

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

IV. Isaiah’s *Dire Warnings* to Ephraim and Judah (Chapters 28-35)

- A. Pronouncing *Woe* upon the Leaders of Ephraim and Judah (28:1-29)
- B. Pronouncing *Woe* upon Ariel—Jerusalem (29:1-24)
- C. Pronouncing *Woe* upon Judah for their Alliance with Egypt (30:1-17)

D. Promising a *Time* of Future Restoration for Israel (30:18-26)

1. A *Time* characterized by Grace and Compassion (30:18-19)

¹⁸ Therefore the LORD *longs* to be gracious to you, and therefore He *waits* on high to have *compassion* on you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;
How **blessed** are all those who *long* for Him.

¹⁹ O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep *no longer*.
He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry;
when He *hears it*, He will *answer* you.

2. A *Time* characterized by the Teaching and Guidance of God (30:20-21)

²⁰ Although the Lord has given you *bread of privation* and *water of oppression*, He, your Teacher will *no longer* hide Himself, but your eyes will **behold your Teacher**.

²¹ Your **ears** will hear a word behind you,
“This is **the way, walk in it,**”
whenever you **turn** to the *right* or to the *left*.

3. A *Time* when they will destroy their Idols (30:22)

²² And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your **molten images** plated with gold.

You will **scatter** them as an **impure thing**, and say to them, “**Be gone!**”

4. A *Time* characterized by God’s abundant Provision (30:23-25)

²³ Then **He** will **give you rain** for the **seed** which you will **sow** in the **ground**, and **bread** from the **yield** of the **ground**, and it will be **rich** and **plenteous**; on that day your **livestock** will **graze** in a **roomy** pasture.

²⁴ Also the **oxen** and the **donkeys** which **work the ground** will eat **salted fodder**, which has been **winnowed** with shovel and fork.

²⁵ On every **lofty mountain** and on every **high hill** there will be **streams** running with **water** on the day of the **great slaughter**, when the **towers fall**.

5. A *Time* characterized by God's **glorious Light** and **Healing** (30:26)

²⁶ The **light** of the **moon** will be as the **light** of the **sun**, and the **light** of the **sun** will be **seven times brighter**, like the **light** of **seven days**, on the **day** the **LORD binds up** the **fracture** of **His people** and **heals** the **bruise** **He** has inflicted.

E. Predicting the coming *Indignation* of **God** (30:27-33)

1. The *Indignation* against **all Nations** (30:27-28)

²⁷ Behold, the **name** of the **LORD** comes from a **remote place**; **burning** is **His anger** and **dense** is **His smoke**;

His lips are filled with **indignation**
and **His tongue** is like a **consuming fire**;

²⁸ **His breath** is like an **overflowing torrent**, which reaches to the **neck**, to **shake the nations back** and **forth** in a **sieve**, and to **put** in the **jaws** of the peoples the **bridle** which leads to **ruin**.

2. The *Indignation* against **Assyria** (30:29-33)

²⁹ **You** (Israel) will have **songs** as in the **night** when you keep the **festival**, and **gladness of heart** as when one marches to *the sound of the flute*, to go to the **mountain** of the **LORD**, to the **Rock of Israel**.

³⁰ And the **LORD** will cause **His voice** of **authority** to be **heard**, and the **descending** of **His arm** to be **seen** in **fierce anger**, and *in* the flame of a **consuming fire**

in **cloudburst**, **downpour** and **hailstones**.

³¹ For at the **voice** of the **LORD** **Assyria** will be **terrified**, *when* **He strikes** with the **rod**.

³² And every **blow** of the **rod of punishment**, which the **LORD** will **lay on him**, will be with *the music of* **tambourines** and **lyres**; and in **battles**, brandishing **weapons**, **He** will **fight them**.

³³ For **Topheth** has long been **ready**,
indeed, it has been **prepared** for the **king**.

He has made it **deep** and **large**, a **pyre of fire** with plenty of wood;
the **breath of the LORD**, like a torrent of **brimstone**, sets it **afire**.

The *Character* of Israel's Future Restoration – A Summary (30:18-26)

- *Characterized* by Grace and Compassion (30:18-19)
- *Characterized* by the **Presence of God** our Teacher (teachers),
and **His Personal Guidance** (30:20-21)
- *Characterized* by the **destruction** of Idols among them (30:22)
- *Characterized* by **God's abundant Provision** (30:23-25)
- *Characterized* by the **Glory** and Light of **God's Presence** (30:26a)
- *Characterized* by the Healing Power of **God** (30:26b)

New Testament Comparison →

Messiah's *First Coming*— *Glimpses* of Israel's Future Restoration

1. When **Messiah came**, **His Ministry** was *characterized* by Grace
and Compassion

And the **Word became flesh**, and **dwelt among us**,
and we saw **His glory, glory** as of the **only begotten** from the **Father**,
full of grace and **truth**...

For of **His (Jesus) fullness** we have all received, and grace upon grace.
(John 1:14, 16)

For the grace of God has *appeared*, bringing **salvation** to all men,
(Titus 2:11)

Seeing the **people**, **He (Messiah)** felt compassion for them,
because they were **distressed** and **dispirited**
like **sheep** without a *shepherd*. (Matthew 9:36)

When **He (Jesus)** went ashore, **He** saw a **large crowd**,
and felt compassion for them and *healed* their sick. (Matthew 14:14)

2. When **Messiah came**, the people “**beheld**” their **Divine Teacher**

... this **man (Nicodemus)** came to **Jesus** by night and said to **Him**,
“**Rabbi**, we know that **You** have **come from God** as a teacher; for
no one can do these **signs** that **You do** unless **God is with him**.” (John 3:2)

When **Jesus** had finished these **words**,
the **crowds** were **amazed** at **His teaching**;
for **He** was **teaching them** as *one* having **authority**,
and **not** as their **scribes**. (Matthew 7:28-29)

So **Jesus** answered them and said, "**My teaching** is **not Mine**,
but **His** who **sent Me**. (John 7:16)

3. When **Messiah came**, **He demonstrated His Power** to
abundantly make **Provisions**

Ordering the people to **sit down** on the **grass**, **He (Jesus)** took the **five loaves** and the **two fish**, and looking up toward **heaven**, **He blessed** *the food*,
and **breaking** the loaves **He** gave them to the **disciples**,
and the **disciples** *gave them* to the **crowds (5,000 people)**,

and they **all ate** and **were satisfied**. They picked up what was **left over**
of the broken pieces, **twelve full baskets**. (Matthew 14:19-20)

4. When **Messiah came**, **He manifested a glorious Light**

In Him was **life**, and the **life** was the **Light of men** (John 1:4)

Then **Jesus** again spoke to them, saying, "**I am the Light of the world**;
he who **follows Me** will **not** walk in the **darkness**,
but will have the **Light of life**." (John 8:12)

and leaving **Nazareth**, **He (Messiah)** came and settled in...
the region of **Zebulun** and **Naphtali**.

This was to fulfill what was spoken through **Isaiah** the **prophet**..

"THE **PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING** IN DARKNESS SAW A **GREAT LIGHT**,
AND THOSE WHO WERE **SITTING** IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF **DEATH**,
UPON THEM A **LIGHT DAWNED**." (Matthew 4:13-14, 16)

5. When **Messiah came**, **He Healed** the **People**

Jesus was going through **all** the **cities and villages**, **teaching** in their
synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel** of the **kingdom**, and **healing**
every kind of **disease** and **every** kind of **sickness**. (Matthew 9:35)

Closing Comments