

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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

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Introduction to the Text;

Isaiah 26:1-21

Matthew 23:37-39

“O Jerusalem, (31.7683° N, 35.2137° E) Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” ”

At His coming, **when** the Millennium begins

Psalm 24:9-10

Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

And this is **how** the Millennium will begin

Matthew 24:27, 29-30

:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be, :29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

The Coming Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

Chapters 25,26 & 27 allow us to peer into the future of what the Lord is going to do here on earth.

Psalm 48:1-2

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The **city** of the great King.

Whatever man touches in his own wisdom, power

and strength always, always comes to frustration. But with God, that curse is reversed. The 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on earth, in Israel, from Jerusalem will be exactly what God has intended human government to look like.

Jesus Christ on earth, will be our Model King

Then, The Millennium will be a Physical Reality

Psalm 100:1-4

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. 3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING

1.) It will be Jerusalem once Jesus returns vv. 1-2

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

The Concept of a City Originated with God.

In fact, there is really "One City, The City" and it's not New York, Hong King or London – It is the dwelling place of God In heaven.

In Heaven, Coming Down...

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But this City, Jerusalem, will undergo a Redeveloped Program unlike the world has ever seen before.

Verse 1-2

"We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

a city that will be **secure**. A city that will **offer salvation**.

A city that will be welcoming to any people who **desire righteousness** and **loves truth** can enter...

Have you considered the characteristics and nature of a city?

A city is where people – *focus more upon self-preservation*

It's Interesting to learn that;

The first city on earth - was built by a man who was the first human to be convicted of murderer.

Genesis 4:17 NLT

Cain had sexual relations with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Then Cain founded a city, which he named Enoch, after his son.

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Genesis 11:1-4

(while under the rebellion of Nimrod)

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3 Then they said to one another, *"Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly."* They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. 4 And they said, *"Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top ^(seat) is in the heavens; let us make a name ^(monuments, memorials, recognition) for ourselves, lest we be ^(fear) scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."*

A city is where people – *flee to for self-pursuits & gratification (prodigal son)*

A city is where people – *become more isolated from others*

A city is where people – *commit the bulk of crimes*

A city is where people – *murder, rape. Homelessness is higher in a city*

A city is where people – *establish a man-centric power-base (god-like)*

A city is where people – *entertainment and amusement is valued*

A city is where people – *man makes the laws and rules without God.*

**Cities, will always become more liberal, godless,
lawless, and controlling over the population.**

So why is a city so strange?

Because, a city is a **man-made attempt to build a man-centered world where man is exalted, man is honored, man is the center - - it's the place or apex of humanism.**

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Ezekiel 40:2

In the visions of God He took me into **the land of Israel** and set me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south was something like the structure of a **city**.

Psalms 48:1-2

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The **city** of the great King.

Psalm 46:4

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the **city** of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

Jesus Christ is coming to establish His government and His rule.

There will be no voting for anyone // there will be no debates or arguments

There will be no senate or parliament – Only King Jesus !!!

THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING

2.) It will be those **who are its citizens**

vv. 3

*3 You will **keep** him in **perfect peace**,
Whose **mind** is **stayed** on You, Because he **trusts** in You.*

The Benefits of **Knowing** God and
knowing **Who** God is and **What** He is like.

Verse 3a

*You will **keep** him in **perfect peace**,*

The **awesome**, **limitless** and **preserving** power of God is in mind here.

God is more than able to “keep” those who come to Him.

What does it mean to be “**Kept**” by God ? The Hebrew word means to be “**Under God’s watchful eye. To be set in front of the eyes. To be prominent.**”

The Result of His keeping is Complete Peace.

A full and total, all-encompassing peace.

This is the Peace **OF** God
which is different than having peace **WITH** God

Colossians 3:15

And let the **peace of God** rule in your hearts,
to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion but of **peace**,
as in all the churches of the saints.

Are you in, or are you living in a **place** or **state** of confusion?
If so – *know that God is not the cause of it !*

2 Thessalonians 3:16a

Now may the Lord of **peace** Himself give you peace always in every way.

Verse 3b

*Whose **mind** is **stayed** on You,*

Mind Heb. Conceptions, imaginations, meditations, thoughts

Stayed Heb. Anchored, made secure, firm, surefooted, immovable

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.

1 Corinthians 10:4-6

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Christian, You and you alone are responsible for your thought-life.

HERE' S WHY THAT IS SO IMPORTANT,

You cannot blame your actions on other people. **Your actions are a result of your thought-life.** What you allow in your head is what you will do with your mouth and body !

Whatever you **say**, whatever you **do**, whatever you **get involved in**, It is because of your thought-life.

Verse 3c

*Because he **trusts** in You.*

Trusts heb confidence, security. to be bold, safe, carefree.
A confirmed hope.

Why should you trust God? // Can God be trusted?
How has God failed you? // Are you willing to trust Him again?

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

End of Study

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