

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

IX. Isaiah’s *Disclosure* of Conditions and Events Preceding the Kingdom (60:1-66:1-24)

- A. The *Dawning* of Israel’s Future Glory (60:1-22)
- B. The *Description* of Messiah’s Ministry of Restoration (61:1-11)
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- 2. A *Powerful Redeemer* Remembered (63:10-14)
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4. A *Personal Appeal* and Confession (64:1-12)

- a. The *Call* for the Appearance of the *Awesome God* (64:1-5b)

64 Oh, that **You** would *rend the heavens and come down*, that the **mountains** might *quake* at **Your presence**—

² As **fire** kindles the *brushwood*, as **fire** causes **water** to *boil*— to make **Your name** known to **Your adversaries**, that the **nations** may *tremble* at **Your presence**!

³ When **You** did **awesome things** which we did *not expect*, **You came down**, the **mountains quaked** at **Your presence**.

⁴ For from **days of old** they have *not heard* or *perceived by ear*, *nor* has the **eye** seen a **God besides You**, **Who acts** in behalf of the **one** who *waits* for Him.

⁵ **You meet** him who *rejoices* in **doing** righteousness, who *remembers You* in **Your ways**.

b. The *Confession* of a **Penitent Israel** (64:5c-7)

Behold, **You were angry**, for **we sinned**,
we ***continued*** in them a *long time*;
and **shall we be saved?**

⁶ For **all of us** have become like one who is **unclean**,
and **all** our **righteous deeds** are like a ***filthy garment***;

and **all of us** ***wither*** like a **leaf**,
and our ***iniquities***, like the **wind**, take us ***away***.

⁷ There is **no one** who ***calls*** on **Your name**,
who ***arouses himself*** to ***take hold*** of **You**;

For **You** have ***hidden*** **Your face** from **us**
and have **delivered us** into the **power** of **our iniquities**.

c. The *Cry* for **Israel's Restoration** (64:8-12)

⁸ But now, **O LORD**, **You** are ***our Father***,
we are the **clay**, and **You** our **potter**;
and **all of us** are the **work** of ***Your hand***.

⁹ Do **not be angry** beyond measure, **O LORD**,
nor ***remember*** iniquity forever;
behold, ***look now***, **all of us** are **Your people**.

¹⁰ Your **holy cities** have become a ***wilderness***,
Zion has become a ***wilderness***,
Jerusalem a ***desolation***.

¹¹ Our **holy** and **beautiful *house***,
where our fathers **praised You**,
has been ***burned by fire***;
and all our ***precious things*** have become a ***ruin***.

¹² Will **You restrain Yourself** at these things, **O LORD**?
Will **You keep silent** and **afflict us** *beyond measure*?

Personal Observations

Isaiah Chapter 64—An Expanded Outline

A. The *Call* for an **Appearance** of the ***Awesome God*** (64:1-5c)

1. **Who** is ***Awesome*** in **Power** (64:1-2)

- a. “rending the heavens” as **He** appears (64:1a)
- b. causing mountains to **quake** at **His Presence** (64:1b, 3b)
- c. sending forth **fire** able to consume things *dry* or *wet* (64:2)
 - 1) that **His name** to be *known* by **His adversaries** (64:2a)
 - 2). that **nations** might *tremble* at **His Presence** (64:2b)

2. **Who is *Awesome* in **His Ways** (64:3-5c)**

- a. doing **unexpected things** (64:3a)
- b. causing mountains to **quake** in **His Presence** (64:3b)
- c. manifesting **Himself** in *ways* **unheard** of and **unseen** (64:4a-b)
- d. acting in **behalf** of those who **wait for Him** (64:4c)
- e. meeting those who *rejoice* in **righteousness**, and *remember God’s* **ways** (64:5)

B. The ***Confession*** of a **Penitent Israel** (64:5c-7)

- 1. **Who** faced the **anger of God** for **their sins** (64:5c)
- 2. **Who (all)** became **like one** who is **unclean** (64:6a)
- 3. **Whose “righteous” deeds** were **likened** to a **filthy rag** (64:6b)
- 4. **Who** have *withered* like leaves “**blown away**” by their **iniquities** (64:6c)
- 5. **Who** have (all) **neglected** to **call upon the Lord** (64:7a)
- 6. **Who**, as a *result*, have been **abandoned** by **the Lord** (64:7b-c)
 - a. *having* **hidden** **His face** from **them** (64:7b)
 - b. *having* **delivered them** to the **power** of their **own iniquities** (64:7c)

C. The ***Cry*** for the **Restoration** of **Israel** (64:8-12)

- 1. **Who** are **now willing** to be **obedient** to the **will and work of God their Father** (64:8)
- 2. **Who** are **now appealing to God** to **forsake His anger**, and **not remember** their **iniquity** (64:9)
- 3. **Who** are **now greatly distressed** at the **devastation** of their

nation (64:10-11)

- a. their **holy cities** having become a **wilderness** (64:10a)
- b. the **land of Zion** having become a **wilderness** (64:10b)
- c. **Jerusalem** now a **desolation** (64:10c)
- d. their **temple** burned by **fire** (64:11a)
- e. their **precious things** now **ruined** (64:11b)

4. **Who** now **yearn** for **God's Intervention** (64:12)

Personal Application

Isaiah declared that **Israel** was the “**clay**,”
and that **God** was their “**Potter**,”
and that **they** were the “**work of His hand**.” (64:8)

→ As *believers, we too* are the “**work of His hand**.”

For by **grace** you have been **saved through faith**;
and that **not of yourselves, it is the gift of God**; **not** as a result of **works**,
so that **no one** may **boast**.

For **we** are **His workmanship**, created *in* **Messiah Jesus** for **good works**,
which **God prepared beforehand** so
that **we would walk in them**. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

So then, **my beloved**, just as you have always **obeyed**,
not as in **my presence** only, but now much more in **my absence**,
work out your salvation with **fear** and **trembling**;

for it is **God** who is **at work in you**, both to **will** and to **work**
for **His good pleasure**. (Philippians 2:12-13)

Therefore I **urge you**, brethren, by the **mercies of God**,
to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God**,
which is your spiritual service of worship.

And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed**
by the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may **prove** what the **will of God is**,
that which is **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect**. (Romans 12:1-2)

Closing Comments