

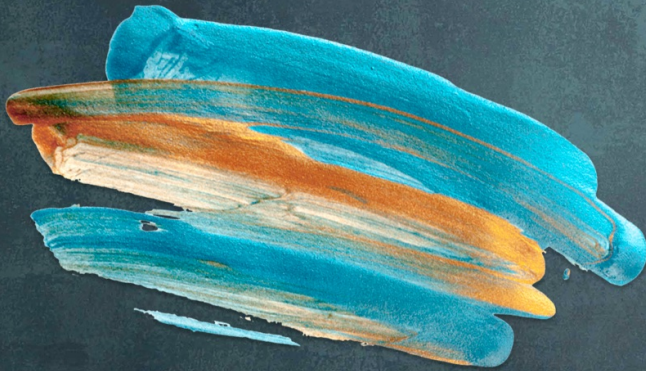


Isaiah

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“When All Seems Lost”

ISAIAH 13-35



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Three Types of Nations(Judgments)

Oppressors - Israel Fears (we fear)

Troublers - Israel (we) is scorned by

Seducers - Israel (we) is seduced by

Judgment against the Oppressors

“I have commanded my holy ones; I have summoned my warriors to carry out my wrath...The Lord Almighty is mustering an army for War. They come from faraway lands, from the ends of the heavens - the Lord and the weapons of his wrath - to destroy the whole country. Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.”

Isaiah 13:3-6

Judgment against Babylon

"See the day of the Lord is coming - a cruel day with wrath and fierce anger - to make desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light."

Isaiah 13:9-10

Two Major indicators of the Second Coming

- 1) The Day of the Lord
- 2) The Use of Darkness as a Descriptor

Instances of Darkness

- 1) Plague in Egypt Before Passover
- 2) Mount Sinai
- 3) Jerusalem after Christ's Crucifixion

When your life seems the darkest. . .God
is getting ready to show up in a great
way

“Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians’ pride will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah. She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations. . . Her time is at hand and her days will not be prolonged.”

Isaiah 13:19-22

But, "The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again He will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Aliens will join them and unite with the house of Jacob."

Isaiah 14:1

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28

Judgment against the Troublers

“Moab is ruined, destroyed in a night! Kir in Moab is ruined, destroyed in a night! Dibon goes up to its temple, to its high places to weep; Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba. Every head is shaved and every beard cut off. In the streets they wear sackcloth. . . they all wail, prostrate with weeping.”

Isaiah 16:1-3

Major implications for Israel (Ephraim/
Northern Kingdom) for uniting with the
Syrians.

“See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, and royal power from Damascus; like the glory of the Israelites, declares the Lord Almighty.”

Isaiah 17:1&3

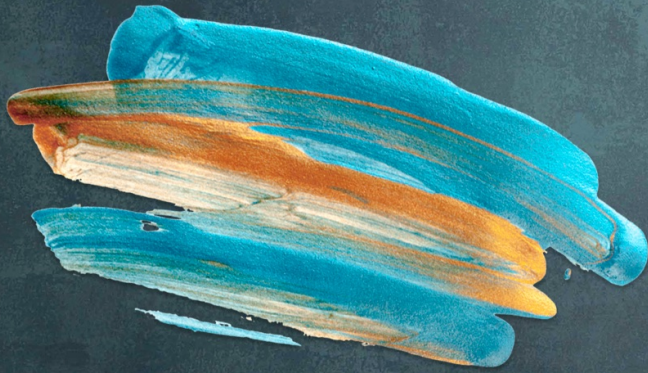
But all is not lost.

“In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it - One from the house of David - One who is judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.”

Isaiah 16:5

“In that day men will look to their Maker and turn their eyes to the Holy One of Israel. They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands, and they will have no regard for the Asherah poles and the incense altars their fingers have made.”

Isaiah 17:7



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Judgment against the Seducers

“I will remain quiet and will look on from my dwelling place, like shimmering heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. For before the harvest, when the blossom is gone and the flower becomes a ripening grape, He will cut off the shoots with pruning knives, and cut down and take away the spreading branches.”

Isaiah 18:4-5

“I will stir up Egyptian against Egyptian -
Brother will fight against brother,
neighbor against neighbor, city against
city, kingdom against kingdom.”

Isaiah 19:2

Against Tyre - "The Lord Almighty planned it, to bring low the pride of all glory and to humble all who are renowned on the earth."

Isaiah 23:9

God is going to cast judgment against not only the nations of Isaiah's day, but ultimately against the entire world when Christ comes again.

God isn't just interested in the saved, but
He is seeking out and offering salvation
to the lost.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

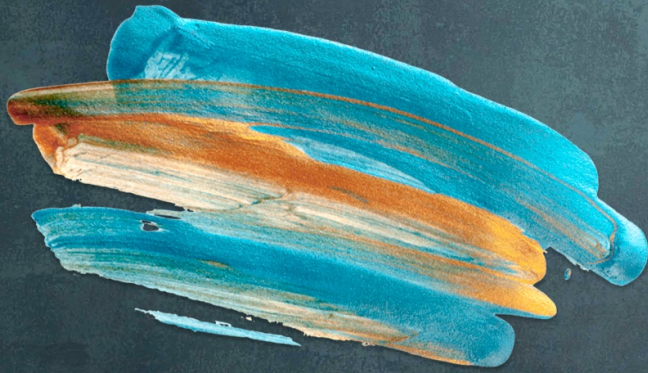
2 Peter 3:9

Now starts the good news!

“See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; He will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants - . . .the earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The Lord has spoken this word. The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers. . .the ruined city lies desolate; the entrance to every house barred. . . the city is left in ruins, its gate is battered to pieces.”

Isaiah 24:1,3-4a,10,12

When all hope is lost, when the pressure of life is closing in all around you and you have nowhere else to turn, God shows up. . . MAJORLY



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“O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago. You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners’ stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

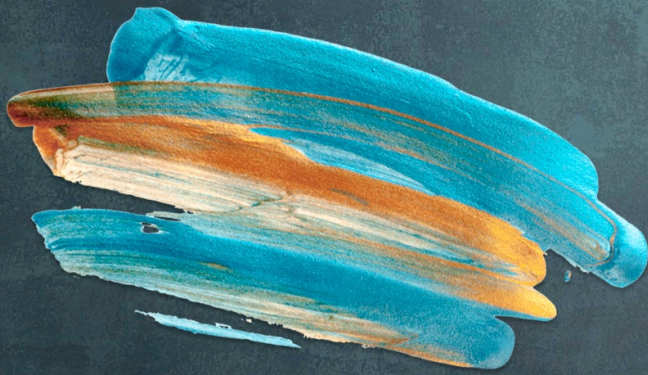
Isaiah 25:1-3

“On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; He will swallow up death forever.

. . .The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 25:6-8

We can't truly appreciate the gift of salvation that we have without going through judgment.



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- 4) How must I respond?

When all we see is a cross, Jesus sees an empty tomb. Jesus sees VICTORY!