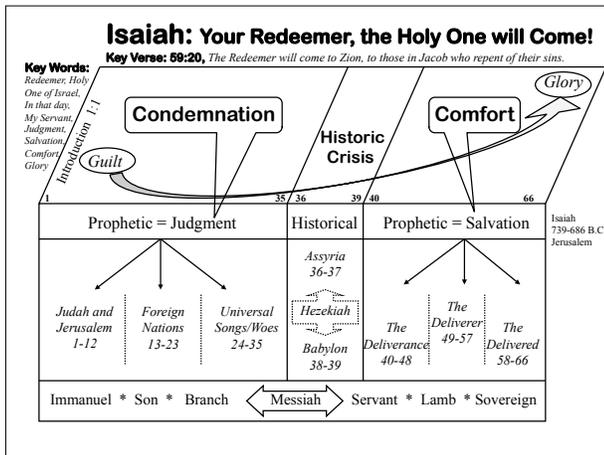


Welcome to

Journey through the Bible



Book by book Bible study



Judgment of the Nations: 13-23

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 - Assyria, Phylistia, Moab, Syria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Babylon, Edom, Arabia, Tyre, Jerusalem (at the center of the nations)!

God judges all nations with equity!

Isaiah 13-23 teaches that:

- ☆ Babylon will be judged by the LORD
- ☆ There is demonic power behind the nations
- ☆ The Medes (Persians) will destroy Babylon
- ☆ Though disciplined, Judah will be restored
- ☆ The LORD is sovereign over all nations
- ☆ Messiah from David's line will rule

Satan, power behind the nations! 14

How you have fallen from heaven,
morning star, son of the dawn!
You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!
You said in your heart,
"I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God
I will sit enthroned on the sacred mountain
I will ascend above the tops of the clouds
I will make myself like the Most High."
But you are brought down to the realm of the
dead, to the depths of the pit. (14:13-15)

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God judges all nations with equity!

Isaiah 24-35 Teaches that:

- ☆The LORD will bring devastation to the earth
- ☆The LORD will defeat demons and nations
- ☆Jerusalem & Israel are called to repentance
- ☆The LORD will bring peace to the remnant
- ☆The remnant will be regathered to the land
- ☆There will be believers and worshipers from other nations in the (millennial) kingdom

Memorable passages in Isaiah 24-35 Christ will return to judge the nations and will rule on earth from Jerusalem

See, the LORD is going to lay waste the earth
and devastate it. ...
In that day the LORD will punish
the powers in the heavens above and
the kings on the earth below. ...
for the LORD almighty will reign
on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
and before its elders gloriously. (24:1-23)

Messiah will replace tears with joy

The Sovereign LORD
will wipe away the tears from all faces;
He will remove His people's disgrace
from all the earth.
In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him
and He saved us
This is the LORD, we trusted in Him;
let us rejoice and
be glad in His salvation." (25:8-9)

Messiah provides peace for His own

You will keep in perfect peace
him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in You.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD, the LORD,
is the Rock eternal. (26:3-4)

Christ is the only foundation for our faith

See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone for
a secure foundation;
the one who trusts will never be dismayed.
(28:16)

(Quoted as referring to Christ in
Romans 9:23; 10:11; 1 Peter 2:6)

These people come near to me
with their mouth and
honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
Their worship of me
is made up only of rules taught by men. ...
(29:13-16)

Jesus' assessment of His generation

In Matthew 15:8-9, Jesus quotes this passage
in reference to His generation because their
unbelief contradicted their professed religion.

What would He say about our generation?

Jesus' assessment of His generation

You turn things upside down,
as if the potter were thought
to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to Him who formed it,
"He did not make me"?
Can the pot say of the potter,
"He knows nothing"? ...
In that day the deaf will hear ...
the eyes of the blind will see. (29:18)
(Quoted by Christ as fulfilled, in Luke 7:22)

Entertainment replaced real worship

"Woe to the obstinate children," declares the
LORD, to those that carry out plans that are
not mine, ... heaping sin upon sin;
They say to the seers,
"See no more visions!"
and to the prophets,
"Give us no more visions of what is right!
Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.
Leave this way, get off this path, and stop
confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"
(30:1-11).

God loved Israel, even in her unbelief

This is what the Sovereign LORD,
the Holy One of Israel, says:
"In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it." ...
Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
He will rise up to show compassion. ...
How gracious He will be when you cry for help!
As soon as He hears, He will answer you.
(Isaiah 30:15-19).

God sent His Son to bring redemption!

Say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
He will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
He will come to save you."
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue will shout for joy.
(35:4-6 was fulfilled by Jesus, Matthew 11:4-6)

Israel's redemption still awaits!

And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness. ...
But only the redeemed will walk there,
and the ransomed of the LORD will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.
(Isaiah 35:8-10)

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The Savior will come, bring comfort!

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
...
A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God. ...
And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all mankind together will see it." (40:1-5)

Fulfilled by John the Baptist in Matthew 3:3

God never tires! He is always near!

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and complain O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?
Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
(40:27-28)

Strength for weary pilgrims!

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. (40:29-31)

God is Israel’s real hope! (and ours)

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be
dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen
you and help you; I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand. (41:10)
For I am the LORD, your God who takes hold
of your right hand and says to you, Do not
fear, I will help you. Do not be afraid, O worm
Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help
you,” declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the
Holy One of Israel. (41:13-14)

Messiah is the light of the world!

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my
chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my
Spirit on Him and He will bring justice to the
nations. ...
I will keep you and will make you to be a
covenant for the people and a light for the
Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free
captives from prison and to release from the
dungeon those who sit in darkness. (42:1-7)

God will not hold our sins against us !

But now, this is what the LORD says ...
Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;
you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you; ...

I, even I, am He who blots out your
transgressions for my own sake, and
remembers your sins no more.

(43:1-2, 25)

He is with you! You are never alone!

God’s plans & promises never fail!

Remember the former things,
those of long ago;

I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me.

I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.

I say, ‘My purpose will stand,
and I will do all that I please.’ ...

What I have said, that I will bring about;
what I have planned, that I will do. (46:9-11)

God never forgets His own!

But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me,
the LORD has forgotten me.”

Can a mother forget the baby
at her breast

and have no compassion on
the child she has borne?

Though she may forget,
I will not forget you! See,

I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are ever before me. (49:14-16)

But, the Messiah will suffer abuse!

I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those
who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting

Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame. (50:6-7)

Messiah: from humiliation to exaltation

See, my servant will act wisely;
He will be raised, lifted up, highly exalted.
Just as there were many
who were appalled at Him—
His appearance was so disfigured
beyond that of any man and
His form marred beyond human likeness—
so will He sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths
because of him. (52:13-15)

Messiah, His humble (obscure) origin!

Who has believed our message and to whom
has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty
to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance
that we should desire him (53:1-2)

Messiah, despised and rejected!

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows,
and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised,
and we esteemed him not. (53:3)

Messiah will atone for our sins!

Surely he took up **our** infirmities
and bore **our** suffering,
yet **we** considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for **our** transgressions,
he was crushed for **our** iniquities;
punishment that brought **us** peace was on him,
and by his wounds **we are** healed.
We all, like a sheep, have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to **our** own way; and
the LORD has laid on him **all our** iniquity. (53:4-6)

Messiah will be a sacrificial lamb!

He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people
he was punished. (53:7-8)

He will be buried in a common grave!

He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him
and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life
an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD
will prosper in his hand. (53:9-10)

After He has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant
will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will give Him a portion
among the great,
and He will divide the spoils with the strong,
because He poured out His life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For He bore the sins of many,
and made intercession
for the transgressors. (53:10-12)

Our Responsibility = Servant's Remedy

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| ☆Our infirmities | ☆He himself bore |
| ☆Our sorrows | ☆He carried |
| ☆Our transgressions | ☆He was pierced |
| ☆Our iniquities | ☆He was crushed |
| ☆Our peace | ☆He was punished |
| ☆Our healing | ☆He was wounded |
| ☆Iniquity of us all | ☆Was laid on Him |

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 teaches that:

- ★Messiah will be born in a natural setting with no unusual or appealing qualities.
- ★He will be rejected at His first coming.
- ★Messiah will suffer great physical abuse.
- ★Messiah would undergo a legal trial and be condemned to death as a criminal.
- ★He will die as a sacrificial lamb for our sin
- ★He will be buried with the wicked & rich
- ★Messiah will triumph over/through death

God’s priceless promise!

“Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you
will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.
(Isaiah 54:10)

God’s gracious invitation!

Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live. (Isaiah 55:1-3)

**Christmas is coming!
See you January 15**

**Jeremiah,
The Weeping Prophet,
Countdown to chaos**