ISAIAH – Chapter 24

The earth is mentioned 18 times in this chapter. God will "ruin" the whole earth – complete desolation! (of the earth on earth, vs. 21)

Vs. 1 The Lord lays it waste.

devastates it.

distorts its surface.

scatters its inhabitants.

Vs. 2-3 All classes of people will be included in His judgment. Rev. 6:15-17

completely laid waste.

completely despoiled.

Rev. 6:8-9

How can we know this will happen? "The Lord has spoken this word!"

Vs. 4 The earth mourns.

withers

The world fades, withers.

The exalted will languish (fade away).

Vs. 5 The reason such devastation will come.

Its inhabitants have polluted the entire earth.

transgressed laws. Rom. 2:11-16

violated statutes.

broke the everlasting covenant. Gen. 9:8-17; Rom. 1:18-32

Vs. 6 <u>Therefore</u> - a curse devours the earth.

those who live in it are held guilty.

its inhabitants are burned – few remain.

Vs. 7-11 <u>Therefore</u> – new wine mourns.

the vine decays.

merry-hearted sigh.

gaiety of tambourines ceases.

noise of revelers stops.

gaiety of the harp ceases.

no song when wine is drunk.

strong drink tastes bitter.

city of chaos is broken down.

every house...none may enter.

outcry in the streets.

all joy turns to gloom.

The gaiety of the earth is banished.

Vs. 12 Desolation...ruins.

Vs. 13 Thus it will be...among the peoples.

When God pours out His wrath, little will be left.

Like what remains after the olive tree is harvested. Isa. 17:4-6

after the grape harvest is over.

Vs. 14-16a The remnant who will be left when the judgment is over. Matt. 25:1-13; 31-46

<u>They</u>...cry out and sing...Glory to the righteous One – the God of Israel.

Vs. 16b-18 Isaiah is brought back to now! Woe to me.

All around me are treacherous, unfaithful people upon whom judgment must fall.

There is no escaping the judgment of sin.

He, who flees, falls into the pit.

He, who climbs out of the pit, is caught in the snare.

God's judgment will be like a great rainstorm and earthquake.

- Vs. 19-20 An earthquake of worldwide proportion!
- Vs. 21 In that day, the Lord will punish punishment experienced on earth. Both:

the host of heaven.

the people of the earth.

Rev. 19:19-21

- Vs. 22 Both, the fallen host of heaven and the people of the earth, will be gathered and placed in Hades for 1,000 years to await the Final judgment that sends them to hell. Rev. 20:1-15
- Vs. 23 The eternal kingdom come. Rev. 21 & 22