

Isaiah Lesson 25

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Introduction: Last week in Chapter 24 we studied about the Day of the Lord. There was a clear revealing of the Tribulation as well as a glimpse of Israel therein. This chapter now presents the glories of the Millennium, particularly from a Jewish perspective.

I. God Will Swallow Up Death Forever

Isa 25:1 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Isa 25:2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

Here, we get a glimpse of redeemed Israel, restored in their land in the Millennium. They are looking back at how God has marvelously saved them both spiritually as well as nationally. Their song is of praise and exaltation for the wonderful things God had done for them in redeeming and restoring them as a nation.

The mention of His counsels undoubtedly speaks of His Word. *Faithfulness* and *truth* sum up every Word that proceeds from God for He is faithful and true. If God says it, that settles it. Therefore it is important to identify God's Word apart from all the counterfeits that are available today.

Isa 25:3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

Isa 25:4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Isa 25:5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

Israel therefore glories in their redemption and national restoration. The “strong people” undoubtedly refers to redeemed and restored Israel. They indeed will glorify God. The terrible (gentile) nations undoubtedly refer to the hostile nations which sought to eradicate Israel, particularly during the Tribulation.

Verse 4 is the song of praise of redeemed Israel in that day. When the Jews scattered across the world and the Israelis in their land faced terrible persecution during the Tribulation, God became their strength and refuge. He became as a wall of protection to them from the blast of antichrist’s forces.

Verse 5 is a song of praise acknowledging God’s justice on behalf of redeemed Israel. The nations which so terribly persecuted the Jews during the Tribulation will be made as a desert place—hot and desolate. Yet, for Israel will be the shade and showers of the clouds.

The symbolism clearly is of blessing, but their enemies would be brought low. Evidently, God’s judgment will extend into the Millennium, in part, upon nations which were so hostile to Israel. This may include their Arab neighbors which have harbored bitter hatred of the Jews for so long. See verse 25:10.

Isa 25:6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

Isa 25:7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

Israel, in that day will sing and rejoice. The thought is of great prosperity and the banqueting which is associated therewith. In that day, God will bless Israel not only spiritually but also with great prosperity. The mountain noted undoubtedly is Mount Zion, or Jerusalem. Come the Millennium, the veil of spiritual blindness spoken of in Isaiah 6:9-10 and II Corinthians 3:13-14 will be removed.

2Co 3:13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

2Co 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

II. Jesus will Swallow up Death in Victory

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall

he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Isa 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, 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.

The spiritual greatness of the kingdom is apparent. He will swallow up death in victory. Of interest is that the phrase “Lord GOD” literally is Lord Jehovah. The Apostle Paul quoted this with direct application to the victory over death by Jesus’ resurrection in I Corinthians 15:54.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit used the same thought, “and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces,” in Revelation 21:4.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

In that day, Jews will no longer be rebuked. There will be no antisemitism in that day. Moreover, God’s people in the gentile nations will be exalted worldwide. . Come the Millennium, Israel will sing that God is their God—not Allah, not Buddha, but Christ.

Redeemed Israel had waited for His deliverance during the Tribulation and He saved them both spiritually and nationally so they proclaim, this is Jehovah, their long-suffering God. They “will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Isa 25:10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

Isa 25:11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall

bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

Isa 25:12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

The Arab nations which for so long have hated Israel will be abased in that day. God's blessing will reside at Jerusalem. Moab was the ancient son of incest with Lot. He became the progenitor of one strain of the Arabic nations. Geographically, Moab corresponds to present-day Jordan.

By extension, the Arab nations which have long harbored hatred against Israel will be trodden down by God in the Millennium. They will be subservient to Israel. As a swimmer parts the water with his hands, so God would slice through Moab in that day. The pride of the Arab nations will be subdued.

Verse 12 tells of how the military power of the Arab nations surrounding Israel will be reduced to rubble. God will exalt Israel to be the queen of the nations. Her historical enemies will be subdued once and for all.

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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