

# THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

## ISAIAH CHAPTER 25:1-12

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## “WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR ?” – PART 2

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

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### Introduction to the Text;

**Isaiah 25:1-12**

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O **LORD**, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth **2** For You have made a city a ruin, A fortified city a ruin, A palace of foreigners to be a city no more; It will never be rebuilt. **3** Therefore the strong people will glorify You; The city of the terrible nations will fear You. **4** For You have been a strength to the poor, A strength to the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, A shade from the heat; For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. **5** You will reduce the noise of aliens,

As heat in a dry place; As heat in the shadow of a cloud, The song of the terrible ones will be diminished. **6** And in this mountain The **LORD** of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. **7**

And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. **8** He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the **LORD** has spoken. **9** And it will be said in that day: “Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the **LORD**; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” **10**

For on this mountain the hand of the **LORD** will rest, And Moab shall be trampled down under Him, As straw is trampled down for the refuse heap. **11** And He will spread out His hands in their midst As a swimmer reaches out to swim, And He will bring down their pride Together with the trickery of their hands. **12** The fortress of the high fort of your walls He will bring down, lay low, And bring to the ground, down to the dust.

## The Second Coming of Christ

### and The Establishment of His Millennial Reign on Earth

and when He does that – it will be “the end of the world” as we know it today.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a **Child** is born, Unto us a **Son** is given; And the **government** will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called **Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. **7** Of the increase of His **government** and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of **David** and over His **kingdom**, To order it and establish it with **judgment** and **justice** from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

But when He comes again – then **a new world order** will be established,  
The one promised by God in the bulk of the Bible known as  
**The Millennium** or **The Millennial Reign of Christ**

Revelation 20:4c

“...and they lived and reigned with Christ a **thousand years**.”

## WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR ?

**1.) We're waiting for worship to be realized v. 1**

O **LORD**, You are **my God**. I will **exalt** You, I will **praise** Your name, For You have **done wonderful things**; Your **counsels** of old are **faithfulness** and **truth**.

**The act or “re-action” of worship and praise is an important **personality trait** that all true believers share in common.**

**The re-action of worship / praise in the  
Personality Trait of the Believer is #1**

**You** are **my God**.

**The re-action of worship / praise in the  
Personality Trait of the Believer is #2**

I will **exalt You**,

**The re-action of worship / praise in the  
Personality Trait of the Believer is #3**

I will **praise Your name**,

**The re-action of worship / praise in the  
Personality Trait of the Believer is #4**

For **You** have done **wonderful things**;

**The re-action of worship / praise in the  
Personality Trait of the Believer is #5**

**Your counsels of old** are **faithfulness** and **truth**.

**WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR ?**

**2.) We're waiting for Him to make things right vv. 2-5**

**2** For **You have made** a city a ruin, A fortified city a ruin, A palace of foreigners to be a city no more; It will never be rebuilt. **3** Therefore the **strong** (evil) people will glorify You; The city of the terrible (tyrant) nations will fear You. **4** For **You have been a strength to the poor**, (justice) **A strength to the needy in his distress** (compassion) , **A refuge from the storm** (defender), **A shade from the heat** (comforter) ; For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. **5** **You** will reduce the noise (silence) of aliens (Gentile nations) , As heat in a dry place; As heat in the shadow of a cloud, The song of the terrible ones (godless nations) will be diminished.

**We're Waiting for Him to Make Things Right**

**Deuteronomy 32:34-35 NLT**

"The LORD says, 'Am I not storing up these things, sealing them away in my treasury?  
**35** I will take revenge; I will pay them back. In due time their feet will slip. Their day of disaster will arrive, and their destiny will overtake them.'

**Romans 12:19**

Beloved, do not **avenge** yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written,  
**"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"** says the Lord.

**We're Waiting for Him**

In every generation of believers,

there are those things that define them in their generation.

*Example:*

In fact the book of **Revelation, Chapters 2-3**, Jesus Christ Himself gives us a description of what His church was, is and will be during it's time on earth. = *The 7 Letters to the 7 churches.*

- 1.) **Ephesus**, a church distracted – in needing its first love
- 2.) **Smyrna**, a church faithful – in need of martyrdom
- 3.) **Pergamos**, a church compromised – in need of the word.
- 4.) **Thyatira**, a church religious – in need of revival
- 5.) **Sardis** a church dead – in needing new life
- 7.) **Laodicea**, a church carnal – in need of repentance
- 6.) **Philadelphia**, a church holding fast – in need of watching

Throughout Scripture;  
From Genesis to Revelation, there is, and has always been the requirement to be watching and waiting for the Lord.

## **WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR ?**

**3.) We're waiting for the very best to happen vv. 6-7**

**6** And in this mountain (Zion) The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees (the best wines), Of fat things full of marrow (tasty meats), Of well-refined wines on the lees (aged wine). **7** And He will destroy on this mountain "the surface of the covering cast" (the gloom and dread of spiritual blindness) over all people, And the veil (oppressive darkness) that is spread over all nations.

# It's always unnerving to hear and to remember

That the Bible teaches us that **Satan is the Ruling Power**  
here on earth for now...

## Matthew 4:3-9

Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." :4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" :5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, (ps. 91:11 to keep you in all your ways) In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" :7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" :8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." :10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" "

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds **the god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

## Ephesians 2:1-2

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

## Ephesians 4:17-19

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

How Close are We to Seeing...  
"The Very Best Thing Happen?"

The **Marks / Signs / Indicators** are Everywhere.

### Romans 1:18-32 NLT

But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. 19 They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. 20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. :21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. 23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. :24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. 25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. 26 That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. 7 And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. :28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. 29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. 30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. 31 They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. 32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, also.

## WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR ?

**4.) We're waiting for full and total redemption vv. 8**

**8 He will swallow up death forever**, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people (Jews = ending anti-semitism, hatred of the Jewish people) He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD (YHWH) has spoken.

**Sin has blinded the human race  
and the tyranny of sin is what keeps man bound in the grip of death.**

### Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned -

## The Eyewitnesses of Jesus' Ministry, Death and Resurrection

understood that these "Old Testament Verses and Passages"  
answered God's promise to destroy the grave and conquer death.

### For us - total, absolute, final redemption is when...

#### 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed** - :52 in a moment, in the **twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **changed**. (ajllaı̂ssw **allasso**, *al-las'-so*; **to take something and make something different out of it. To change what was into what is**).

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

#### Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, :21 who will transform our vile body** that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

## The benefit of waiting, Anticipation !

#### Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is our life **appears**, **then** you also will **appear** with Him in glory.

#### Titus 2:13

Looking for **the blessed hope**  
and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

#### 1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has **this hope** in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

#### Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit eagerly **wait for the hope of righteousness** by faith.

## WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR ?

### 5.) We're waiting for Him and Him alone vv. 9-12

9 And it will be said **In That Day**: *"Behold, this is our God; We have **waited** for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have **waited** for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."* **10** For on this mountain (Zion) the hand of the LORD will rest, And Moab shall be trampled down under Him, As straw is trampled down for the refuse heap. **11** And **He will spread out** His hands in their midst as a swimmer reaches out to swim, And **He will bring down** their pride together with the trickery of their hands. **12** The fortress of the high fort of your walls (Moab) He will bring down, lay low, And bring to the ground, down to the dust.

**In the by-gone generations of old - - they had looked for God to arrive.**

#### Genesis 5:23-24

So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch **walked** with God; and he was not (no longer), for God **took** him.

**Took law-kakh´**; to seize suddenly, to accept, to bring up, to carry away, to be drawn up into, **to fetch up and away.**

This Hebrew word has a **Greek Equivalent** - αἵρπαζω **harpazo**, har-pad´-zo; to seize up and away. to pluck, pull, take by force. The **Latin** word is Rapturo or Rapture.

Dr. Charles Ryrie writes;

*"The Greek word Harpazo, or Rapture in Latin as derived appears in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, translated in English as caught up has the same meaning - - to snatch up or to take up and away. Elsewhere it is used to describe how the Holy Spirit caught up Philip near Gaza and brought him to Caesarea (Acts 8:39) It is used to describe the Apostle Paul's experience of being "Caught up" into heaven (2 Cor. 12:2-4). Thus there can be no doubt that the word as it appears in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 makes clear of an actual upward removal of the church from off the earth and taken into heaven."*

#### Psalm 42:1 -2

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. **2** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. **When shall I come and appear before God?**

The **Old Testament saints** had to **wait** for Him.  
We of **the church age** are commanded to **wait** for Him.  
**Israel** will once again - **wait** for Him.

### We're to be waiting for Him

#### Psalm 27:14

**Wait** on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; **Wait**, I say, on the LORD!

### Are you "Expecting Him?"

#### Luke 21:34-36

"Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. **:35** For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. **:36** *Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.*"

### Are We Ready for Him ?

#### Luke 12:35-36,37,40

"Let your waist be girded and **your lamps burning**; 36 and you yourselves be like men who **wait for their master**... 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, **when he comes, will find them watching**... 40 Therefore you also **be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

#### Luke 12:45-46b

But if that servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming," and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, **46** the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware,

!!! Come Upon Us Dear Holy Spirit - Come !!!

*End of Study*

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