

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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Isaiah

Holy Living

Lesson # 10 A Refuge from the Storm

INTRODUCTION

What do you do to prepare when a violent storm is brewing?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Note: After prophesying concerning eleven different nations, Isaiah enlarged his prophecy and described a judgment that would fall on the whole world. Isaiah 24–27 describes a global judgment that will end with the destruction of God’s enemies and the restoration of God’s people Israel in their land. Isaiah warned the Northern Kingdom that the Assyrians would destroy them, and he told Judah that the Babylonians would take them captive; but these local calamities were only forerunners of a vast end-times catastrophe that would engulf the whole world. The prophets call this time of terrible judgment “the Day of the Lord,” and in the New Testament it is described in Matthew 24; Mark 13; and Revelation 6–19. ¹

Read Isaiah 24

1. Why are people being judged? **Gen 3:17-19; Num 35:33**
2. Who will be able to escape the judgment?
3. Who is singing in the midst of the judgment? Vv 14-16a; **Isa 10:20** Why?
4. What do we learn about God based on past judgments such as Noah’s flood? **Matt 24:37-42**
5. What is the climax of the Day of the Lord? Vs 23

Read Isaiah 25:1-8

Note: God cares for His own in times of trial and judgment. He kept Noah and his family alive through the Flood (Gen 6–8) and guarded Israel when His judgments fell on Egypt. When “the Day of the Lord” comes to this godless world, God will see to it that the Jewish remnant will be preserved. ²

6. What image does Isaiah give of God as a refuge? Vv 4-5
7. Feasts are an important part of Jewish culture. **Matt 8:11; Lk 13:29**. How does Isaiah describe the time after the Day of the Lord? Vs 6
8. Earthly food merely sustains life. How does Isaiah describe the effect of the spiritual food (a feast)? Vv 7-8; **1 Cor 15:54; Rev 7:17; Rev 21:4**

Note: Shrouds were coverings for people that die.

Read Isaiah 26:1-6

Note: The Hebrew word for “peace” (shalom) means much more than a cessation of war. It includes blessings such as wholeness, health, quietness of soul, preservation, and completeness.

9. The term “that day” in verse 1 refers to the Day of the Lord, when the Lord will defeat His enemies. Who will get to enter this city (New Jerusalem) which God oversees? Why would they have peace? **Rom 5:1, Phil 4:7**

APPLICATION

God wants us to take refuge in Him. How can you be ready when the trumpet calls? **Matt 24:31**

It is worth noting that Augustus Toplady’s song “Rock of Ages” is based on the marginal reading of Isaiah 26:4: “for in the Lord God is the Rock of ages.” The New Jerusalem is a city built on a Rock! ³

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