation)				Salvation (and Judgment)			
Chapters 1–39				Chapters 40–66			
Assyrian Invasion				Babylonian Captivity			
Prophecy H				Prophecy			
Mostly Condemnation			Inter- lude	Mostly Consolation			
Violations & deliverance 1–12	Judgment on the nations 13–23	Worldwide judgment & blessing 24–35	Salvation sickness & sin 36–39	Shepherd of Israel 40–48	Suffering Servant 49–57	God's Initiative 58–59	Restoration under Messiah 60–66

Judah

739-681 BC (Before, during and after Israel's fall to Assyria in 722 BC)

Isaiah 36

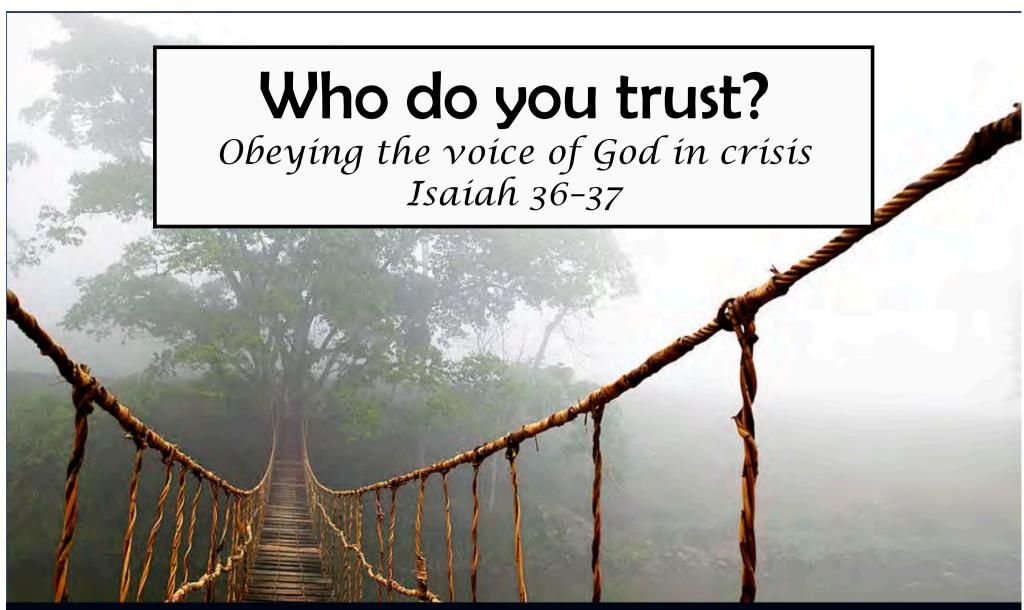
8 Riblah Map 4 THE KINGDOM YEARS Probable extent of issociate control during the Kingdom of Solomon, c. 950 s.c. Zobah Byblos The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah. c. 660 n.c. Soundary between target and Judah Siden* Damesous 2 Zarephath. Dan Syria Kedesh Scale of Miles Acco! Ashtaroth Church daming Golan? The Great Johnoum Megiddo Ramoth Gliead -Jezrool Taanach* Jabesh Gilend Dothan* Tierah. Zachon Succoth Shechem ISRAEL Rabbah Joppa Mizpah Jabneh Gezer Heshbon Philistia Beth Shemosh "Tekoa" Gaza Eglon? Adullam Dibon Debir Moab Beersheba JUDAH Bozrah Kadesh Barnes Edom 5 Teman Note: Other place names significant during the time of the Kingdoms are found on Map 3. @ Thomas Netson, Inc., 1585

Isaiah 36–39

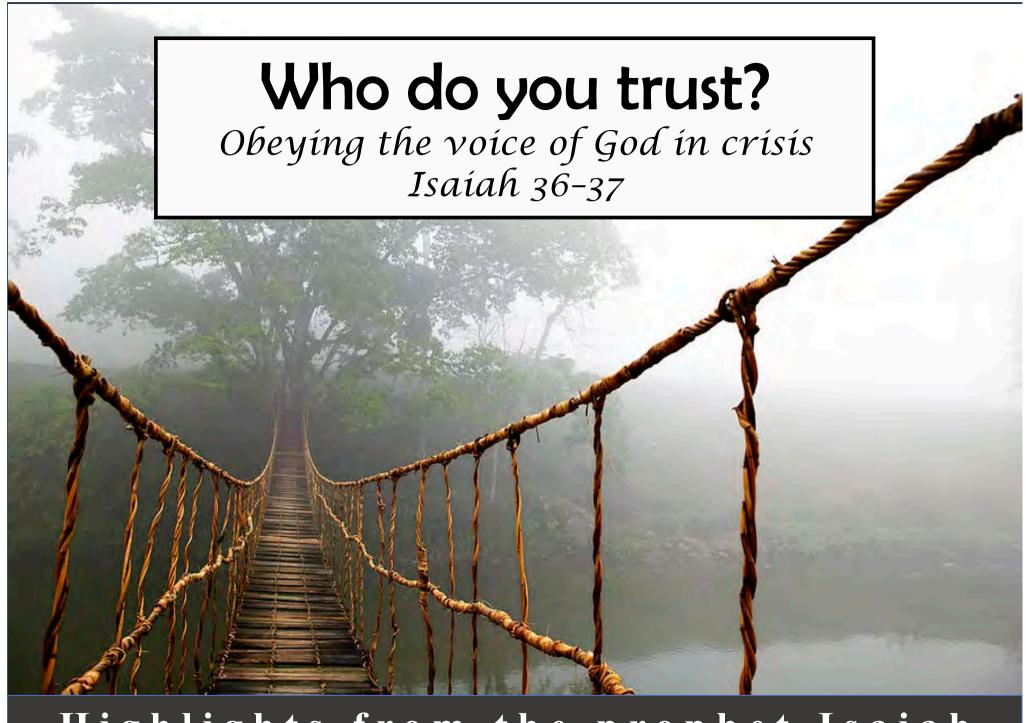
Historical Parenthesis

This section (on King Hezekiah) is an important transition – Isaiah 36–37 look back to Assyria and chaps. 38–39 look forward to Babylon

Identical to 2 Kings 18–20 except for the poem of Hezekiah



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Highlights from the prophet Isaiah

Times Change But the Question Remains: Do You Trust God?



Generational Faith

Isaiah

<u>Uzziah</u>
Good start
Bad finish

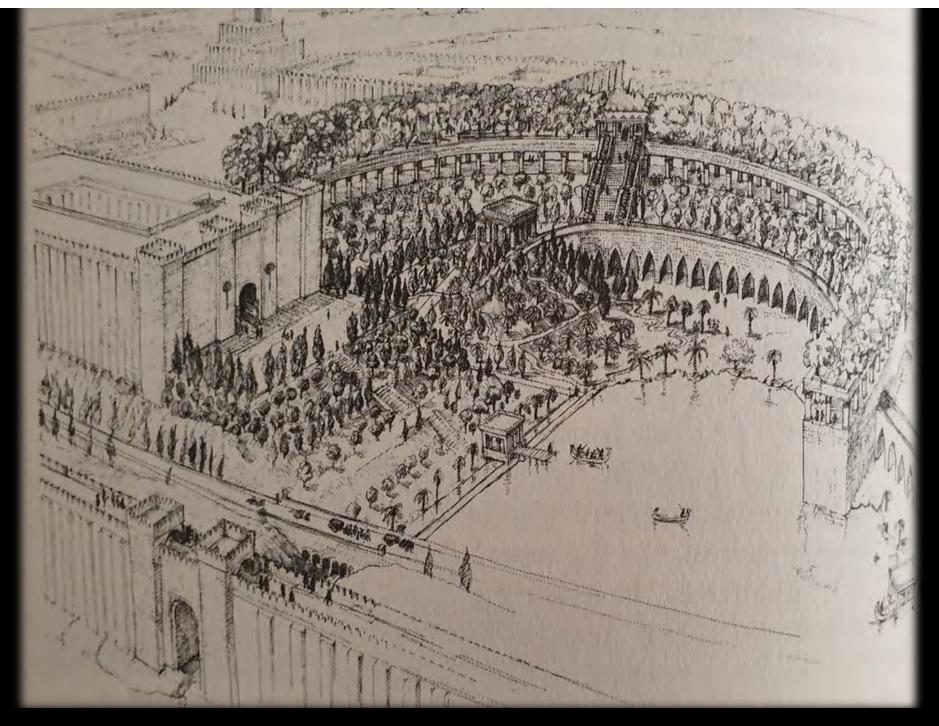
Ahaz
Bad start
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Hezekiah
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How Do We Handle New Threats to Our Faith in God?

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The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

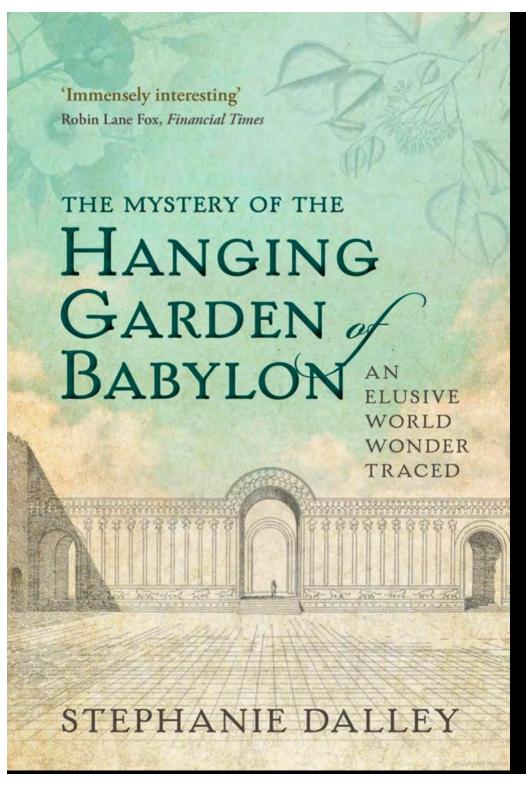


The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

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<u>Assyria</u>



"To build a new palace with a garden was to replicate creation in miniature, to bring control and order to the earth just as the gods had put order into the world according to the Babylonian *Epic of Creation*.

By this deed the ruler acted like the highest god. Thus did the unrivalled palace with its marvellous garden mirror the act of genesis, showing to all the world that Sennacherib was as a god."

Stephanie Dalley, p. 153

"Throughout Mesopotamian history, however, one senses a pervasive pessimism that the gods' decisions were arbitrary and amoral. Humans had no destiny beyond an afterlife in dust and gloom. The Assyrians learned from their gods that military power outweighed moral force."

William Gwaltney

2 Kings 18:14-16

¹⁴ And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have done wrong; withdraw from me. Whatever you impose on me I will bear." And the king of Assyria required of Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. ¹⁵ And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house. ¹⁶ At that time Hezekiah stripped the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD and from the doorposts that Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid and gave it to the king of Assyria.

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

1 Peter 5:8

¹ "But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep."

2 Peter 2:1-3

How Do We Handle New Threats to Our Faith in God?

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Be prepared to respond to challenges designed to undermine convictions of faith (36:4-21)

"This speech is a classic study in the Satanic art of sowing doubt and unbelief through subtly twisting the truth."

Barry Webb

6 lethal arguments designed to undermine your trust in God

- Disappointment: People fail you (vs. 4-6)
- False guilt: God is against you (v. 7)
- Incompetence: You are incapable (vs. 8-9)
- Spiritual despair: God helps your enemies (v. 10)
- Loss of hope: There is no future for you and your beliefs (vs. 11-15, 18-20)
- Deceptive hope: sacrifice long term gain for short term relief (vs. 16-17)

Isaiah 37

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- Repent of faithlessness (vs. 1-4)
- Call on God to reveal His greatness (vs. 5-20)

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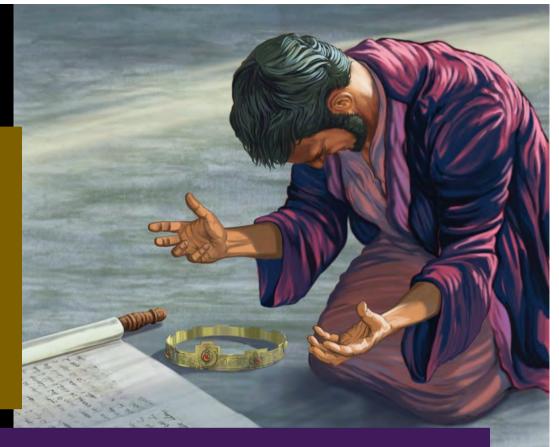


"Therefore this is what the LORD says concerning the king of Assyria: 'He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it. By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city,' declares the LORD" (Isa. 37:33-34).



"Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew" (Isa. 37:36-37).

Stop
Be Quiet
Calm Down
Be Resolved



Confess His sovereignty

Confess His power to do the impossible

Isaiah 38

Hezekiah's Extension of Life

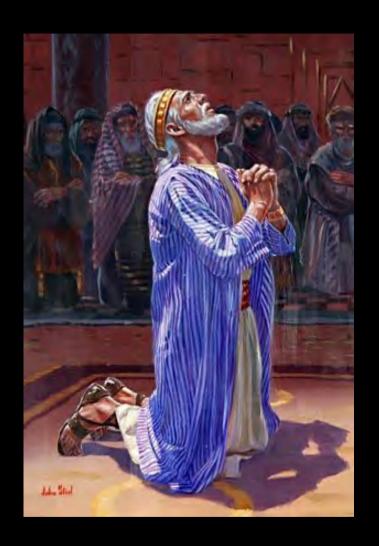


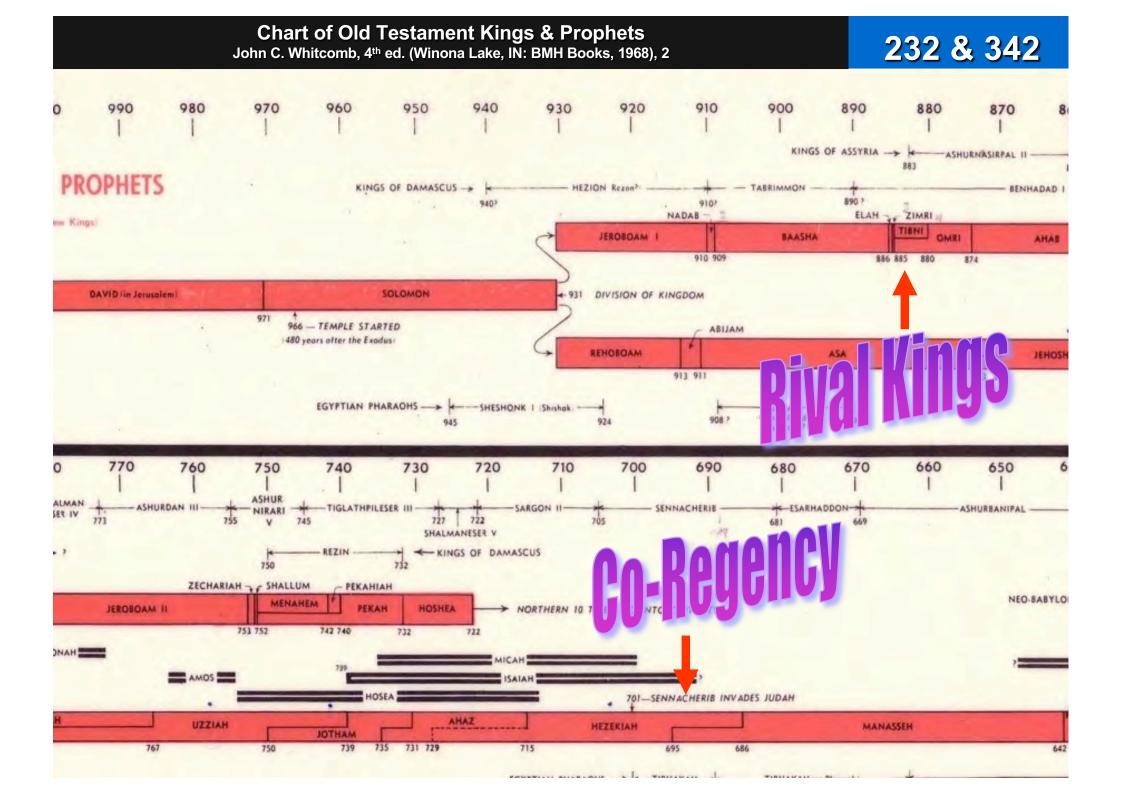
"About that time Hezekiah became deathly ill, and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to visit him. He gave the king this message: 'This is what the LORD says: "Set your affairs in order, for you are going to die. You will not recover from this illness.""

² "When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, ³ 'Remember, O LORD, how I have always been faithful to you and have served you single-mindedly, always doing what pleases you.' Then he broke down and wept bitterly" (Isaiah 38:1-3 NLT).

God's Answer

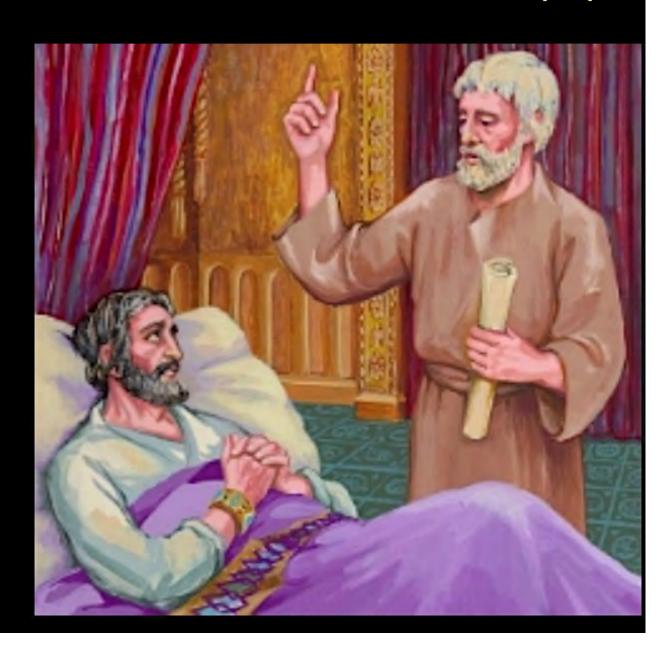
"Then this message came to Isaiah from the LORD: 5 'Go back to Hezekiah and tell him, "This is what the LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life, ⁶ and I will rescue you and this city from the king of Assyria. Yes, I will defend this city""" (Isaiah 38:4-6 NLT).





God sent His answer to Hezekiah's prayer back to him through Isaiah (2 Kings 20:4). The LORD identified Himself as "the God of David, his forefather." This reference helped Hezekiah know God would remain faithful to him and His people.

"Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying, 'Go and say to Hezekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city."' Isaiah 38:4–5



God's Miracle

"And this is the sign from the LORD to prove that he will do as he promised: ⁸ I will cause the sun's shadow to move ten steps backward on the sundial of Ahaz!' So the shadow on the sundial moved backward ten steps" (Isaiah 38:7-8 NLT).



The Hebrew term *ma* a lot means "steps" and refers nowhere else to the divisions of a sundial.

"And this shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken: 'Behold, I will cause the shadow on the stairway, which has gone down with the sun on the stairway of Ahaz, to go back ten steps.' So the sun's shadow went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down." Isaiah 38:7–8 (NASB)

Most scholars believe this a miracle, meant as a sign to confirm God's prophetic Word, was a local refraction of sunlight because of special atmospheric conditions.

These events occurred when the Assyrians were threatening Judah, but before the time of Sennacherib's invasion (chs. 36–37)

Is. 38:9 When King Hezekiah was well again, he wrote this poem: 10 I said, "In the prime of my life, must I now enter the place of the dead? Am I to be robbed of the rest of my years?" ¹¹ I said, "Never again will I see the LORD God while still in the land of the living. Never again will I see my friends or be with those who live in this world."



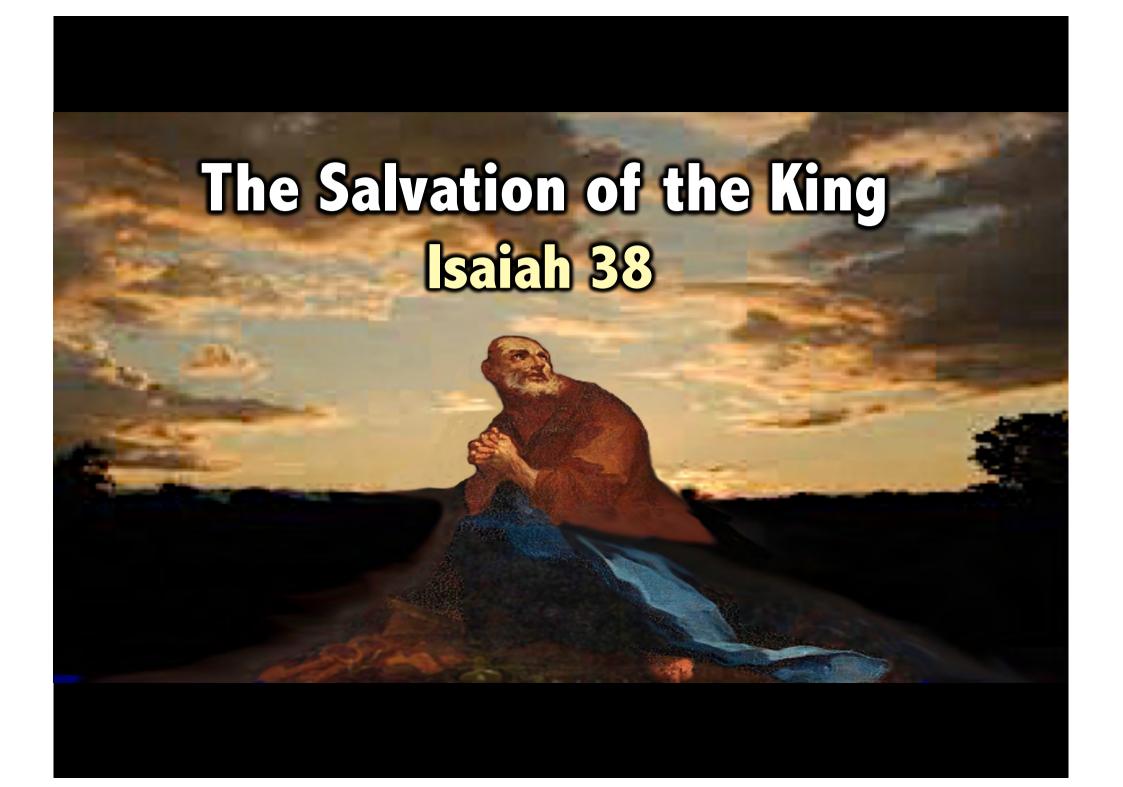
The Hezekiah Bulla

A recent find supporting the historic Hezekiah

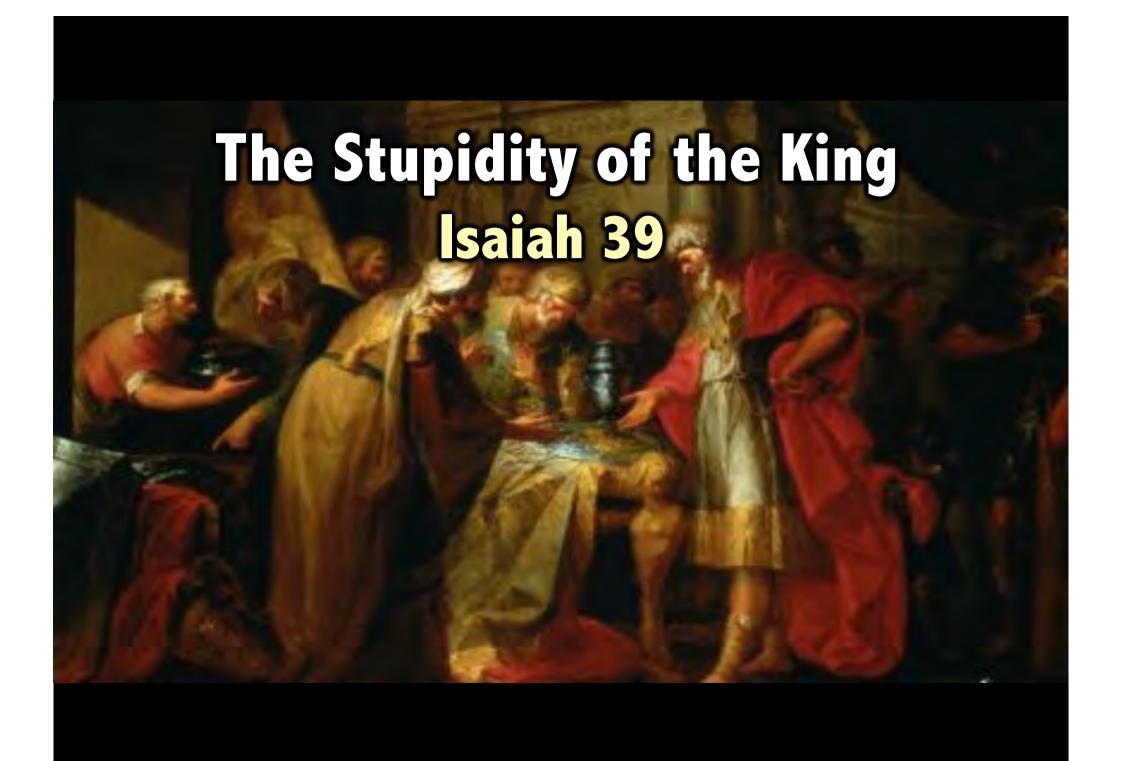


Isaiah's Historical Interlude

Theological Bridge between Sections



Isaiah 39



False Confidence

"Soon after this, Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent Hezekiah his best wishes and a gift. He had heard that Hezekiah had been very sick and that he had recovered.

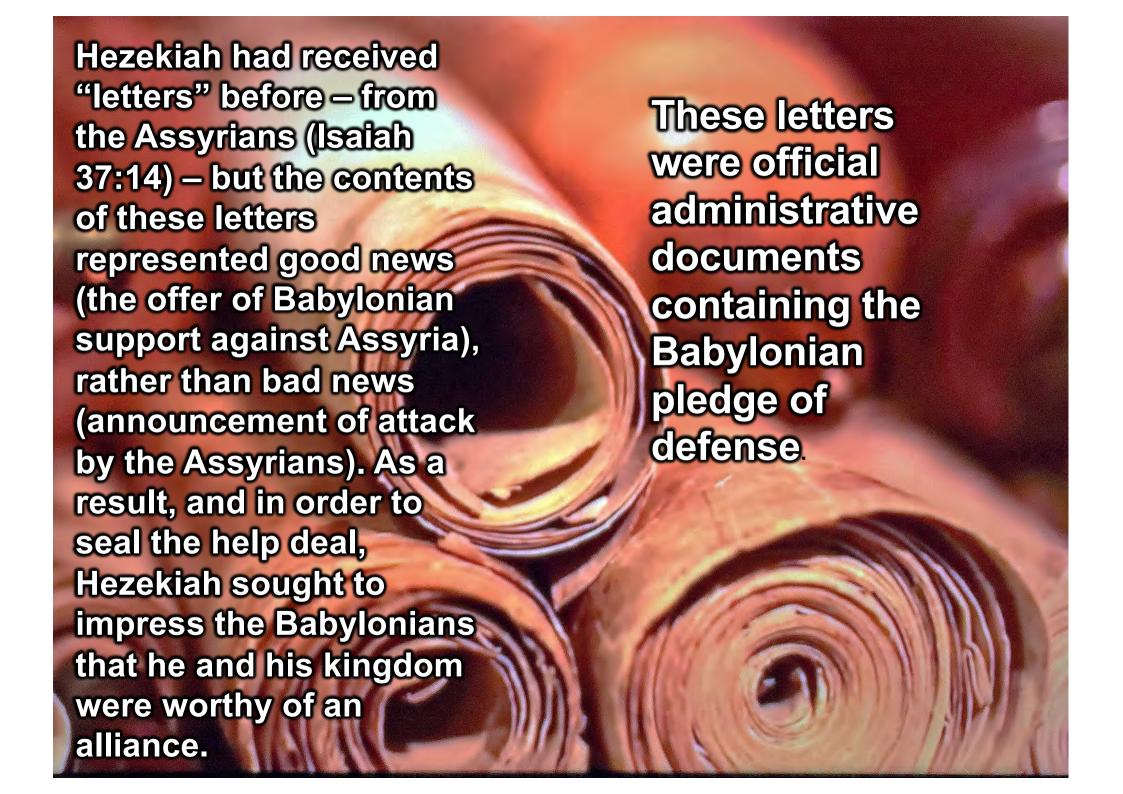


² Hezekiah was delighted with the Babylonian envoys and showed them everything in his treasure-houses—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the aromatic oils. He also took them to see his armory and showed them everything in his royal treasuries! There was nothing in his palace or kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them" (Isaiah 39:1-2 NLT).



"At that time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered." Isaiah 39:1

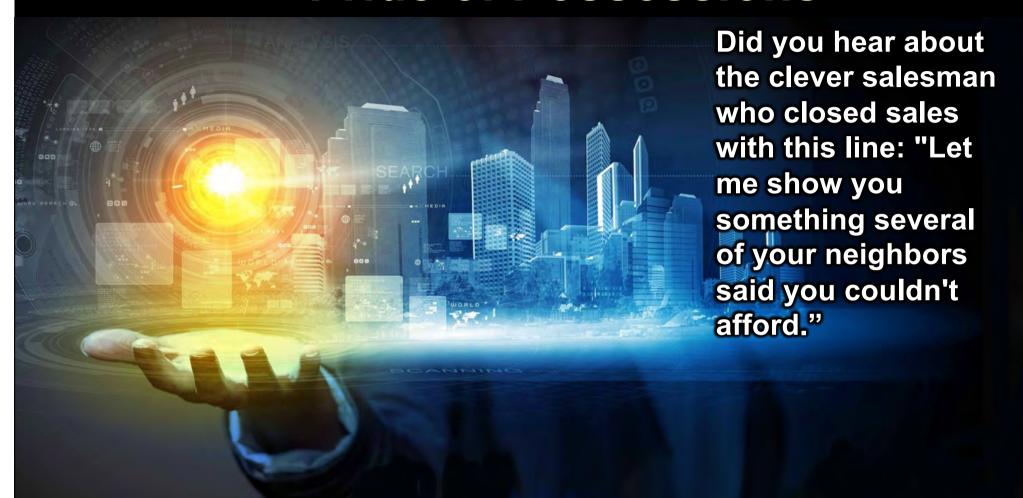
Pride is the dandelion of the soul. Its root goes deep; only a little left behind sprouts again. Its seeds lodge in the tiniest encouraging cracks. And it flourishes in good soil: The danger of pride is that it feeds on goodness. *David Rhodes*





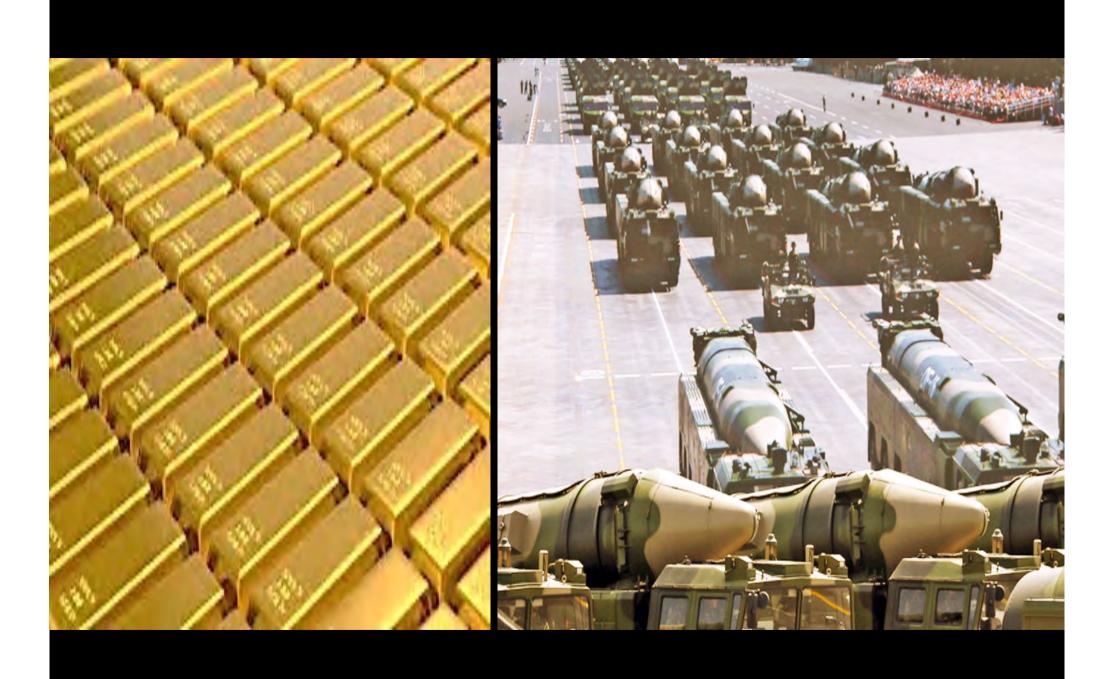
"And Hezekiah was pleased, and showed them all his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and his whole armory and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them."

Pride of Possessions



"As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is *but* labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away."

Psalms 90:10





"But Hezekiah did not respond appropriately to the kindness shown him, and he became proud. So the LORD's anger came against him and against Judah and Jerusalem."



II. The Penalty for Pride

A. The Penalty of Confrontation

"Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, 'What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?' And Hezekiah said, 'They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon.' And he said, 'What have they seen in your house?' So Hezekiah answered, 'They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasuries that I have not shown them."



B. The Penalty of Confiscation

"Then Isaiah said to
Hezekiah, 'Hear the word
of the LORD of hosts,
Behold, the days are
coming when all that is
in your house, and all
that your fathers have
laid up in store to this
day shall be carried to
Babylon; nothing shall
be left,' says the LORD."



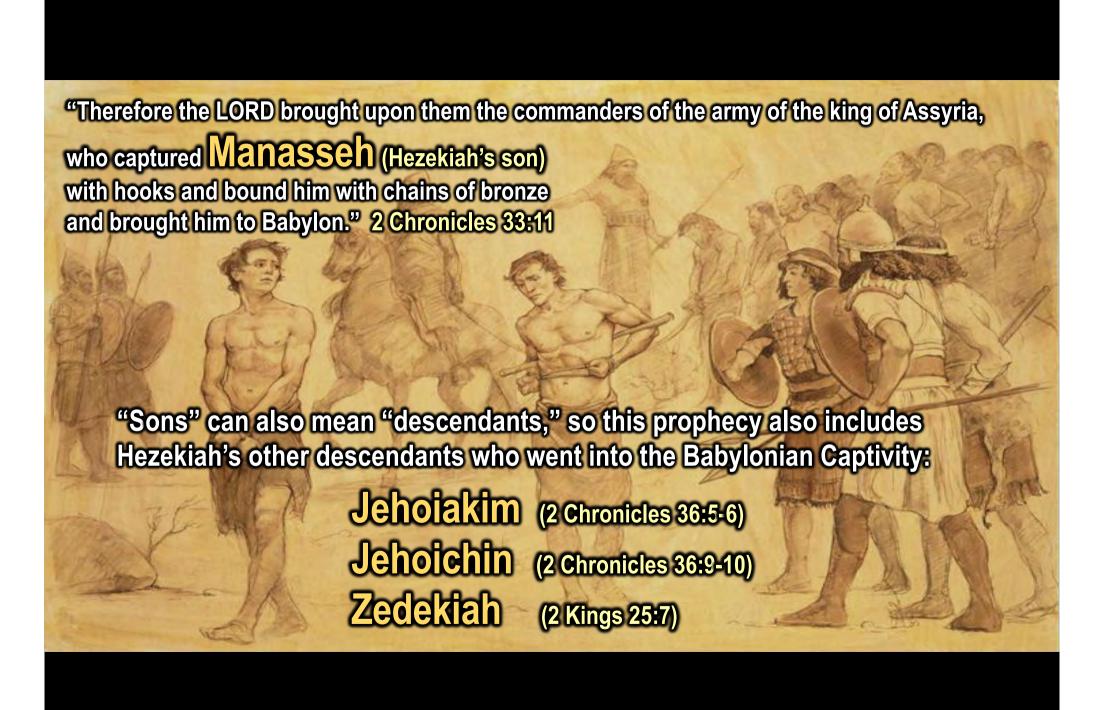
The use of the name "LORD of hosts (armies of heaven)" is significant. Hezekiah had emphasized human strength, rather than divine might.

The Babylonian army looked impressive and an alliance with them seemed to be what Hezekiah needed at this time to thwart an Assyrian invasion. But, the resources he already had on his side with the God of Israel was far superior. But, we tend to put our trust in what is seen, rather than what is unseen, even if it the former is worse for us and the latter is ultimately better for us.

C. The Penalty of Conscription

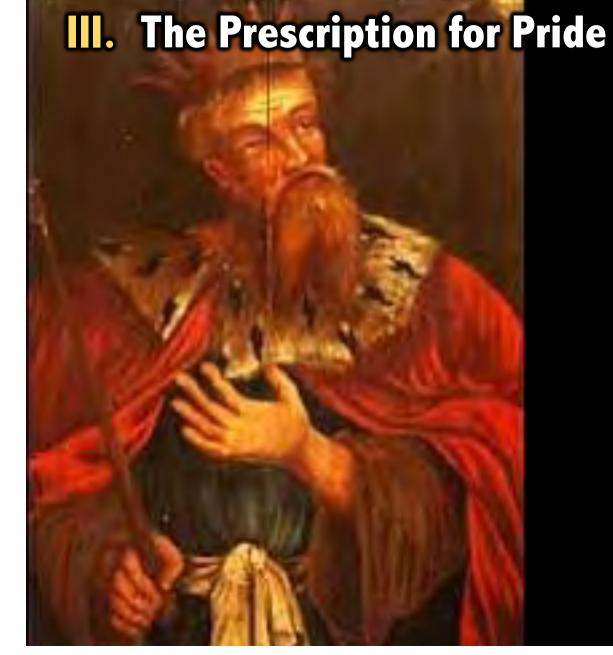
"And some of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall beget, shall be taken away; and they shall become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon."





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"Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, 'The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good.' For he thought, 'There will be peace and security in my days."

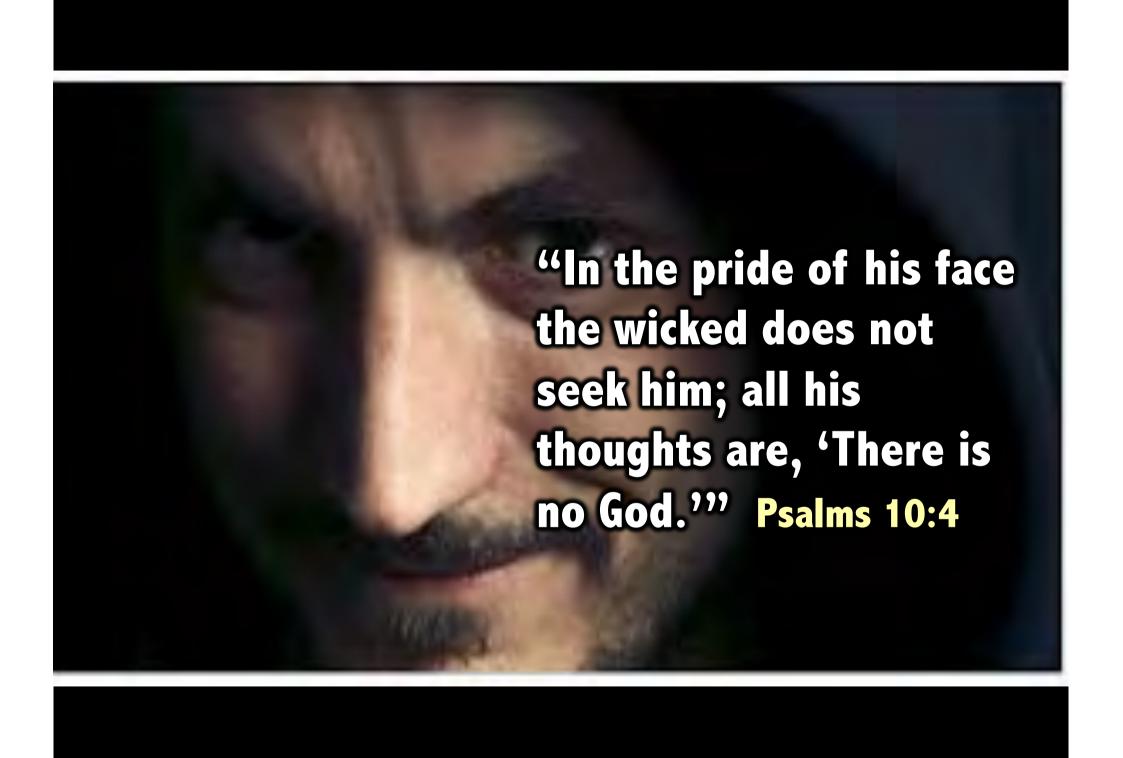
Is this Evidence of Hezekiah's Continued Pride or His Conviction and Repentance?

"However, Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah." 2 Chronicles 32:26

Based on this parallel account, King Hezekiah was convicted by Isaiah's word from God that his pride and stupid action would result in future judgment and properly repented (humbled himself). Therefore, his words concerning the present "peace and security" he would receive must not be misinterpreted as a cynical and complacent retort.

Lessons from Isaiah 39

1) Pride prevents us from seeking God's Will. Would we really rather trust in our self-sufficiency or God's sovereignty?



God Opposes Pride, But is Gracious to the Humble

"... clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:5–7

"You should constantly ask God for humility, but never thank Him that you have attained it." Dr. M.R. DeHaan

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"For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world."

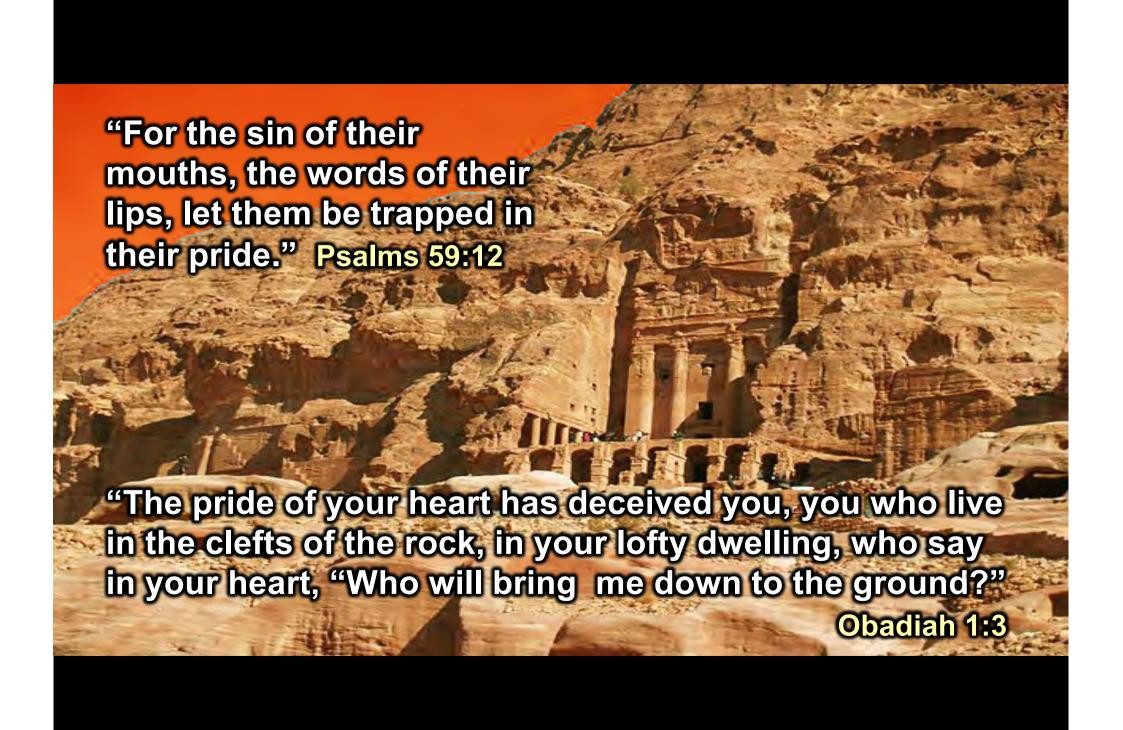
1 John 2:16

"Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy."

Ezekiel 16:49

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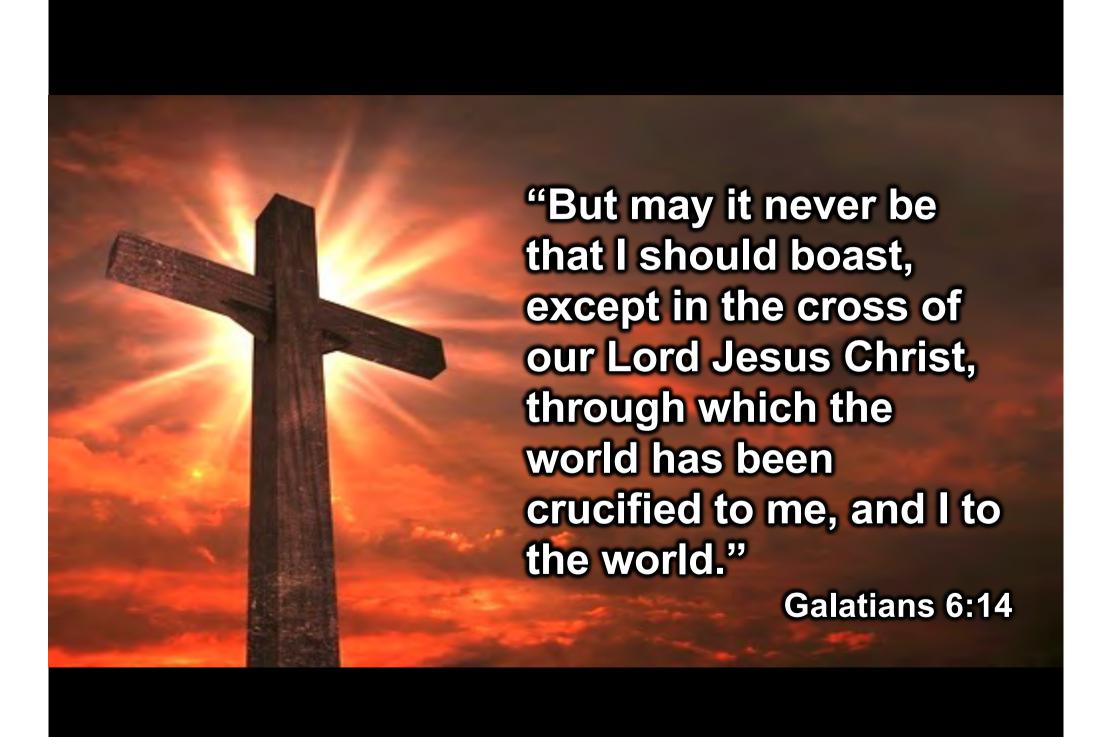
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- 4) Pride ultimately affects our family and even generations to come. If we really understood this, would we continue to be prideful?

"The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day."

Isaiah 2:11













Restoration

Isaiah

APPLICATION

The future restoration of the earth should cause us to get our priorities right now

So realize that God is preparing you for your future rule now!



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Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made. And princes throng to crown His head, His name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.



He shall reign in glory crowned with grace and might. **Bless His name and** praise the Sovereign King! He shall reign forever with His chosen bride, And all the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!

Jesus Shall Reign

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The prisoner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.



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Where He displays His healing power Death and the curse are known no more; In Him the tribes of Adam boast More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.



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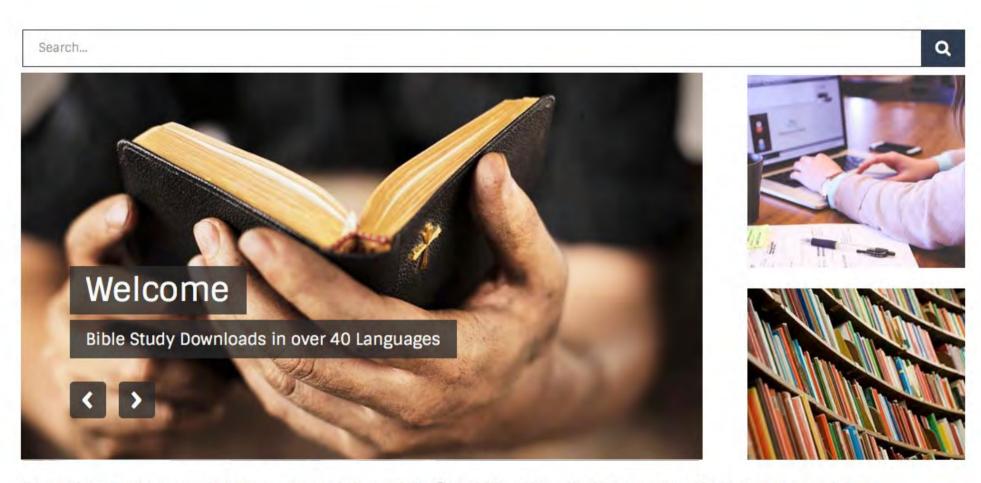
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ISSUES IN ISAIAH

Isaiah has many problem passages such as:

- 1. Authorship Deutero-Isaiah?, Trito-Isaiah?
- 2. Mountain of the LORD? Micah copied from Isaiah or vice versa? (2:1)
- 3. What does "Be ever hearing but never understanding" (6:9) mean?
- 4. Was the sign to Ahaz a virgin or young woman (7:14)? Who was she?
- 5. Which age is depicted when the wolf lives with the lamb (11:6)?
- 6. Was Israel regathered to fulfil 11:12; 14:1-2; 49:22-23?
- 7. Does 65:20 describe eternity or an earthly millennial rule?
- 8. Will temple sacrifices (56:5) be reinstituted (56:7; 66:20-23)?
- 9. Will the Sabbath be reinstituted (56:4; 66:23)?

Parallel OT & NT Structure

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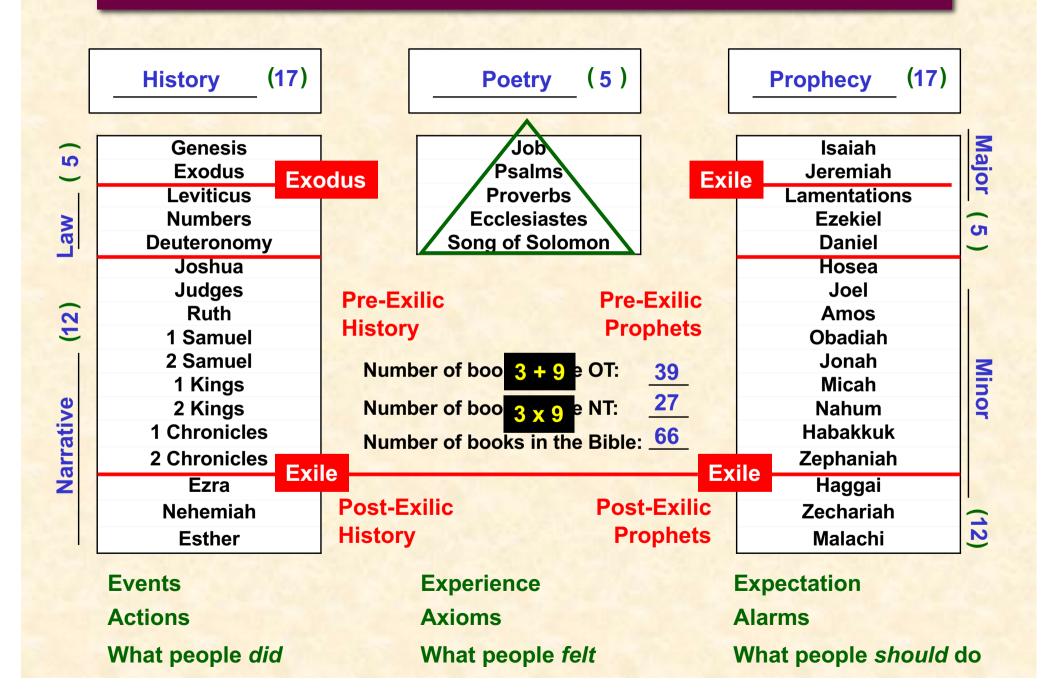
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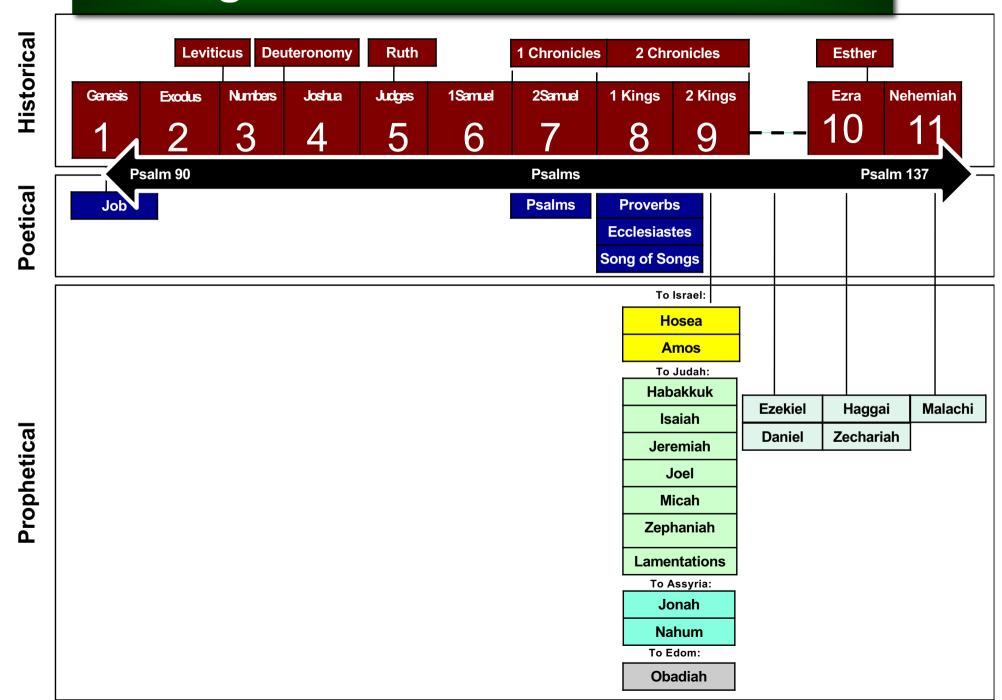
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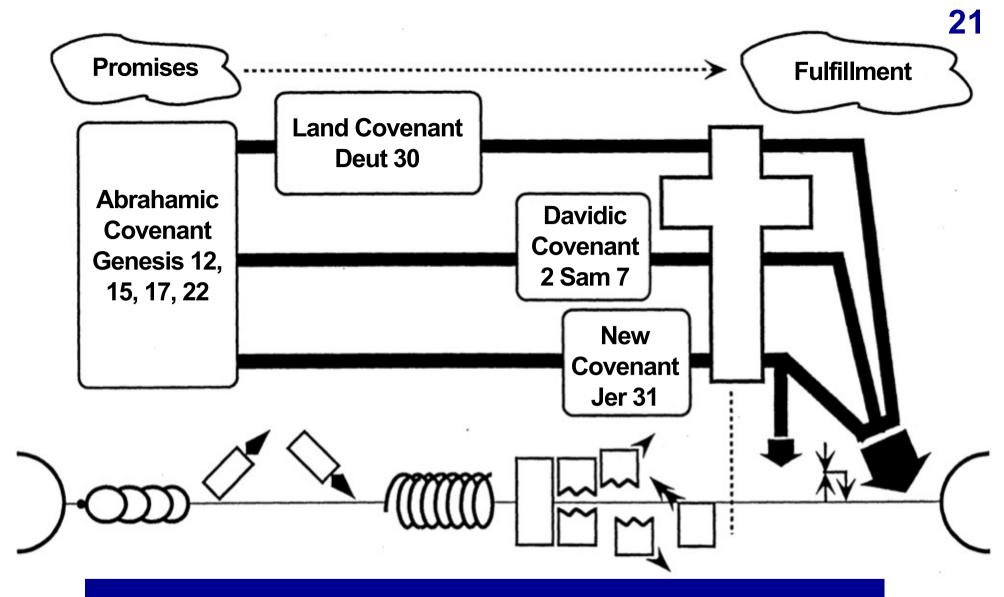
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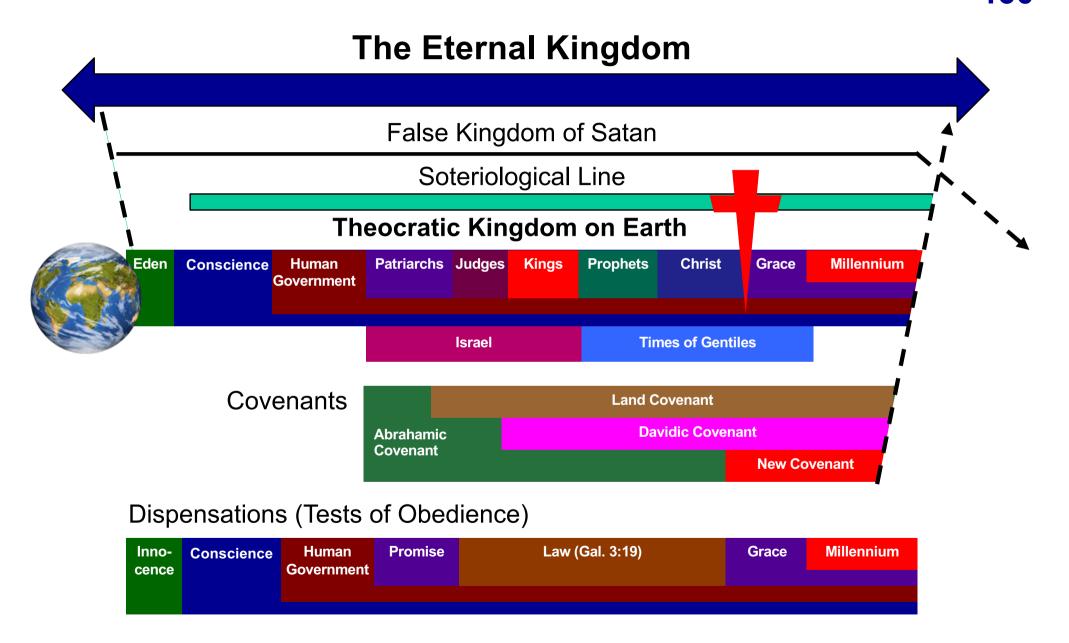
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Integration of the Old Testament





The Abrahamic Covenant & Its Fulfillment





An All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Revelation 22:5

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command

Covenants

Fulfillment

My View of the OT's Theme

The Old Testament narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall and accomplished by redeeming man through Israel as a kingdom of priests and ultimately through the Messiah, who will reign as Savior and King

to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant



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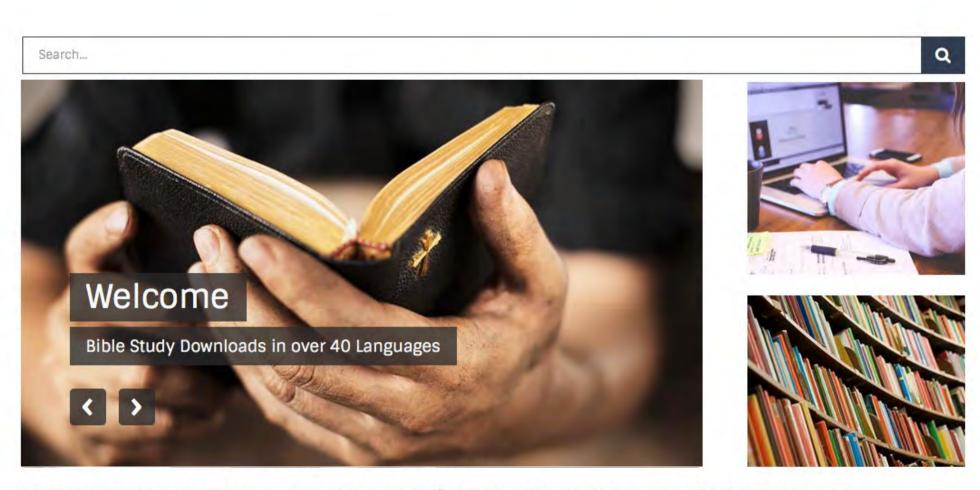
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