# The Book of Isaiah

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

#### **ISAIAH CHAPTER 59:3-21**

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

# "What Is Real? What Is Relevant? - Part 2"

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

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#### The Reality of the Christian Life is one of separation, while being called back into the world that we were saved out of

2 Corinthians 6: 17

Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.

John 17:16-18

They (us) are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

# We are to be in this world but not of this world. The Bible is the account of God's will being revealed to Mankind by His own direct revelation.

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He has made the worlds;

We know this because of His revelation to mankind. We have the bible – available. We have creation – observable.

Isaiah 55:10-11

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'

#### 2 Peter 1:19-21

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

> The closing chapters of Isaiah reveal a "tem'pla'ta" or the template / schematic of the ages to come...

From the Hebrew **Prophets** to the Book of **Revelation**, There is a perfect, **homogenous** theme

## **Imminently:**

It's this - Suddenly, without warning or without prerequisite the church will be taken from off the earth to meet Christ.

#### Then:

There will be the rise of some form of neutrality that will happen in the day that Israel is attacked from the north

#### Then:

Israel, having survived that attack, will be happy to elect a man that will become the PM of the European, Western world by securing a peace treaty with Israel and the nations - - he will make great promises (7 years) with great power to perform them.

https://www.cnbc.com/2018/08/20/trump-is-the-unsung-hero-of-the-world-economy--commentary.html

http://blogs.lse.ac.uk

"Among the most contentious of President Trump's political positions is his economic strategy – sometimes called Trumponomics. Trumponomics pursues growth through a combination of personal and corporate tax reduction and fiscal stimulus, particularly on infrastructure and defense. The other major pillar is the renegotiation of international trade deals to protectAmerican companies and jobs." - LSE Alessandro Lanteri.

#### Then:

This "PM" of the world – the man who is called in the Bible "The Son of Perdition", "The man of sin", the Anti-Christ, Mr. 666, will pour out his wrath upon all those who will refuse his "update" to join the world economy and those who will become followers of Jesus Christ and the Remnant of the Jews of Israel.

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# What Is Real? What Is Relevant?

# 1.) We need to look into the mirror

vs. 3-8

He rebukes the nations for them having abandoned Him.

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vs. 9-15a

9 Therefore **justice** is far from us, nor does **righteousness** overtake us; we look for **light**, but there is darkness! For **brightness**, but we walk in blackness! **10** We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes...

When you decide to depart from truth, "to know what's right and to ignore it", you begin a journey that is downward in every conceivable way.

#### Deuteronomy 4:9

Only **take heed to yourself**, and **diligently keep yourself**, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And **teach them** to your **children** and your **grandchildren**,

Can I be very honest – the American / Christian home has forgotten to do this. And it will not turn out good for us...

#### Isaiah 55:6-7a

Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7 (this is what the Bible says that we're to be doing – telling the wicked) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him;

#### 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.

# Verse 9

we look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness!

# Before Israel's Exodus – It had to get darker in Egypt

Exodus 10:21-22

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt." **22** So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

# The Future for the Unbelieving

## Revelation 16:10-11

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. 11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

# Verse 10

We grope for the wall **like the blind**, and we grope as if we had **no eyes**... we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places.

#### Matthew 6:22-23

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. **23** But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

# Verse 11-12

11 We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves; we look for **justice**, but there is none; for **salvation**, but it is far from us. **12** For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our **sins** testify against us; for our **transgressions** are with us, and as for our **iniquities**, we know them:

As dark as this is – and it is, this the **atmosphere for revival** 

# Earlier in chapter 59 we learned about the confession

of sin both for the unbeliever and for the believer.

**Numbers 32:23c** Be sure your sin will find you out.

# Verse 13-15a

13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen (wounded) in the street, and equity cannot enter (is not allowed). 15a So (when) truth fails, and he who departs from evil (repents) makes himself a prey (a target, one persecuted).

#### 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, **7** and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **8** in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10** when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

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3.) We need to look to Him

vs. 15b-21

15b Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice.16a He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor;

## The Truth is:

God is not "**updated**" by the church on how to do ministry. He's not being educated by "**political correctness**" nor "**conventional wisdom**"...

But our prayerlessness must astound the angels. Our infrequent cries for help must offend the Lord.

"A man who kneels before God will stand before men and a man who is intimate with God will never be intimidated by men."

#### - Leonard Ravenhill

# Verse 16b-17

16b therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

There is no doubt here that Paul took from Isaiah this reading and presented it to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:10-19)

# Isaiah now shifts gears, taking us to the day of Jesus Christ's Second Coming

# Verse 18-21

**18** According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; the coastlands He will fully repay....

#### After the Second Coming, the Remnant of Israel is Restored.

....19 So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun (east); when the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. 20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord. :21 "As for Me," says the Lord, "This is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants."

#### Jeremiah 31:31-33

"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah - **32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. **33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

#### I love how Paul here quotes Isaiah and calls him "Isaiah" hello! Romans 9:27-28

**Isaiah** (from Isaiah 10) also cries out concerning Israel: *"Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the* (yet only) remnant will be saved. **28** For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth."

#### Romans 11:25-27

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to **Israel** until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. **26** And so all **Israel** will be saved, as it is written: *"The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;* **27** *For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."* 

# A special "thank you" to all who have been with us in the book of Isaiah as tonight is our 4 year anniversary

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