

## Segment 11– Isaiah 24:1ff

### Judgment on the Earth

Isaiah 24:1

Not only does the LORD declare judgment on specific nations, but even the earth and all its inhabitants will be judged.

Isaiah 24:2

There is no respect of persons or class of people when it comes to God's judgment on the earth.

Isaiah 24:3-5

This is the real pollution on our planet – transgressing laws, violating statutes, and breaking the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 24:6-12

A curse devours the earth – joy and gaiety turn to gloom.

Isaiah 24:13-15

A few olives and grapes will be left (verse 6; 17:6).

Out of these remaining, there will be those throughout the coastlands that will glorify Yahweh.

Isaiah 24:16-17

Terror and pit and snare confront the inhabitants of the earth.

Isaiah 24:18-20

The windows will open, and the foundations of the earth will shake. The earth will be broken asunder, split through, and shaken violently. It will reel to and fro like a drunkard. The earth will be shaken!

Isaiah 24:21-23

The host of heaven

- The sun, moon, and stars are referred to as the host of heaven and will receive judgment in the day of the LORD (De 4:19; 17:3; 2Ki 23:5; Isa 13:10; 24:23; 34:4; Eze 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Mt 24:29; Mr 13:24; Lu 21:25; Ac 2:20; Re 6:12; 8:12).
- Spiritual beings, angels in the heavens, are also referred to as the host of heaven. There are spiritual powers of wickedness in high places, and they too will be cast down in the last days (1Ki 22:19; Luke 2:13; Eph 6:12; Re 12:3-13).

They will be gathered and confined as prisoners in the dungeon – the pit. And after many days, they will be punished. Prisoners are captured and placed in a pit, a dungeon, as they await final judgment. The grave or Hades is also referred to as the pit (Ps 30:3; Pr 1:12; Is 38:18; Eze 26:20; 32:18-32). It is appointed for man once to die, and then after these things, comes the judgment (Heb 9:27). There is also a pit, a holding place, for the devil and his host until the Day of Judgment (Jude 1:6; 2Pe 2:4; Re 20:1-3; 13-15). For the dead that are released and then cast into the lake of fire at this final judgment, it is called the second death.

### Summation of Events

- The beginning of sorrows – Matthew 24:3-8
- The great tribulation – Matthews 24:21-22. This time of tribulation, with judgment on the earth, will take place at the same time that nations are receiving final judgment and punishment (Is 13:4-11).
- The earth will shake; mountains will quake; the hills will dissolve; valleys will rise – Is 24:18-20; 40:4; Je 4:23-28; Nah 1:5-6; Hab 3:6-12; Lu 3:5; Rev 6:12-17. There are a few great earthquakes where a specific location is mentioned – Jerusalem (Zec 14:3-5; Re 11:13); Babylon (16:18-21).
- The inhabitants of the earth will burn (Is 24: 6). As in the days of Noah, when the heavens were opened and the foundations of the earth broken up and the earth was judged by water, so in the Lord's Day, the same will happen. But this will be a judgment by fire (2Pe 3:2-12). The heavens will open and rain down fire and brimstone as at the time of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:24; Is 13:19). The earth will break up from within, and fire and brimstone will melt the mountains (Micah 1:3-4; Is 34:4, 8-10). One third of the earth's inhabitants will be killed by sword, famine, and pestilence (Rev 6:7-8); a third of the earth will be burned with fire (Rev 8:5-12); and one fourth of the world's inhabitants will be burned with fire (Rev 9:17-18).

This judgment will be over all the earth. God's punishment will be meted out without respect of persons. However, a remnant will be saved. Although the earth will be in desolation, salvation and deliverance are promised for God's people.

## Segment 12 – Isaiah 25:1ff – 27:1ff

### Hope for Judah/Israel – God’s Promised Deliverance

Is 25:1-5

O LORD, You are my God: I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For you have worked wonders!

Is 25:6

Yahweh of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples (Matthew 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24).

Is 25:7-9

The Day of Salvation

Death will be swallowed up in victory (Hos 13:14; I Cor 15:51-58).

Is 25:10-12

The hand of Yahweh will rest on this mountain.

Is 26:1-7

A song that will be sung in Judah

Is 26:8

Your name is the desire of our souls.

Is 26:9-14

God establishes peace for His people, but the unrighteous will be punished and destroyed.

Is 26:15-19

Those who lie in the dust of the earth will awake! A new birth!

Is 26:20-21

This salvation of life will come after “indignation runs its course” and the inhabitants of the earth are punished.

Is 27:1

Leviathan, the serpent, the dragon, will be punished.

Leviathan can represent the wicked nations. We might call a powerful enemy a “monster.” An example of this can be seen with the nation of Egypt (Is 30:7, 51:9; Eze 29:3; 32:2 - “Rahab” is a mythical sea monster, an emblematic name for Egypt.) Both Canaanite and Babylonian myths tell of a monster called Lotan, a seven headed sea creature. In Revelation, the serpent, the dragon, is the underlying creature which gives power to the beast (Re 12:3-4, 9; 13:1-2). In that day, Leviathan, the serpent, the dragon, will be punished.

Is 27:2-6

In the days to come, Jacob will take root. Israel will blossom and sprout! They will fill the whole world with fruit!

Is 27:7-13

In that day, a great trumpet will be blown! Those perishing in the land of Assyria and in the land of Egypt will be gathered in one by one. They will worship Yahweh in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.