

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

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

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**Isaiah**

Holy Living

## Lesson # 12 Future Shock and Glory

### INTRODUCTION

What current world events make you think we might be living in end times? **2 Pet 3:7-8**

### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

*Note: In the four chapters that conclude the first section of his prophecy, Isaiah invites us to look at four future events to see what God has planned for His people and His world. These chapters are not human speculation; they are divinely inspired revelation, and they can be trusted.<sup>1</sup>*

#### **Read Isaiah 32:1-5; 16-17**

*Note: At the beginning of its history, the nation of Israel was a theocracy, with God as King. It was not a monarchy led by human rulers. In the days of Samuel, the people asked for a king; and God gave them Saul. God did not establish a dynasty through Saul because Saul did not come from the tribe of Judah. It was David who established both the dynasty for Israel's throne and the ancestry for Israel's Messiah. Every devout Jew knew that the future Messiah-King would be the Son of David.<sup>2</sup>*

1. Isaiah ministered to the spiritually blind, deaf and ignorant people. How will that be different when the Messiah-King rules? **Vv 3-4; Jer 31:33**
2. According to verse 17, what is the key to a correct relationship with God and man? **James 3:13-17**
3. How does one obtain righteousness? **Rom 5:1**

#### **Read Isaiah 33:1-6**

4. The godly remnant turned God's promise into a prayer. What is it? **Vs 2**
5. What effect did their prayer have? **37:35** How does that apply to us today? **Js 5:16**

#### **Read Isaiah 34:1-8**

*Note: Israel's ancient enemy Edom is identified here, but it is representative of the Gentile nations that God will judge (in the future) because of their actions against His people.*

6. How does Isaiah imply that God sees the battlefield as a sacrificial temple? **Vv 5-8; Lev 3:11**
7. When will God's final judgment (Day of the Lord) take place? **2 Pet 3:10** Why is He waiting? **2 Pet 3:9**

#### **Read Isaiah 35:1-2; 8-10**

8. What will become of the wilderness after the Day of the Lord? Why? **Gen 3:17-19**

*Note: In ancient times, certain roads between temples were only open to those that were ceremonially pure.*

9. What is the contrast between the highway of Isaiah's time (33:8) and the highway after judgment? **Vv 8-9; Mt 7:13-14**

### APPLICATION

How does Isaiah's prophecy help you pray for the future and our nation?

*The former U.S. Secretary of State, Dr. Henry Kissinger, once told the New York Times, "There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full." Crises come, whether schedules permit it or not; and sometimes crises seem to pile up. How do we handle them? What life does to us depends on what life finds in us. A crisis does not make a person; it shows what a person is made of.<sup>3</sup> Hopefully, when life squeezes, Christ shows.*

<sup>1 2 3</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *Be comforted*. An Old Testament study. (79, 81, 91). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.

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