

ISAIAH – Chapter 2

Vs.1 The word which Isaiah saw (Isa. 1:1)

A time will come when Jerusalem will be the center of the world, Holy to the Lord. Blessings will flow out from her. Isaiah, (God) repeatedly intersperses this promise in the midst of His pronouncements of judgment.

Isa. 11:6-10

Isa. 25:6-10(a)

Isa. 27:12-13

Isa. 56:7-8 God's Holy Mountain will be established (the gates of hell shall not prevent it)

Vs.2 In the last days – the time of the millennial kingdom – Isaiah saw it yet he probably did not know the time of its establishment 1 Pet. 1:10-12.

The mountain of the House of the Lord.

mountain – Rev. 17:9; Dan. 2:35 of the House Ezk. 40-43

will be established – Zech. 14:8-9

will be raised – Zech 14:10-11

All nations will stream to it. Isa. 25:6-9; 56:6-8; Jer. 3:17-18; Zeph. 3:9-10;
Zech 8:20-23

Vs.3 Peoples from all nations will be drawn to God's temple in Jerusalem because the Lord Himself will teach them of His way, Isa. 51:4. People everywhere will realize that God's teaching is foundational to a meaningful life. They will want to know it (He will teach us His ways) and to live according to it (walk in His paths).

Vs.4 All nations will have a judge that they can come to who will exercise perfect justice. Every dispute will be settled righteously.

There will be no war because the implements of warfare (swords and spears) will be turned into implements of agriculture (plowshares and hooks – opposite of conditions existing during the tribulation, Joel 3:9-17).

Vs.5 Invitation to the “house of Jacob”

At the time of Isaiah's ministry Israel already possessed the teachings of the Lord. If they are so valuable and following those in the coming kingdom age will produce such blessing, why not follow them now. It is not that Israel could not; she would not, Matt. 23:37 (she had far more opportunity than just knowing the Law, Rom. 9:3-5).

Vs.6-9 Israel's current condition (all twelve tribes are still reigning. Isaiah is admonishing Judah, but as bad as Judah has become, the northern kingdom was worse because she had separated herself from Jerusalem, the temple, and the Levitical priesthood, 1 Kings 12:25-33).

God had abandoned His people, not because He no longer loved them, but because they had become like the pagans who surrounded them:

- 1) filled with the ways of the people from the east (Assyria)
- 2) practicing divination like the Philistines, 1 Sam 6:1-5; 2 Kings 1:1-4; Lev. 19:26 etc.
- 3) strike bargains with the children of foreigners
- 4) their land filled with:
 - a) silver and gold – financial prosperity
 - b) treasures
 - c) horses and chariots – military might
 - d) idols – they assumed that they had what they had because of their idol worship.

The result of the above being:

- 1) the common man has been humbled.
- 2) the man of importance has been abased.
- 3) Isaiah cries out “do not forgive them.”

Vs.10-11 In the end, only the Lord will be exalted! vs. 17

When He comes to judge, people will:

- 1) attempt to hide from His presence. vs. 19, 21; Rev. 6:16
- 2) they will fear His splendor, realizing their arrogance.
- 3) find that their wealth cannot save them.

Note: These prophecies will find a more immediate fulfillment when the Assyrians and Babylonians execute God's judgment upon the people. Isa. 10:5-6

They will also find the greater fulfillment at the time of the end (tribulation). As stated before, Isaiah had no knowledge of the time span involved in the carrying out of God's plan.

- Vs.12-22 When the Lord of Hosts finally speaks, man will listen!
The proud and lofty will be humbled. vs. 9, 11, 17
The cedars and oaks (used to make idols) will be abased.
Mountains – government authorities.
Towers and walls – military defenses.
Merchant ships – Rev. 18:11-19
- Vs. 17 See verse 11
- Vs. 18 Where are the idols when the Lord of Hosts arises?
- Vs. 19 When He arises to make the earth tremble (see vs. 21).
- Vs. 20 As they attempt to flee, men will throw aside their useless gods to the moles and bats.
- Vs. 22 Another invitation from Isaiah (God)
Stop living in awe or fear before humans whose breath can be snuffed out in a moment.
Stop worshipping the creation – look to the creator!