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“WHEN GOD GETS LOST”

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Prophecies of Isaiah

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Introduction to the Text; **Isaiah 22:1-25**

An Overview of Isaiah 22

Thus far, the prophecies of Isaiah have had much to do with the list of nations that were to receive judgment by the hand of God,

What seems surprising to us is to find on the list - - none other than **the city of Jerusalem** – the city of God.

The bulk of the prophecies in this section address mainly the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem in 586 BC at the hands of then General Nebuchadnezzar of the Babylonian forces,

But to the Jewish people - the thought of coming judgment seemed odd because there was **so much prosperity**, there was **so much leisure**, and **entertainment** - - so when Isaiah said “judgment is coming” it seemed ridiculous – **how could something so bad happen when things are so good?**

The ancient rabbis believed that when God created the physical universe, that as He spoke it into existence, the earth formed beneath His feet and that spot would become Israel, more specifically, **Jerusalem !**

Deuteronomy 11:11-12

but **the land** which you cross over to possess is a **land** of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, 12 a **land** for which the LORD your God cares; **the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it,** from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

Deuteronomy 14:23

And you shall eat before the LORD your God, **in the place where He chooses to make His name abide,**

Isaiah 49:16

See, I have inscribed you (Zion) on the palms of My hands;
Your walls are continually before Me.

But Now Judgment is Coming to It.

But why ? - because the people of Jerusalem began to tolerate, then endorse and finally - adopt the practices of foreign gods.

Israel, Judah was Guilty of the Same.

Isaiah 22:11

You (the people) also made a reservoir between the two walls For the water of the old pool. (you made human preparations) **But you did not look to its Maker, Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.**

The God of the Bible takes National worship Very Seriously

One of the saddest things in our day,

Is the **lack of discernment** among God's people. We have everything at our fingertips, **the Bible, opportunity, a lost world to reach** - - but by and large the church is asleep and powerless. **The word of God is neglected and the power of the Holy Spirit is avoided.**

WHEN GOD GETS LOST

1.) The sin of unbelief grows

vv. 1-14

Verse 1-2

The burden against the Valley of Vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops, 2 You who are full of noise, A tumultuous city, a joyous city? Your slain men are not slain with the sword, Nor dead in battle

Isaiah informs them that they're coming judgment will come

at a time and in a way unexpected to them, but not without warning - - and that their destruction would not be conventional, rather, their economy will fail them, their food will run out, and civil unrest would break out as the enemy draws nearer

Verse 3-7

3 All your rulers have fled together; They are captured by the archers. All who are found in you are bound together; They have fled from afar. 4 Therefore I (Isaiah) said, ***“Look away from me, I will weep bitterly; Do not labor to comfort me Because of the plundering of the daughter of my people.”*** 5 For it is a day of trouble and treading down and perplexity By the Lord GOD of hosts In the Valley of Vision - - Breaking down the walls and of crying to the mountain. 6 Elam bore the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, And Kir uncovered the shield. 7 It shall come to pass that your choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, And the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

Isaiah prophesies that **their governmental leaders** would abandon them, and flee from their positions **to save themselves.**

Isaiah 22:5

For it is **a day of trouble** and treading down and perplexity
By the Lord GOD of hosts In the Valley of Vision - -

Verse 8-11

8 He removed the protection of Judah. You looked (trusted in) in that day to the armor of the House of the Forest; 9 You also saw the damage to the city of David, That it was great; And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool. (to ward off the siege) 10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, And the houses you broke down to fortify the wall. 11 You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool.
But you did not look to its Maker, Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

The people took measures to prepare for the coming Babylonian siege. They believed that if they secured their water supply that that would buy them enough time – then the invaders would tire and leave...

Church, Listen – You Can Never Defeat Your Adversary Unless You Understand The Mindset of Your Enemy – “What Does He Believe?”

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, (Stay alert!) be vigilant; (Watch out!) because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

The people would seek to prepare themselves, but it would be too little too late because they did not repent, their enemy was closing in on them. The nation did everything they could except seek the Lord. They made physical preparations, but neglected the soul of their nation.

WHEN GOD GETS LOST THE SIN OF UNBELIEF GROWS

And then a nation begins to trust in their **money**.
And then a nation begins to trust in their **military**.
And then a nation begins to trust in their **culture**.
And then a nation begins to trust in their **leaders**.
And then a nation begins to trust in **themselves**.

Judges 17:6

In those days there was no king (God fearing King) in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

??? And So – What Does America Trust in Today ???

Multi Culturalism // LBGTQ // Socialism // Entitlement
((The Government is Becoming Our God))

Verse 12

Is the LORD calling His people (usa) to repentance?

Isaiah 22:12

At that time the Lord, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, called you to weep and mourn. He told you to shave your heads in sorrow for your sins and to wear clothes of burlap to show your remorse.

Consider Our Post 9/11 America,
Morally, +/- Ethically, +/- Spiritually, +/-

Verse 13

But instead, joy and gladness, Slaying oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and drinking wine: **“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!”**

**“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!”
the motto of hedonism**

Hedonism

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Hedonism is a school of thought that argues that pleasure is the primary or most important intrinsic good. A hedonist strives to maximize net pleasure (pleasure minus pain).

Ethical hedonism is the idea that all people have the right to do everything in their power to achieve the greatest amount of pleasure possible to them. It is also the idea that every person's pleasure should far surpass their amount of pain. Ethical hedonism is said to have been started by Ari'stip'pus of Cyrene, a student of Socrates. He held the idea that pleasure is the highest good.

hedonism

- 1) **Avoids** - personal responsibility = *I'm not going to get involved.*
- 2) **Breeds** - dependency upon others = *give me what I want*
- 3) **Demands** - what it wants at the expense of others = *you are here to please me.*

“If it feels good – do it”

“Look out for number one”

“He who dies with the most toys wins”

“YOLO”

**and in the words of that immortal R&B, Soul, Funk
philosopher - - Billy Preston**

“If you can't be with the one you love.

Love the one you're with.”

Think tonight – what kind of hedonism has crept into my life?

James 4:8-10

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Our Hearts Become Hardened When...

#1 when we mismanage the blessings in our lives.

#2 when we mismanage the pain in our lives.

#3 when we mismanage the opportunities in our lives.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Paul went to Isaiah 22:13

1 Corinthians 15:32b NLT

...If there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" 33 Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."

"After all - Isn't our **happiness**
a sign of God's approval?"

"After all - Isn't our **Affluence**
a sign of God's approval?"

Isaiah 5:7-8

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help. 8 Woe to those who join house to house; They add field to field, Till there is no place Where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!

"After all - Isn't our **freedom**
a sign of God's approval?"

Isaiah 5:11-12

Woe to those who rise early in the morning, That they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them! 12 The harp and the strings, The tambourine and flute, And wine are in their feasts; But they do not regard the work of the LORD, Nor consider the operation of His hands.

Verse 14

Then it was revealed in my hearing (Isaiah) by the LORD of hosts, **“Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you, Even to your death,”** says the Lord GOD of hosts.

WHEN GOD GETS LOST THE SIN OF UNBELIEF GROWS

Has He been calling His people in America to repentance?

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

!!! HOLY Spirit !!!

End of Study

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