

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)
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G. The *Design* of Israel’s Future Kingdom (65:17-25)

¹⁷“For behold, I **create new heavens** and a **new earth**;
and the **former things** will *not* be **remembered** or **come to mind**.

¹⁸“But **be glad** and **rejoice forever** in what I **create**;
for behold, I **create Jerusalem** for rejoicing
and her **people** for gladness.

¹⁹“I will also rejoice in **Jerusalem** and be glad in **My people**;
and there will **no longer** be heard in her
the voice of *weeping* and the sound of *crying*.

²⁰“**No longer** will there be in it an **infant** *who lives but a few days*,
or an **old man** who does not live out his **days**;

For the **youth** will **die** at the age of **one hundred**
and the **one** who does not reach the age of **one hundred**
will be *thought* accursed.

²¹“They will **build houses** and **inhabit** *them*;
they will also **plant vineyards** and **eat** their **fruit**.

²²“They will **not build** and **another** inhabit,
they will **not plant** and **another** eat;

For as the **lifetime** of a **tree**, so *will be* the **days** of **My people**,
and **My chosen ones** will **wear out** the **work** of their hands.

²³“They will **not** labor in vain, or bear **children** for **calamity**;

for *they* are the **offspring** of those **blessed** by the LORD,
and their **descendants** *with them*.

²⁴It will also come to pass that **before they call**, I will **answer**;
and while they are **still speaking**, I will **hear**.

²⁵The **wolf** and the **lamb** will **graze together**,
and the **lion** will **eat straw** like the **ox**;
and **dust** will be the **serpent’s food**.

They will do **no evil** or **harm** in all **My holy mountain**,” says the LORD.

Message Summary The Characteristics of the *Kingdom*

1. Tonight **Isaiah** declares that **God** will *create* a “**new heavens** and a **new earth**” (65:17a). According to **Ryrie**, the coming *kingdom* will come **before** the **new heavens** and **new earth**. According to **scripture**, the *kingdom* has a **time element** lasting **1,000 years**. After this, will come the **eternal state** where there will be a **new heavens** and a **new earth**. (Revelation 20:4-7, 21:1)

A number of scholars believe that the **establishment** of the *kingdom* will bring about a “**renovation**” of the *present* **heaven** and **earth**, and not the **final, eternal new heavens** and **earth**. However, this “**renovation**” will bring about **miraculous changes** to the *present* **creation**, as **God fulfills His prophetic promises** made to the nation of **Israel**, and the **righteous** among the **Gentiles**—

2. In the *kingdom*, **Jerusalem** will be “**created**” for **rejoicing** and her **people** will be characterized by **gladness**. **The Lord** will **rejoice** in **Jerusalem**, and be **glad** in **His people** (65:18-19a).

There will be **no longer heard** in **Jerusalem**, the **voice** of **weeping** and the **sound** of **crying** (65:19b).

3. In the *kingdom*, there will be **no infant mortality**, or an **old man**

who will **not** “live out his days (65:20a).” Life in the *kingdom* will **not** be *prematurely cut short*.

During this time **life spans** will be **extended**, and those **dying** at **100 years old** will be considered as **dying young** (65:20c). The one who does **not** reach the age of **100** will be thought to be “**accursed**,” meaning an **unbeliever** (65:20d). Note that, in the *kingdom* **sin** and **death** will be **greatly reduced**, but **not eliminated**. (Fruchtenbaum)

4. In the *kingdom*, there will be **peace** and **prosperity**. It will be a time of **building** and **planting**, and those who **build** and **plant** will be guaranteed the *enjoyment* of the **labor** of **their hands**. Many of the **effects** of the **curse** of the **fall of man** will be **removed** (65:21).

In the *kingdom*, the people will **keep** and **enjoy** what they **worked for**. No **enemy** will **deprive them** of their **crops** and **houses**. They will experience **longevity of life** (as the lifetime of a **tree**), and fully **enjoy** the **work** of their **hands** (65:22).

5. In the *kingdom*, there will be an **absence** of “**calamity**” and **turmoil**. **Women** will **not** **bear children**, and see them **carried off (die)** **prematurely** by **disease**, or **accident**, or **famine**, or by the **sword** of an **invader** (Pulpit Commentary).

“For **they** are the **offspring** of those **blessed** by the **Lord**, and their **descendants** with them (65:23b).”

6. In the *kingdom*, **all** **prayers** will be **heard**, and **instantaneously answered** by **God**, even **before** they are **fully spoken** (65:24).
7. In the *kingdom*, the **animal kingdom** will be at **peace** with **one another** and **man**. **No longer** will there be **carnivorous animals feeding** upon each other, or **killing** each other. This was the **state** of the **animal kingdom** *before* the **fall of man**. “They shall do **no evil** or **harm** in **all My holy mountain**,” says **the Lord** (65:25).

Closing Comments