

Study 63: Isaiah, Part 19 Isaiah 25:9-12; 26

Chapters 24-27 “are to be taken as a continuous prophecy of the overthrow of the great world-powers which were arrayed against Jehovah and His people.”¹

Isaiah 25 (cont.)

9 In that day they will say,

[The term “that day” is often associated with “the last days,” i.e. the coming of the Messiah (Heb 1:1-2). Note that His first and second comings are seen in the prophets as a single unit, indicating that they are not separated by thousands or even hundreds of years. As Jesus said, they would be within a generation (40 years) of each other, and would both be witnessed by at least some of His disciples (Matt 16:24a, 27-28).]

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us [*that He may save us*].
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

10 The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain;
but Moab will be trampled in their land
as straw is trampled down in the manure.

[Moab is used as a typical nation representing unbelievers in general.]

11 They [*He, i.e. the Lord*] will stretch out their hands in it,
as swimmers stretch out their hands to swim.
God will bring down their pride
despite the cleverness [Hebrew meaning uncertain] of their hands.
12 He will bring down your high fortified walls
and lay them low;
he will bring them down to the ground,
to the very dust.

Isaiah 26 **In that day** this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city;
God makes salvation
its walls and ramparts.
2 Open the gates
that the righteous nation may enter,
the nation that keeps faith.
3 You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.
4 Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.
5 He humbles those who dwell on high,
he lays the lofty city low;
he levels it to the ground
and casts it down to the dust.
6 Feet trample it down—
the feet of the oppressed,
the footsteps of the poor.
7 The path of the righteous is level;
you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth.
8 Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws [*or judgments*],

¹ Ellicott's *Commentary for English Readers* (<http://biblehub.com/commentaries/isaiah/24-1.htm>).

we wait for you;
your name and renown
are the desire of our hearts.

9 My soul yearns for you in the night;
in the morning my spirit longs for you.

When your judgments come upon the earth [land],
the people of the world learn righteousness.

10 But when grace is shown to the wicked,
they do not learn righteousness;
even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil
and do not regard the majesty of the Lord.

11 Lord, your hand is lifted high,
but they do not see it.

Let them see your zeal for your people and be put to shame;
let the fire reserved for your enemies consume them.

12 Lord, you establish peace for us;
all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

13 Lord our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us,
but your name alone do we honor.

14 They are now dead, they live no more;
their spirits do not rise.

You punished them and brought them to ruin;
you wiped out all memory of them.

15 You have enlarged the nation, Lord;
you have enlarged the nation.

You have gained glory for yourself;
you have extended all the borders of the land.

16 Lord, they came to you in their distress;
when you disciplined them,
they could barely whisper a prayer [Hebrew meaning uncertain].

17 As a pregnant woman about to give birth
writhes and cries out in her pain,
so were we in your presence, Lord.

18 We were with child, we writhed in labor,
but we gave birth to wind.

We have not brought salvation to the earth,
and the people of the world have not come to life.

19 But your dead will live, Lord;
their bodies will rise—

let those who dwell in the dust
wake up and shout for joy—
your dew is like the dew of the morning;
the earth will give birth to her dead.

20 Go, my people, enter your rooms
and shut the doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while
until his wrath has passed by.

21 See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling
to punish the people of the earth [land] for their sins.

The earth will disclose the blood shed on it;
the earth will conceal its slain no longer.