Isaiah: Behold Your God!

The Coming World-wide Apocalypse
Lesson 6
Isaiah 23-27

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Isaiah: Behold Your God!

- What historical event led to the prophecy of Isaiah?
  - Assyrian invasion . . . or the Aram/Israel conspiracy

- Why should we care if the nation Israel disappears?
  - The Abrahamic covenant would fail (Genesis 12:1-3)

- What are the two major themes of Isaiah?
  - Behold your God! – The just shall live by faith!

- What are the two major divisions of Isaiah?
  - Book of Condemnation (1-39) – Book of Comfort (40-66)

- What is the story that Isaiah is telling?
  - God’s plan for His creation
I. Book of Condemnation (1-39)
   A. The Lord Speaks to Isaiah (1-5)
   B. Isaiah Is Called and Sent (6)
   C. The Coming Assyrian Invasion (7-12)
   D. The Lord Speaks to the Nations (13-27)
      1. Oracles Concerning the Nations (13-23)
         Babylon and Assyria (13:1-14:27), Philistia (14:28-32), Moab (15-16),
         Damascus (17), Ethiopia (Cush), Egypt, the Wilderness of the Sea,
         Edom (Dumah), Arabia (18-21), the Valley of Vision (22), Tyre (23)
      2. The Lord’s Wrath on the Earth (24)
      3. The Lord’s Salvation on the Earth (25-27)
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- The Oracle Concerning Tyre (23)
- The Isaiah Apocalypse (24-27)
  - The Day of Wrath (24)
  - The Day of Salvation (25-27)
    - A Song of Thanksgiving for the LORD’S Ways (25)
    - A Song of Praise for the LORD’S Salvation (26)
    - The Death of Leviathan (27)
### D. The Lord Speaks to the Nations - Isaiah 13-27

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The world is in the Lord’s hands and His promises will be fulfilled. As Isaiah probes forward into the future, he sees the world become darker.
The Oracle Concerning Tyre (23)

- Tyre’s catastrophe (23:1-7)
- The cause for the catastrophe (23:8-16)
- The restoration of Tyre (23:15-18)
- The futility of the wages of harlotry
The Day of Wrath (24)

- The Isaiah Apocalypse (Isaiah 24-27)
- The land is desolate (24:1-13)
  - אֶרֶץ (erets) – earth or land (of Israel)
- The believing community (24:14-16a)
- A time of great tribulation (24:16b-22)
- The reign of the Lord of hosts (24:23)
A Song of Thanksgiving for the LORD’S Ways (25)

- Isaiah 25 and 26 show the response of faith – in waiting and in realization
- The lessons from history (25:1-5)
- The expectation of the saints (25:6-12)
A Song of Praise for the LORD’S Salvation (26)

- This song will be sung “in that day”
- The strong city (26:1-4)
- The “unassailable city” (26:5-6)
- The way of the righteous is smooth (26:7-10)
- The hand of the Lord (26:11-19)
- Isaiah’s call to his generation (26:20-21)
The Death of Leviathan (27)

- “What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?” (5:4)
- The punishment of Leviathan, the fleeing serpent, the dragon (27:1)
- The Keeper of the vineyard in that day (27:2-6)
- Forgiveness (27:7-9)
- The fortified city (27:10-11)
- The great gathering in Jerusalem (27:12-13)
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- The Isaiah Apocalypse – He is faithful and just
- The wonderful ways of the LORD
- The wonderful salvation of the LORD
- Trust in the LORD forever