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

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An Overview of Isaiah 22 and 23

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, and all of them had this one thing in common – their judgment was based upon how they treated Israel (Israel and Judah)...

And it is always, always DID I SAY "ALWAYS" predicated upon LAND – Israel's enemies cannot allow the Nation, the State, the Jew to exist in the "Promised Land"

The Promised Land given to Abraham.

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The Kingdom under Solomon

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Present Day Israel

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The Land of Israel and the Borders of The Messianic Kingdom

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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 His Land.

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

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 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 your Maker, Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

"Unbelief Causes Us to Look for Help in All the Wrong Places."

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...

"There is only one thing worse than a determined enemy – it is fighting him alone."

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!"

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.

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2.) The sin of ungodly leadership spreads vv. 15-25

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "Go, proceed to this steward, To Shebna, who is over the house, (Second in Power to King Hezikiah) and say: 16 "What have you here, and whom have you here, That you have hewn a sepulcher here, As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock? 17 Indeed, the LORD will throw you away violently, O mighty man, And will surely seize you. 18 He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball into a large (distant) country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots shall be the shame of your master's house. 19 So I will drive you out of your office and from your position he will pull you down. 20 "Then it shall be in that day, That I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah; 21 I will

clothe him with your robe And strengthen him with your belt; I will commit your responsibility into his hand. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem And to the house of Judah. 22 The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open. 23 I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place, And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house. :24 "They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers. 25 In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, "the peg that is fastened in the secure place will be removed and be cut down and fall, and the burden that was on it will be cut off; for the LORD has spoken.'"

"The leaders failed to call the nation to repentance. The leaders did not direct the people toward God – they neglected God"

They Failed to be Examples of Integrity, Courage and Wisdom.

These things cannot be gotten out of a book. They are "taught by being caught" by the little eyes of our children.

The example of Shebna.

Shebna, whose name means to grow or to expand, is considered to be a man whose life is a forerunner to the coming **Antichrist**. A proud and boastful man, he used the nation to make himself rich, he built himself monuments.

The example of Eliakim.

Eliakim, whose name means appointed one or rise again or to arise, is considered to be a man whose life is a forerunner to **Jesus Christ**. He was a very powerful man, but a humble man. He was always doing what was best for the nation and he sought the Lord during his days.

Note that; Eliakim came to power after Shebna to restore and revive the Nation just as Jesus will do after the Antichrist has ravaged Israel and nations of the world.

WHEN GOD GETS LOST THE SIN OF GODLESS LEADERSHIP SPREADS

Verse 16-18

Shebna was second in authority under King Hezikiah, He used his position to line his own pockets with money and power.

16 "What have you here **Shebna**, and whom have you here **Shebna**, That you have hewn a sepulcher here, As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock? 17 Indeed, the LORD will throw you away violently, O mighty man, And will surely seize you. 18 He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball into a large (distant) country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots shall be the shame of your master's house.

John Adams, Friday March/23/1798

"AS the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend on the protection and blessing of Almighty God; and the national acknowledgment of this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the people owe to Him, but a duty whose natural influence is favorable to the promotion of that morality and piety, without which social happiness cannot exist, nor the blessings of a free government be enjoyed; and as this duty, at all times incumbent, is so especially in seasons of difficulty and of danger, when existing or threatening calamities, the just judgments of God against prevalent iniquity are a loud call to repentance and reformation; and as the United States of America are at present placed in a hazardous and afflictive situation..."

March 30, 1863 (65 yrs. later) - Abraham Lincoln

"And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

Verse 20-25

20 "Then it shall be in that day, That I will call My servant **Eliakim** the son of Hilkiah; 21 I will clothe him with your robe And strengthen him with your belt; I will commit your responsibility into his hand. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem And to the house of Judah. 22 The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open. 23 I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place, And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house. :24 "They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers. 25 In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, "the peg that is fastened in the secure place will be removed and be cut down and fall, and the burden that was on it will be cut off; for the LORD has spoken.'"

Eliakim: meaning "The God who raises again."

He is a picture of Jesus Christ. Against all hope and in the face of extinction, God would send a deliverer...

Verse 22

The key of the house of David I will lay on his (Eliakim) shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open.

Revelation 3:7

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, "These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens"

History is one of the most fascinating things that a person can study. Because it's through history that you can look at the future and by history you can prepare, and identify what's coming.

1 Chronicles 12:32

The sons of Issachar had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do,

So here we are in 21st Century, in America...

Isaiah 22:25 NLT

But the LORD of Heaven's Armies also says: "The time will come (In That Day) when I will pull out **the nail** that seemed so firm. It will come out and fall to the ground. Everything it supports will fall with it. I, the LORD, have spoken!"

God is warning the people to not trust in Shebna (The Big Talker) because God will pull him down and the nation with him of they follow Ungodly Leaders

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Verse 1-18

Chapter 23 sounds like a "Who's Who" of Nations. The Bible's Ability to Address the Nations is Truly Awesome.

> Church – notice this undeniable fact, that the Bible mentions Israel 2,500 times

All of the nations that you are about to hear about – are mentioned because of one reason and one reason only, - Israel.

Not the Roman creation of Palestine of 135ad., Not the Occupied Territory, - But Israel.

Verse 1

Isaiah 23:1-14

The burden (judgment) against **Tyre**.

http://mbhumanistsatheists.ca/wp-content/uploads/Tyre-ancient.jpg

Nebuchadnezzar will attack Tyre and for 13 years lay siege against it unsuccessfully – he will eventually give up.

It's not until Alexander the Great comes will it be destroyed.

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Ezekiel 26:1-6 NLT

On February 3, during the twelfth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, this message came to me from the LORD: 2 "Son of man, **Tyre** has rejoiced over the fall of Jerusalem, saying, 'Ha! She who was the gateway to the rich trade routes to the east has been broken, and I am the heir! Because she has been made desolate, I will become wealthy!' :3 "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am your enemy, O **Tyre**, and I will bring many nations against you, like the waves of the sea crashing against your shoreline. 4 They will destroy the walls of **Tyre** and tear down its towers. I will scrape away its soil and make it a bare rock! 5 It will be just a rock in the sea, a place for fishermen to spread their nets, for I have spoken, says the Sovereign LORD. **Tyre** will become the prey of many nations, 6 and its mainland villages will be destroyed by the sword. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Archeologists discovered that there was submerged rocks and structures that made no sense as they were about 5,000 feet off the mainland.

Verse 1-7

Wail, you ships of **Tarshish**! For it is laid waste, So that there is no house, no harbor; From the land of **Cyprus** it is revealed to them. 2 Be still, you inhabitants of **the coastland**, You merchants of **Sidon**, Whom those who cross the sea have filled. 3 And on great waters the grain of **Shihor**, The harvest of the River, is her revenue; And she is a marketplace for the nations **(Egypt)**. :4 Be ashamed, O **Sidon**; For the sea has spoken, The strength of the sea, saying, "I do not labor, nor bring forth children; Neither do I rear young men, Nor bring up virgins." 5 When the report reaches **Egypt**, They also will be in agony at the report of Tyre. 6 Cross over to **Tarshish**; Wail, you inhabitants of **the coastland**! 7 Is this your joyous city, Whose antiquity is from ancient days, Whose feet carried her far off to dwell?

Verse 8-9

8 Who has taken this counsel against **Tyre**, the crowning city, Whose merchants are princes, Whose traders are the honorable (big money/power people) of the earth? 9 The LORD of hosts has purposed it, To bring to dishonor the pride of all glory, To bring into contempt all the honorable (big money/power people) of the earth.

Ezekiel 28:1-5, 11-17a

The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 2 "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your heart is lifted up, And you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,' Yet you are a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god 3 (Behold, you are wiser than Daniel!

There is no secret that can be hidden from you! 4 With your wisdom and your

understanding You have gained riches for yourself, And gathered gold and silver into your treasuries; 5 By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches)," :11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. 16 "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. 17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;

Verse 10-18

10 Overflow through your land like the River, O daughter of Tarshish; (Spain, Britain) There is no more strength. 11 He stretched out His hand over the sea, He shook the kingdoms; The LORD has given a commandment against Canaan To destroy its strongholds. 12 And He said, "You will rejoice no more, O you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, cross over to **Cyprus**; There also you will have no rest." 13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans, This people which was not (100 years before its time); Assyria founded it for wild beasts of the desert. They set up its towers, They raised up its palaces, And brought it to ruin. 14 Wail, you ships of **Tarshish!** For your strength is laid waste. :15 Now it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the harlot: 16 "Take a harp, go about the city, You forgotten harlot; Make sweet melody, sing many songs, That you may be remembered." :17 And it shall be, at the end of seventy years, that the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to her hire, and commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. 18 Her gain and her pay will be set apart for the LORD; it will not be treasured nor laid up, for her gain will be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing.

The Devastation of Their Economies.

It's going to happen again but next time on a much larger scale in the future

Revelation 18 is Coming

The Question is; Why Should We Care?

Here's Why – Because as God moves and removed nations, nothing of this world is lasting.

Here's Why – Because the plan of God is the only thing that really matters in the end

Here's Why – Because what you believe and how you live will someday be brought before you and your life will be reviewed by God Himself...

2 Peter 3:1-5

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget:

!!! Holy Spirit !!!



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