

The Judgment and Blessing of God – A Study in the Book of Isaiah

10 - PUNISHMENT AND BLESSING (ISAIAH 24:1-27:13)

I. A Time of Judgment (Isaiah 24:1-23)

A. The destruction of the Earth (Isaiah 24:1-13)

- The Lord will lay waste to the whole earth as every level of society is affected.
- Because people will not live as they should that the whole Earth will be destroyed.
- Prosperity and festivity will end, as judgment comes to the world.

B. The remnant's praise to God (Isaiah 24:14-16a)

- The remnant will praise God and give glory to him.

C. The punishment of the rebellious (Isaiah 24:16b-20)

- Isaiah is distressed by the treachery of the people around him.
- People will suffer and fall because of their treachery and other sins.

D. The final judgment (Isaiah 24:21-23)

- God will gather the rulers of the world and spiritual powers to punish them.
- God will reign in Jerusalem and there will be no need to the light of the sun and moon.

II. A Time of Blessing (Isaiah 25:1-27:13)

A. The preservation of God's people (Isaiah 25:1-12)

1. Praise for the coming kingdom (Isaiah 25:1-5)

- Isaiah praises the Lord for his marvelous acts of judgment and deliverance.

2. The effects of the coming kingdom (Isaiah 25:6-12)

- The Lord will provide a feast for all of his people.
- Death will be destroyed and he will wipe away every tear.

Scripture Revelation 20:14, 21:4

- The remnant will affirm their trust in the Lord who saved them.
- Those who oppose God's people, like Moab, will be brought to destruction.

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B. The Praise of God's people (Isaiah 26:1-21)

1. Thankfulness of God's deliverance (Isaiah 26:1-6)

- The prophet shares a song that will be sung in Judah.
- The city will be opened to the righteous remnant that will enjoy peace.
- The Lord will bring down the proud who will be trampled by the poor.

2. Dependence on God (Isaiah 26:7-19)

- The prophet conveys the desire of the righteous for the Lord God.
- The wicked will not learn righteousness, but they will in the judgment.
- The Lord has established peace and rest for his people.
- Their earthly masters are dead and will be punished.
- The people recognize that their distress was due to God's discipline.
- The people are called to trust in the resurrection of their dead.

3. Promises to the faithful (Isaiah 26:20-21)

- The remnant should hide themselves during the time of distress.
- The Lord will reveal himself to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their sins.

C. Salvation for Israel and Judah (Isaiah 27:1-13)

1. The judgment of Leviathan (Isaiah 27:1)

- With the sword, the Lord will destroy the great serpent Leviathan.

2. The song of the vineyard (Isaiah 27:2-6)

- In the Day of Judgment, the vineyard, which is Israel, will be fruitful.
- The vineyard will be so fruitful that it will fill the earth.

3. The coming judgment (Isaiah 27:7-11)

- The Lord will judge the way of the righteous.
- The sin of Israel will be atoned for.

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- However, Jerusalem will be destroyed because of its sin.
4. The regathering of Israel (Isaiah 27:12-13)
- In the Day of Judgment, the Lord will judge from the River Euphrates to brook of Egypt.
 - The Lord will regather his people Israel to worship him in Jerusalem.