Isaiah "The **Evangelical** Prophet"

- I. God's *Denunciation* of Judah (1:1-12:6)
- II. God's Denunciations against other Nations (13:1-23:18)

III. Isaiah's *Description* of End Time Events (24:1-27:13)

A. The *Judgments* of the <u>Tribulation Period</u> (24:1-23)

B. The *Triumphs* of the <u>Kingdom Age</u> (25:1-12)

1. *Praise* for God's Inevitable Future <u>Victories</u> (25:1-5)

25 O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

² For You have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin; a palace of strangers is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore a strong people will *glorify You*; cities of ruthless nations will *revere You*.

⁴ For **You** have been a *defense* for the **helpless**, a *defense* for the **needy** in his **distress**, a *refuge* from the **storm**, a *shade* from the **heat**; for the **breath** of the **ruthless** is like a *rain* **storm** *against* a wall.

⁵ Like **heat** in drought, **You** *subdue* the **uproar** of **aliens**; *Like* **heat** by the **shadow** of a **cloud**, the **song** of the **ruthless** is *silenced*.

2. *Praise* for our **Inimitable Kingdom Blessings** (25:6-9)

⁶ The **LORD of hosts** will prepare a lavish **banquet** for all peoples on this **mountain**; a **banquet** of aged **wine**, choice **pieces** with **marrow**, and refined, aged **wine**.

⁷ And on this *mountain* He will *swallow up* the <u>covering</u> which is over **all peoples**, even the <u>veil</u> which is stretched over **all nations**.

⁸ He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GoD will wipe tears away from all faces,

And **He** will **remove** the **reproach** of **His people** from **all** the **earth**; for **the Lord** has spoken.

⁹ And it will be said in *that day*, "Behold, this is **our God** for whom we have *waited* that **He** might **save us**.

This is **the LORD** for whom we have **waited**; Let us **rejoice** and **be glad** in **His salvation**."

3. *Praise* for God's Impending Judgment of Moab (25:1-12)

¹⁰ For the *hand* of **the LORD** will **rest** on this *mountain*, And <u>Moab</u> will be **trodden down** in his place as **straw** is trodden down in the water of a **manure pile**.

And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim,
But the Lord will lay low his pride together with the trickery of his hands.

¹² The unassailable **fortifications** of your walls **He** will **bring down**, **Lay low** *and* **cast** to the **ground**, even to the **dust**.

Isaiah's Praise to God—A Summary

A. Praising God for the "wonder" of His steadfast Faithfulness

I will **exalt You**, I will **give thanks** to **Your name**; For **You** have **worked wonders**, **Plans formed** long ago, with **perfect faithfulness**. (25:1)

B. *Praising* God for His <u>Triumph</u> over the Powerful and Ruthless (25:2-3, 5)

Thus I will **punish** the **world** for its **evil** and the **wicked** for their **iniquity** I will also put an **end** to the **arrogance** of the **proud**

and abase the haughtiness of the ruthless. (Isaiah 13:11)

C. *Praising* God for being a <u>Stronghold</u>—a <u>Defense</u> for the <u>Helpless</u> and <u>Needy</u> (25:4)

For **You** have been a **defense** for the **helpless**, a **defense** for the **needy** in **his distress**, (25:4a)

D. *Praising* God for destroying <u>Death</u> for *all time* (25:8a)

He will swallow up death for all time, (25:8a)

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Connection → But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep... then comes the end,

when **He (Messiah)** hands over the **kingdom** to the **God and Father**, when **He** has **abolished** all **rule** and all **authority** and **power**.

For **He** must **reign** until **He** has put all **His enemies** under **His feet**. The **last enemy** that will be **abolished** is **death**. (I Corinthians 15:20, 24-26)

E. *Praising* God for removing Sorrow from all faces (25:8b)

And the **Lord God** will **wipe tears away** from **all faces**, (25:8b)

New Testament Connection→

...and **He (God)** will <u>wipe away every tear</u> from their eyes; and there will **no longer** be any **death**;

there will no longer be *any mourning*, or *crying*, or *pain*; the *first things* have **passed away**. (Revelation 21:4)

F. *Praising* God for removing the <u>Reproach</u> of <u>His people</u> (25:8c)

And **He** will **remove the reproach** of **His people** from **all** the **earth**; (25:8c)

New Testament

Connection→ and so all Israel will be <u>saved</u>; just as it is written,

"THE <u>DELIVERER</u> WILL COME FROM **ZION**, **HE** WILL <u>REMOVE UNGODLINESS</u> FROM <u>JACOB.</u>" (Romans 11:26)

G. *Praising* God for what we have all *anticipated* —our (final) Salvation (25:9)

".. This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

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→ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a *living hope* through the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah from the dead, to obtain an inheritance...reserved in heaven for you,

who are **protected** by the **power of God** through *faith* for a <u>salvation</u> ready to be **revealed** in the <u>last time</u>. (I Peter1:3-5)

H. *Praising* God for the vanquishing of "Moab" (25:10-12)

Personal Exhortation

- 1. Isaiah gave praise and thanksgiving to God for His steadfast faithfulness, being fully confident that He who "worked wonders" would fulfill His "plans' that He had formed and promised long ago (25:1).

 As believers, how often do we give praise and thanks to God for His steadfast faithfulness, trusting that He will fulfill His plans and purposes "formed long ago?"
- 2. Isaiah declared that God had "made a city into a heap," and "a fortified city into a ruin." He also declared that the strong and the ruthless nations would turn to God, eventually "glorify" and "revere" Him (25:2-3).
 As believers, do we realize that those who are powerful and fierce among us will all eventually bow the knee to our Lord and Savior (Phil. 2:9-11), and that "the song of the ruthless" will be silenced (25:5b)?
- 3. Along with the glorious promises that God would "swallow up" death, and "wipe tears away from all faces," Isaiah also declared that in "that day" we would rejoice and be glad for we will receive our long-awaited salvation (25:8-9). As believers, we know that our souls have been saved by our faith in Messiah and His redemption for our sins. However, we yearn for our final salvation, the redemption of our bodies (Rom. 8:23), and the full manifestation of our "citizenship" in heaven (Phil. 3:20-21).

I love the **classic hymn "It is well,"** and my heart stirs with **anticipation** of our *final* **salvation** whenever I hear these heartwarming words:

"And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul!"