

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

- I. God’s *Denunciation* of **Judah** (1:1-12:6)
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III. Isaiah’s Description of **End Time Events** (24:1-27:13)

- A. The *Trials* of the **Tribulation Period** (24:1-23)
- B. The *Triumphs* of the **Kingdom Age** (25:1-12)

C. The *Testimonial Song* of the **Righteous** (26:1-21)

- 1. The *Contrast* of two **Future Cities** (26:1-6)

26 In *that day* this **song** will be sung in the land of **Judah**:

“We have a **strong city**;
He sets up **walls** and **ramparts** for **security**.”

²“Open the **gates**, that the **righteous nation** may enter,
the **one** that remains **faithful**.”

³“The **steadfast of mind** You will keep in **perfect peace**,
because **he trusts** in You.”

⁴“**Trust** in the LORD forever,
For in **GOD the LORD**, we *have* an **everlasting Rock**.”

⁵“For **He** has **brought low** those who dwell **on high**, the **unassailable city**;
He lays it **low**, **He** lays it **low** to the ground, **He** casts it to the dust.”

⁶“The **foot** will **trample it**, the **feet** of the **afflicted**, the **steps** of the **helpless**.”

- 2. The *Constancy* of the **Righteous** (26:7-9)

⁷The **way** of the **righteous** is **smooth**;
O Upright One, make the path of the **righteous level**.”

⁸Indeed, *while following* the **way** of Your judgments, **O LORD**,
We have **waited** for You eagerly;

Your name, even **Your memory**, is the **desire** of *our* souls.

⁹At **night** my **soul longs** for You,
Indeed, **my spirit** within me **seeks** You **diligently**;

For when the **earth** experiences **Your judgments**
the **inhabitants** of the **world** learn righteousness.

3. The **Callousness** of the **Wicked** (26:10-11)

¹⁰ *Though* the **wicked** is **shown favor**,
he does **not** learn righteousness;

he deals **unjustly** in the **land** of **uprightness**,
and does **not** perceive the **majesty** of the **LORD**.

¹¹ **O LORD**, **Your hand** is **lifted up** *yet* they do **not** see it.

They **see** **Your zeal** for the **people** and are **put to shame**;
indeed, **fire** will **devour** **Your enemies**.

4. The **Converse Futures** of the **Righteous** and the **Wicked** (26:12-15)

- a. **Peace** and **Prosperity** granted the **Faithful** (26:12-13, 15)
- b. **Punishment** and **Destruction** upon the **Wicked** dead (26:14)

¹² **LORD**, **You** will establish **peace** for **us**,
since **You** have also **performed** for **us** all **our works**.

¹³ **O LORD** **our God**, other **masters** besides **You** have **ruled us**;
But through **You** **alone** we **confess** **Your name**.

¹⁴ The **dead** will **not** live, the **departed spirits** will **not** rise;

Therefore **You** have **punished** and **destroyed** them,
and **You** have **wiped out** all **remembrance** of them.

¹⁵ **You** have **increased** the **nation**, **O LORD**,
You have **increased** the **nation**, **You** are **glorified**;
You have **extended** all the **borders** of the **land**.

5. The **Chastisement** of **God's People** recalled (26:16-19)

¹⁶ **O LORD**, they **sought** **You** in **distress**; they could only **whisper** a **prayer**,
Your chastening was upon them.

¹⁷ As the **pregnant woman** approaches *the time* to give **birth**,
She **writhes** and **cries** out in her **labor pains**,
thus **were** **we** before **You**, **O LORD**.

¹⁸ **We** were **pregnant**, we writhed **in labor**,
We gave **birth**, as it seems, *only* to **wind**.
We could **not** **accomplish** **deliverance** for the **earth**,
Nor were **inhabitants** of the **world** **born**.

¹⁹ **Your dead** will live; their **corpses** will rise.

You who lie in the dust, **awake** and shout for joy,

For your dew is as the dew of the dawn,
and the earth will **give birth** to the departed spirits.

6. The **Coming Indignation** (26:20-21)

²⁰ Come, my people, **enter** into your rooms
and **close your doors** behind you; **hide** for a little while
until **indignation** runs its course.

²¹ For behold, the LORD is about to **come out** from His place
to **punish** the inhabitants of the earth for their **iniquity**;
and the earth will **reveal** her **bloodshed**
and will **no longer cover** her **slain**.

Isaiah's Testimonial Song—A Summary *Eight Key Observations*

1. **We saw** the *Divine* (future) **Protection of Jerusalem** (26:1-2)
 - a. A city **saved** and **secured** by God (26:1)
 - b. A city **opened** to a **righteous nation** (26:2a)
2. **We saw** a *Declaration* of **Peace** to the **Faithful** (26:2b-4)
 - a. **Who** have *steadfastly* **trusted** in God (26:2b-3)
 - b. **Who** have an “everlasting Rock” that they can **trust forever** (26:4)
3. **We saw** the *Destruction* of the “Lofty” **City** (26:5-6)
 - a. A city “brought low” to the dust (26:5)
 - b. A city **trampled** by the **afflicted** and **helpless** (25:6)
4. **We saw** the *Devotion* of the **Righteous** (26:7-9)
 - a. **Who** follow a path made **level** by the Lord (26:7)
 - b. **Who** remain **devoted** at *all times* to the Lord (26:8-9a)
 - 1) **waiting eagerly** for Him in the *midst* of **judgments** (26:8a)
 - 2) **desiring earnestly** His name and memory (26:8b)
 - 3) **seeking diligently** for Him in the **night** (26:9a)
 - c. **Who** **recognize** that when the earth *experiences* **judgment**,
its inhabitants **learn righteousness** (26:9b)
5. **We saw** the “Dense” *Condition* of the **Wicked** (26:10-11)
 - a. **Who**, though being shown **favor**, do **not learn** righteousness, (26:10)
 - 1) **continuing** to deal *unjustly* in the **land of uprightness** (26:10a)
 - 2) **unable** to **perceive** the **majesty** of the LORD (26:10b)
 - b. **Who** do **not perceive** God's works and **zeal** among His people (26:11)

6. **We saw the *Destiny* of the Righteous (nation) (26:12-13, 15, 19)**
 - a. **Who will receive the restoration promises of God (26:12-13, 15)**
 - 1) the establishment of peace (26:12)
 - 2) the increase of the **nation** and its **borders** (26:15)
 - 3) the *promise* of a **joyous bodily resurrection** from the **dead** (26:19)
 - b. **Who had endured great *distress*, and chastening from the Lord (26:16-18)**
 - 1) a *distress* so **great** that they could *barely* utter a **prayer** (26:16)
 - 2) a *distress* likened to the **labor pains of childbirth** (26:17)
 - 3) a *distress* enhanced by the pain of a failed “**pregnancy**” (a **non-deliverance**) (26:18)

7. **We saw the *Demise* of the Wicked (26:14)**
 - a. **Denied a resurrection unto life (26:14a)**
 - b. **Punished and destroyed (26:14b)**
 - c. **Remembered no more (26:14c)**

8. **We are to “*Hunker Down*” on the *Day* of God’s Indignation (26:20-21)**
 - a. A *Day* to “hide for a while” until the **indignation passes** (26:20)
 - b. A *Day* when the Lord punishes the **world** for its **iniquity** (26:21a)
 - c. A *Day* when the earth will reveal its “**bloodshed**” (26:21b)

Personal Application

Isaiah’s *Teachings and Instructions* to us—

as the Day of God’s Indignation approaches;

1. ***Teaching us* that God will keep us “in *perfect peace*, if we **steadfastly trust** in Him, who is our “**everlasting Rock.”** (26:3-4)**

2. ***Instructing us* that when judgments come, we are to eagerly *wait on Him*, *remember Him*, and *seek Him diligently*, knowing that when the earth experiences judgments, its **inhabitants “*learn righteousness.”*** (26:8-9)**

3. ***Instructing us* that there will come a **time** that **we** may need to enter our rooms,**

“close the doors, and hide for a little while, “until indignation runs its course.” (26:20).”