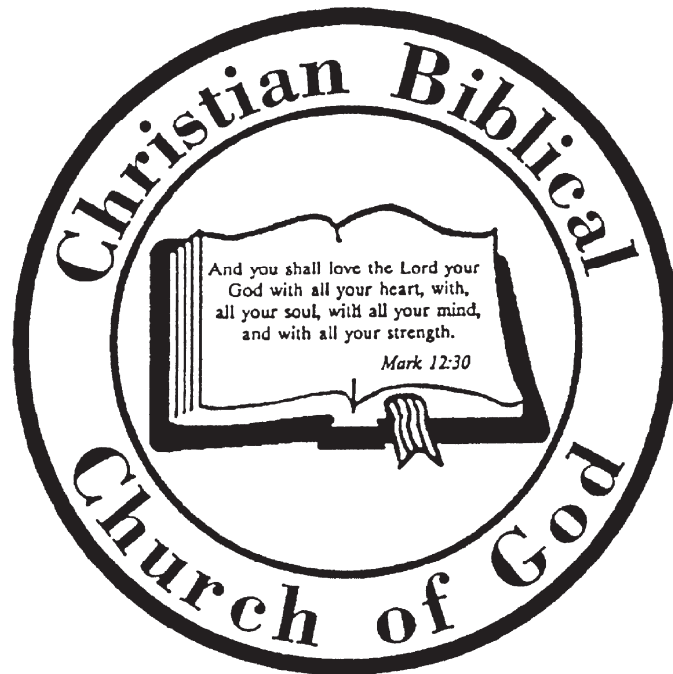


Isaiah's Prophecies of the Millennium



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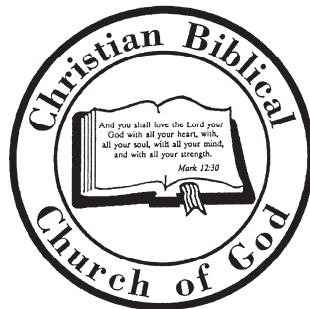
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Isaiah's Prophecies of the Millennium

Foreword

This booklet is composed of a series of sermon transcripts that focus on what the Bible reveals about the prophesied Millennium. These in-depth sermons were given by Mr. Fred R. Coulter, a minister of Jesus Christ for over fifty years.

The first sermon transcript, "Isaiah's Prophecies of the Millennium I – Survey of Isaiah 1 & 2," shows that the first prophet that speaks about the things of God on a worldwide basis is Isaiah. Also noted is that there is a physical aspect and a spiritual aspect regarding sin. Much is said about physical judgement and punishment, both on the national level and the personal level.

The second sermon transcript, "Isaiah's Prophecies of the Millennium II – Survey of Isaiah 3 – 29," is a continuation of the first sermon transcript. More of what Isaiah reveals regarding the Millennium is carefully studied. Especially notice that for those seeking God, is that they need to trust in God, have faith in God, and look to HIM for everything. Israel, because of rejecting God and getting rid of the Word of God, will come under the hand of God's correction. It also speaks of God's judging Satan.

The third sermon transcript, "Isaiah's Prophecies of the Millennium – Survey of Isaiah 29-66," is a continuation of the second sermon transcript. More study, and in detail, regarding what Isaiah wrote about the Millennium. It points out that the people of Israel and the world reject God ruling over them. But God's rule will be established over all of mankind. It makes a point that no man is going to command God as to what God should or should not do or when it is to be done. Also noted is that Isaiah 49 is devoted to speaking of Christ and His Name.

Upon finishing this study the reader will be conscious of how much is in the book of Isaiah regarding what the Millennium is going to be like.

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Isaiah's Prophecies of the Millennium I Survey of Isaiah 1 & 2

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Greetings, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles, day #4.

Today we're going to do a survey, beginning in the book of Isaiah, the prophet Isaiah. The prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel are called the *major prophets*. All of the other twelve are called the *minor prophets* and actually have fewer pages combined than the whole book of Isaiah.

Let's look at the prophecies of Isaiah because this is the first prophet that really begins to speak about things of God on a worldwide basis—beginning to bring in things concerning God's major overall plan. All the other ones, the *former prophets*, are Joshua, Judges, 1st & 2nd Samuel, and 1st & 2nd Kings. In them there is nothing concerning the whole world. That's concerning Israel and the kings of Israel and the history of Israel. It also includes the prophets Elijah and Elisha, two of the prophets of God.

When we come to the book of Isaiah, we see here that God really brings things out. What I want to do is cover, to begin with, most of Isaiah 1. What we're going to see is that: every prophet speaks the words of God. When they begin prophesying, what they do is they bring out a warning from God. Or you could say an exposing of sin, then a call to repentance.

From there on we have different things that come into play, because as we have learned from Isa. 28 that it is 'line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little there a little.' We will see some things that will come along and it will be talking about Israel, then it will be talking about the Millennium, then it will be talking about the things to take place right then, even within the same chapter. So, this is why you cannot take the prophets—Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel—and run an absolute chronological line, because there will be:

- some here and some there on one topic, then on another topic
- the current sins, the future sins
- the current captivity, the future captivity
- the restoration after Babylon, after the original Babylonian captivity
- then the restoration after Babylon the Great and the exodus beginning out of all nations

You have all of these things put together in a way that in some ways is not organized according to chronology. So, this way God can bring the message through His prophets. Then God has to work with those who read it and understand it with His Spirit so that it can be *spiritually* understood.

What we are going to see is how this is an encapsulation of all the problems of Israel and Judah. Remember, at the time of King Hezekiah the ten northern tribes had not yet been carried off into captivity; so, Hezekiah also deals with the children of Israel who were still there.

Isaiah 1:1: "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah." He had quite a spread, and he preached tremendous things.

Then God begins to bring things from a larger perspective, and this goes back to what God told the children of Israel there in Deut. 30, that He 'called heaven and earth against them,' and that 'I've set before you life and death, good and evil, blessing and cursing.' So, God harkens back to that beginning in:

Verse 2: "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth..." The heaven and earth are in existence. The fact that earth is in its orbit, rotating on its axis, rotating around the sun, and the moon is rotating around it, ***are witnesses along with the vast heavens that God has created***, that:

- His Word is true
- His Word is right
- His Law is the standard by which we need to live

"...for the LORD has spoken, 'I have reared and brought up children, but they have rebelled against Me'" (v 2). So, the LORD states His cause.

Look at all that God did for the children of Israel in bringing them out of Egypt and into the 'promised land.' Go back and you read all the battles that were fought by Joshua and the children of Israel, and how they conquered the land and God gave them rest.

Then another generation arose, after Joshua and the elders died, *who did not know God*. And it seems as though that the generation that follows,

they've got to say, 'We've never had our chance; we want to do it our way. Why are you so exclusive against all of these other nice people in our midst, who have their gods and have their religion?'

Today, we have the same thing, it's called *diversity*! Diversity has always been the sin and the bane of Israel. God has said that when you get involved in diversity, bringing all other people together, making them equal to what God has given to His people and His inheritance, *then you start following their gods and 'you start rejecting Me.'*

Today we have it so that they're just rejecting God at every hand. Just understand and know that God's hand of correction is going to come because of what we read here. This is:

- a prophecy to the people then
- a continuous prophecy to God's people down through history to the time of Christ
- a continuous prophecy for the children of Judah and Israel today in the end-time

God says He wants to teach you a simple lesson, v 3: "The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; *but* Israel does not know *Me*; My people do not understand.... [we're not even as good as an ox or a donkey] ...Ah, sinful nation, a people burdened *with* iniquity..." (vs 3-4).

I want you to think about the contemporary world in which we live, and I want you to understand what's going on. It's exactly what's happening.

"...a seed of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger; they have gone away backward" (v 4). Then He asks 'Why you want to:

- live in the way of sin
- suffer from sin
- suffer from crime
- suffer from all of these things

when I am the One to help you?' *Yet, they won't do it.*

Verse 5: "Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint."

Do we not have mental disease? emotional disease? physical disease? One of the leading causes of disease is heart failure. But this means you can't think straight and you have the wrong emotions, too. So, you have everything involved. When God talks about something, you have the *physical* aspect and

you have the *spiritual* aspect of it.

Verse 6: "From the sole of the foot even to the *top of the head there is* no soundness in it..." If that doesn't describe the governments of the nations of Israel today, I don't know how much clearer it could be. Also, in our lives:

- Do we not have sickness?
- Do we not have disease?
- Do we not have open wounds in our cities called 'ghettos'?
- *Yes!*

"...only wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, nor bound up, nor soothed with ointment" (v 6)—because they try and solve the problems *their way*, ***not God's way!*** A key, important thing to always understand: ***You can never solve your problems your way. You must have them God's way!***

The problems that we are given to solve, which we have to work out ourselves, we have to take the principles of God to do it. Another thing I've said a lot: ***You cannot solve spiritual problems by political or carnal means!*** It's an impossibility! ***You must do it God's way!*** Here God shows how you can do it, even though it is as bad as described here in the first chapter of Isaiah.

Verse 7: "Your country *is* a desolation, your cities *are* burned with fire. Strangers devour your land right in your *very* presence..."

We are beginning to see that the stranger will rise up very high above us, and *we will be brought low!* You can guarantee that! You can try and defeat any immigration bill that you want, but know and understand that what is happening with the immigration ***is the hand of God's punishment!*** Because, in effect, we are ***spiritually at war***—as a nation and people—***with God***, Yea, even too much within the Church of God!

So, you're never, *never, never* going to do anything for God ***your way!*** You've got to do it God's way, and this is what God is bringing out here. Even when there's sin, you've got to do it God's way.

"...and *it is* wasted, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, like a hut in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city" (vs 7-8).

Problems and terrible things all around, and it just keeps growing just like a vines. Just keeps growing! It comes out and they have these little growing little curlicues to latch on to things. ***Sin is just gripping everything!***

God always does this—v 9—whenever He brings about an exposé or an exposing of sin, He also brings in some hope. God also realizes that in the population of Israel and also within the Church, and we're going to see many of these prophecies run parallel to Israel and the Jews and to the Church, they run parallel.

Here's one that runs parallel v 9: "Except the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant..." Just like during the days of Elijah, there were 7,000 that hadn't bowed the knee to Baal. God always keeps a remnant.

(Note sermon *Two Generations*. We need to preach and teach to the remnant in the Church and the remnant in the world that have not bowed the knee to Baal:

- those who are out there seeking Truth
- those who are out there seeking what is right

There are probably many, many people that God is working with that we know nothing about.

"...we would have been as Sodom; we would have become like Gomorrah. Hear the Word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom; give ear..." (vs 9-10).

- London
- Paris
- Amsterdam
- Bonn
- Washington, D.C.
- Sydney, Australia
- Auckland, New Zealand

all of the nations of Israel!

"...Hear the Word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom..." Oh yes, you let the Sodomites and the homosexuals take over and get rid of God. Even preach it and teach it in the schools beginning in kindergarten. *God is going to judge for that!* He says the way that you start getting out of your mess is this:

"...give ear to the Law of our God, people of Gomorrah" (v 10). Then he looks at all the religiosity of the people. It's been down through history and it continues to this day.

Verse 11: "'To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?' says the LORD..." What are you doing in worshipping God the way you want to?

"...I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in the

blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats. When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand..." (vs 11-12).

- Who requires that you have the kind of church services that they have in the Catholic cathedrals and in the Protestant churches?
- Who's required that?
- Has God anything to do with any of it?
- *Very little, though they use the name of God!*

"...to trample My courts?" (v 12). ***Trample the name of God!*** Stand up in the pulpit and say, 'We don't have to keep the Laws of God, they have all been abolished.'

Do you realize how blasphemous that is?

You're saying that the Lawgiver has abolished His Laws! How can there ever be anything to exist without laws? *Not only spiritually, but physically!* The whole universe runs by laws. You live in a society where you demand people to be lawgiving. Yet, in your pulpit, every Sunday you say, 'We have been delivered from the Law.' ***LIARS!*** And even within the Church of God that takes place. When will people ever learn? Do we in the Church fit into the same category that God has reared us and nurtured us, and we rebel against Him?

Let's see what needs to be, v 13: "Bring no more vain sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me—new moon and sabbath..." Notice it doesn't say, '*the* Sabbath,' so it's 'sabbath.' What we're going to see that that is *their* sabbath, which today is Sunday.

If the Jews gather into the synagogues on the Sabbath Day today and reject Christ and the New Testament, what has God got to do with them?

- If the Muslims meet on Friday, what does God have to do with them?
- If those that say that every day is 'holy,' what does God have to do with them?
- ***Nothing! You cannot approach God except by the way He's given the instructions to do so.***

This is what's so important, brethren. This is why we need to learn this lesson now. We are in the Kingdom of God as kings, priests—rulers, mayors, governors, board of regents--whatever may be our reward and where we will work. Of course, you know and understand that's just a start. Throughout all eternity there will be more to do and other positions to fill. So, keep that in mind.

But we must learn that basic lesson, *it has to be according to God's way* in everything that is done—not according to the way that we think or that we suppose or that we have goodness in our heart, that this is a good thing to do. *NO! We have to do it according to God's way.* Because people are very 'religious.'

He says: "...the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly!" (v 13).

Do you think it's right that ministers stand in the pulpit and preach that the Laws of God have been abolished and fill the land with sin, and live in a false grace, which God never gave? *Of course not!*

Verse 14: "**Your** new moons and **your** appointed feasts **My soul hates...**" Yet, we attach the name of God to it. We proclaim through grace, 'Oh, we're all delivered to do these things. Isn't it nice. And after all, we do it for the children.' Yeah, that's right you do.

- you lie to your children
- you expose them to satanism and demonism on Halloween
- you tell them Jesus was born on a pagan holiday
- you tell them that Santa Claus exists
- you tell them that the Easter bunny is from God

God says He hates them!

"...My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear *them*" (v 14).

Let's look and see why religion has done very little good to change anything, and how this applies to our societies today:

Verse 15: "And when you spread forth your hands..." You're all there swaying back and forth and singing, and you're doing good to God, you're spreading forth your hands in songs and in prayer and all of the good things that you do.

- How many people are there confessing their sins and repenting to God?
- How many ministers are there in the pulpit and saying, 'We need to get back to the Sabbath of God, instead of our Sunday and our holidays'?

We need to understand, brethren, we are living in the midst of a 'crooked and perverse' society, and we've always got to keep our bearings straight. We have been called to understand the Truth from error, sin from righteousness, so that we

can prepare to take over this world and rule the world. That's why God has called us. So, He says:

Verse 15: "And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood." That has been going on way too long: full of blood, crime and wretchedness. It's quite a thing!

Let's see what Ezekiel says about this, and let's see how this typifies our cities today. Think of all the things that go on in our cities today:

- all the crime
- all the hatred
- all the murder

God has sent the terrorists as correction; you need to understand that. Britain gets it first because they have gone further from God. *If you go against God you're cursed with a curse!*

God says, 'I will send five to chase a thousand, and a hundred to chase ten thousand.' So, all the diligence, all the surveillance, all of the taping of the wires and intruding into people's lives and all of this to try and stem the rise of the war of terror against us will prove to be futile indeed, because *there is no repentance.* God said that if we were with Him that *five of us would chase a thousand of them, and a hundred of us would chase ten thousand of them!* Does that sound like the war in Iraq? Or is it just the opposite? We need to think and understand where we are and what we are doing. We need to be vigilant in our spiritual lives.

Ezek. 7:23—here's the city that God chose to place His name. You can say that of America and Britain and the ten tribes of Israel that are scattered throughout America and Britain and also in Northwestern Europe. Look at the cities; take any city you want. Take Washington, D.C., the capital city of United States of America, is the murder capital of the U.S.A. Think about the city you live in, or think about the big city close to where you live.

Ezekiel 7:23: "Make a chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes... [that's all you see on the news anymore] ...and the city is full of violence. And I will bring the worst of the heathen..." (vs 23-24).

This is why there is the immigration problem, because of all the crime, all the rejecting of God.

"...and they shall possess their houses. I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled" (v 24).

If the Islamic Jihadists take over here, what are they going to do to every Christian church? every Catholic cathedral? every idol that they find through the land?

- they are going to burn
- they are going to destroy
- they are going to make waste

It's going to happen!

Verse 25: "Terror comes..." We have lots of destruction: hurricanes, tornadoes—just like God said—also you have blasting, drought and mildew. When they get all ready, 'Oh we're going to solve the oil importation problem by having our alternative fuel. And we are going to use ethanol, made from corn and soybeans.' Oh yes, drive the price of corn and soybeans out of sight. And now they say, 'We can make alternative fuel from fruits.' So let's take our apples and our peaches and our apricots and let's make fuel.

Pray tell, what shall we eat? But just when they get ready for jumping on the bandwagon, what happens? *There's a drought!*

- Where is there going to be the production?
- Where is there going to be the corn?
- Where is there going to be the sugar beets?
- Where is there going to be the soybeans?
- *It won't happen!*

Every plan and device that we devise will never work!

"...and they shall seek peace, but there shall be none. Disaster shall come upon disaster, and rumor shall be upon rumor... [sounds like the nightly news] ...And they shall seek a vision from the prophet; but the Law shall perish from the priest, and wisdom from the elders" (vs 25-26).

Yeah, they'll come and say, 'What do you think?' And if someone says, 'Repent and keep the commandments of God!' *Oh, you're not nice. Why don't you speak kindly to us?*

Well, why don't you quit warring against God with your hatred, your rebellion, and your religious assemblies that you have, where you think you're so nice and pomp and wonderful. You need to look at it God's way!

Verse 27: "The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with despair, and the hands of the people of the land shall tremble. I will do to them according to their way, and according to their uncleanness... [which the judgments of the land are awful] ... I will judge them; and **they shall know that I am the LORD.**"

That's really quite a description of modern-day Israel today. Whichever country you want to look at.

Every prophet of God calls for repentance, because that's the only solution. There has to be vast repentance, and you know there needs to be repentance in the Church of God—***mighty repentance in the Church of God!*** You look at the Churches of God and what they teach today and you ask: Do these really represent God?

You have Churches of God and church leaders that are so hateful and mean, and do not know how to preach the Truth and love of God to inspire and help the brethren to want to keep the commandments of God. ***No!*** They have to 'beat them in the face.' They have to discourage them so much that even some have committed suicide. *God knows that!* He looks down on it, and He sees that! He looks at the Churches of God and He asks, 'What are you doing?' Let's all of us look in our lives and ask ourselves personally:

- What am I doing?
- How am I doing?
- Am I carried away in pride and vanity?
- Am I delighting in my secret sins?
- Am I going to church every Sabbath and playing Sabbath?
- What is your relationship with God?

Here's a call to repentance:

Isaiah 1:16: "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil... [repentance then requires the next step when you do that] ...learn to do good; seek judgment, reprove the oppressor. Judge the orphan; plead for the widow" (vs 16-17).

This takes a process of time, as well. It's not going to be done just in one felled swoop. Yes, repentance can come that way, but that's only a start. ***There needs to be continuous repentance and continuous drawing close to God!***

- Do you see the Churches of God doing that? *It's possible!*
- Do you see the nations of Israel and the Jews doing that? *No way!*

Maybe a few of the remnant that are there. But:

- Will the nations do it?
- Will the religious denominations do it?
- Will the Muslims forsake Mohammed and embrace Christ in Truth?
- Will the Hindus who live among us get rid of their gods?
- ***NO!***

In Virginia, right close to the capital, they're building the biggest Hindu temple in the western hemisphere.

We need to see where we're going. We need to understand what is happening. So, God says, after you repent:

Verse 17: "Learn to do good... [v 18]: 'Come now, and let us reason together'..." The way we reason with God is through repentance and say, 'Yes, God, Your way is right. Your righteousness is Truth.'

"... 'Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...' " (v 18). God will wipe it all away. God will clean it all away. And as we've seen, He will 'cast them into the depths of the sea and remove them as far from us as the east is from the west'—if there's true repentance.

"...though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. **If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land**" (vs 18-19).

Now, for the modern nations of Israel, that's the only way. *For the Churches of God* among them, or wherever the Churches of God are in the world, *that is the only way*. We must love God, keep His commandments and do the things that are right.

Notice, *there's another warning*, v 20: "But **if you refuse and rebel**, you shall be devoured *with the sword*...' [the thing that everyone fears] ... **for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.**"

Let's see what Jeremiah says. This is why we cannot put any confidence in men. This is why we cannot put any confidence in things that are devised to try and help the problems and the difficulties.

Unless there's repentance to God, all the things will only have so much of an effect. I know as we go along in the future and get closer to the end, we're going to go over these same Scriptures again and again until there are people who really understand it. God tells us that we are not to preach nice, purring, soft, fuzzy, warm words.

- we are to *warn*
- we are to *teach*
- we are to *admonish*

Then preach the love of God and the Truth of God that goes with it, ***after there is repentance!*** If Jer. 6:13 this doesn't describe our nations today. When you think about all the commercialism, all of the gadgets, all of the things to buy: the homes, the cars, the clothes, everything. We are so inundated,

we are so gluttoned. God has given us everything to the nth degree of the promise that He said He would do. What have we done with it?

Jeremiah 6:13: "For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them is greedy for gain..." Whether you're homeless in the street and have nothing, or you're the richest man in the world like George Soros—he's not the richest but one of the richest—trying to bring down America, an avowed atheist who has set to *destroy* this nation. He is one of those that God has raised up *to correct us!* Because if you reject God, *He's going to send an atheist down your throat* and everything to go with it.

"...and from the prophet even unto the priest everyone deals falsely.... [no truth, no honesty, no righteousness, no goodness] ...They have also healed the hurt *of the daughter* of My people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when *there is no peace*' (vs 13-14).

Good example: How many peace attempts have been between the Jews and the Palestinians? They always say, 'Peace, all we want is peace.' Bam! Bam! Pow! Kill them! Is that peace? The truth is, *the more you reject God, the more implacable that the enemy becomes!* The more you go after the enemy because they're the enemy, the more resolute they become, because there's no repentance. People think that if they go after the enemy and destroy the enemy that everything will be fine. No it won't! It can never be fine until there's repentance and turning to God, likewise in the Church and in our own individual lives.

- Are we too much like the world and at war against God?
- With the way we think and our attitudes and how we live?

Verse 15: "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?..." That includes all the homosexuality, and all of the things they do to tempt God in their behavior, that are wretched and death-defying feats.

"...No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush; therefore, they shall fall among those who fall. At the time *that* I punish them, they shall be cast down,' says the LORD" (v 15).

God is visiting the nations of modern Israel today. God is visiting His Church. When we come together on the Sabbath, wherever we are—whether only 2 or 3, 10 or 12, 50 or 60, 100 or 200—and we ask God to put His presence there:

- What does God have to put up with?

- Is God's presence really there in love, power and understanding?

or

- Does God have to come into the assemblies of the Churches of God holding His nose?

Here's a call for repentance. Every time there is a revealing of sin and a heralding of punishment to come, there's always a call for repentance.

Verse 16: "Thus says the LORD, 'Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths...'" That is the right way of God. Isn't it what they say today, 'Oh, why we're under the New Covenant, we're delivered to do all these things.' Never happen! I just read a paper from some men who have left the Church of God who say exactly what I just said and that happened last week! So, don't think that what I'm saying is not relevant.

"...where the good way *is* and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls..." (v 16). You make peace with God. Notice how similar this is to what it says in Isaiah. 'Cease to do evil, learn to do well, come now let us reason together.' Very similar.

...But they said, 'We will not walk *in it*'" (v 16). 'I don't like this preacher. I don't like how he speaks.' Or whatever it may be.

Verse 17: "Also, I set watchmen over you..." There are many 'watchmen' saying

- watch out, the depression is coming
- watch out, the dollar is going to fall
- watch out, the Amero is coming
- watch out, they're going to destroy the United States of America by amalgamating it with Canada and Mexico

then they can

- change the constitution
- change the power structure
- set up over it anyone that they want to

And the money-exchangers of the United States will **RULE!** It's coming! There are many voices out there saying it. God has many prophets:

- secular prophets
- governmental prophets
- warning about health
- warning about various things

Then He has His own prophets to prophesy what's going to happen spiritually, because it's going to come! There needs to be a lot of ministers in the Churches of God who are going to get up and really

speak the Truth the way it needs to be—and stop being concerned about money, numbers, people, buildings, lands and all those things. ***God is going to take them away and strip them from us!***

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So we can understand the problems that are involved here; Jeremiah 5:25 "Your iniquities have turned away these *things*... [peace, rain, prosperity and so forth] ...and **your sins have withheld good things from you.**"

Now let's see what's going to happen. What is the greatest fear that people have today? *Whatever it is, He's going to bring it!* Because you don't fear God, you fear other things and circumstances, *He's going to bring it upon you:*

Jeremiah 6:18: "Therefore, hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what *will* happen to them." There we are! ***We are the congregation of God among the children of Israel!***

So, we need to listen. We need to pay attention. Let's not have the Protestant attitude of the rapture: 'We're here and God has got to take care of us because we are the Church of God.' I think the history of what has happened to the Church of God in our lifetime will prove that to be entirely incorrect. As vain and as reasoning as the reasoning of the children of Israel, that everything's going to be fine: 'Peace peace and there is no peace.'

Verse 19: "Hear, O earth... [we start out where we did in the book of Isaiah] ...behold, **I will bring evil on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts...**"

You take all the evil that's in the thoughts of everyone, because that's how God is going to measure it, and God is going to bring the fruit upon it. And what is the fruit? *'The wages of sin' is death! Destruction! Misery! War! Famine! Pestilence! Disease!* They're going to come. God says they are coming.

"...because they have not hearkened to My words, nor to My Law, but have rejected it" (v 19). So, you need to think on that very deeply.

If you are involved in a Protestant church or if you are a minister of a Protestant church and you preach the Law has been done away, ***you*** are guilty of bringing this upon the people. And ***you*** need to repent. I only know of one Protestant minister that has repented. He was a Southern Baptist, and he was absolutely amazed when God opened His eyes. How many will do it. 'Oh no, you're just a raving lunatic, and who are you?' Well, if I speak the words of God, ***they are the words of God!*** If they are the

words of God it really doesn't matter who the messenger is, because God says, even out of the mouths of babes He would use that. So, they "...have rejected it."

The whole purpose of this is to show how the prophets of God work.

Isaiah 1:19: "If you are willing and obedient..." The thing is, we don't put God on probation, but that's what too many people do. Wherever the *if* is involved, it's always on our relationship back to God, because God has given us choice, *free* choice. He's not going to take it away. We have to *choose*. If you don't choose, you're going to suffer the results of not choosing.

Verse 19: "If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword"; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*.... [you can't get any higher authority than that] ...How has the faithful city become a harlot? *It was* full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it—but now murderers" (vs 19-21).

Try any capital city of the modern tribes of Israel today. Is that not true? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 22: "Your silver has become dross..." We're worse than that today. All we have is Federal Reserve Notes—or whatever fiat money that is in whatever country of the tribes of Israel you live in, because the nations have sold their souls to the international bankers. And they OWN them. Yes, indeed!

"...your wine mixed with water; your rulers are rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone loves a bribe, and is pursuing rewards..." (vs 22-23).

- Does that sound like your parliamentarian in Britain or in Europe?
- Does that not sound like the senators and congressmen in the United States?
- Many of them?
- *Yes, indeed it does!*

"...they do not judge the orphan, nor does the cause of the widow come before them" (v 23).

If they do, it's only for a vain show. And one man who says, 'I'm for the poor. I'm for the downtrodden'—who ran for President of the United States—John Edwards. He lives in a huge mansion. He's not poor. He gets \$400 haircuts. He sets up private foundations so he can get money and filter it through and give it to the people that he wants to. Is he giving any of it to the poor? *You know ALL are hypocrites!*

Verse 24: "And the Lord, the LORD of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel says..." There comes a point when God's patience runs out. There comes a point that when we make God to serve with our sins, that He says, 'Enough is enough is enough!' People take advantage of God's mercy and kindness and graciousness and patience. But it will come to an end!

"... 'Alas! I Myself will vent My wrath upon My foes, and avenge Myself of My enemies.... [*the enemies are His own people*] ...And I will turn back My hand upon you, and purge away your dross as with lye, and take away all your tin alloy" (vs 24-25).

He has to do that. That's why the tribulation is coming. That's why there's going to be a captivity. That's why these things are going to come in the judgment of God before the Millennium can be established.

Verse 26—when the Kingdom of God begins. Now notice what we've gone through here see. Notice the structure of what we have in Isa. 1. God calling to repentance the children of Israel at the time of Isaiah. This applies to any of the children of Israel down through history, and it comes to the end-time.

Whenever He exposes sin, He calls for repentance. Then when He gets down to the beginning of the Kingdom of God or the Millennium, that's interspersed right in there. It sort of just jumps at you as out of sequence. But that's the way that God inspired it to be.

Verse 26: "And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; afterwards you shall be called The City of Righteousness, The Faithful City."

- Who's going to live there during the Millennium? *Jesus Christ and the saints! It will be righteous!*
- Who are the judges that He is going to give? *The saints who are resurrected and who are going to rule and reign with Christ!*

Note sermon series: *Judge Righteous Judgment*. We need to judge righteous judgment, and we need to learn it.

- we're going to be the judges
- we're going to be the counselors
- we're going to be the priests
- we're going to be the kings

Verse 27: "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and those in her who repent with righteousness," Zion is *us!* Zion can also apply to the survivors of the ten tribes of Israel when they come out of Tribulation. And also to the Jews and the Levites when they come out of Tribulation.

Verse 28: "And the downfall of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together; and those who forsake the LORD *shall be* consumed." When that happens there's going to be another wave of repentance.

Verse 29: "For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded for the gardens which you have chosen, for you shall be like an oak whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water. And the strong shall be like a wick, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall put *them out*" (vs 29-31).

When God sets His hand to do some correcting, *it's going to be something!* We need to understand that.

I want to show the pattern. What did God say of John the Baptist? *There was 'no greater prophet that has risen among men than John the Baptist'!* Yet, 'he who is *least* in the Kingdom of Heaven will be greater than John.' I want to show you the same pattern that we saw in Isa. 1 of exposing of sin, call to repentance, etc., is the same pattern that all the prophets of God always use, and *ends with a dire warning!*

John the Baptist was the son of a priest—Zacharias—and his mother Elizabeth was of the daughters of Aaron. He didn't practice and train in any of the priesthood. No, he was out in the wilderness until the day of his appearing. Everyone knew about John the Baptist because of the miraculous birth that John had because his parents were old and well-stricken with age, which means they had to be over seventy. And it was the talk everywhere in Judea.

I imagine all through the years when different ones would get together and talk about it, because everyone knew about it. Everyone knew about when John was, on the day that he was circumcised. The prophecies we find of that in Luke 1. They understood and they were probably wondering, 'I wonder what happened to John? Where is John? He's never taken any of the training to be a priest.'

Yet, here was this miraculous birth, the old age of his parents. So, one day, John the Baptist shows up, preaching:

- not at the temple
- not telling people to offer sacrifices
- not telling people to take the ritual baths after they've offered their sacrifice for sin
- *No!*

Matthew 3:1: "Now, in those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.'" (vs 1-2).

He was the messenger to prepare the way. Malachi says that the priest is the messenger of God. John was preparing the way for Christ. So, Christ—God manifested in the flesh—*was* the coming King of the Kingdom of God and it *was* at hand. The preaching of the Kingdom of God took precedence over the Law and the Prophets. Not to do away with them, but a higher authority.

Verse 3: "For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of *the* Lord, make straight His paths."'"

John himself wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey" (vs 3-4). Never tasted once of any sacrifice. Think of that!

Verse 5: "Then went out to him *those from* Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the country around the Jordan, and were being baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins" (vs 5-6).

A new way of removal of sins. Not by sacrifice and ritual. Not at the temple, because his whole ministry was a prophecy of the destruction of the temple, and the whole priestly system, *done by a priest!* So, God used the authority that He set in motion to do and accomplish His work.

Verse 7: "But after seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism..."

Here the rulers, the religious leaders. Why would they go there? *Because they knew that he was the son of priest!* They wanted to find out what he was doing down there. When you read the account in John 1, you understand that it was an official investigation by the priests, the Pharisees and the Levites to find out who he was.

They said, 'Are you the Christ?' He said, 'No.' They said, 'Are you that prophet?' He said, 'No.' They said, 'Are you Elijah?' He said, 'No.' Though later, Jesus said he was Elijah. They said, 'Well, who are you?' He said, 'I'm the voice of one crying in the wilderness.'

They come down there and the reception he gave them. *Think!* They're in their robes, they're all dignified, they're all coming as a committee from the high priest to find out what's going on down there. 'We need to know why are all the people going there.'

I don't know if their income stream was becoming less because the people didn't go to the temple, but rather went to John the Baptist at the Jordan River, but it probably had something to do with that, because they could have their sins forgiven without going to the temple to buy a sacrifice. So, who knows, that may be part of it.

"...he said to them, '*You brood of vipers... [How's that for a nice welcome? 'You slithering snakes in the grass.'] ...who has forewarned you to flee from the coming wrath?'*'" (v 7).

Oh, you want to escape. As John told them here a little later, 'Don't say that we have Abraham for our father.' Don't count on who you are to have any importance before God unless there is repentance.

Verse 8: "Therefore, produce fruits worthy of repentance." Isn't that very similar to the outline we find in Isa. 1? *Yes, indeed, because that's how God works!* 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. I, the Lord, do not change.'

Verse 9: "And do not think to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham *for our* father'; for I tell you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. But already the axe is striking at the roots of the trees..." (vs 9-10).

God is going to take you down! And this is also a prophecy of the destruction of the temple!

"...therefore, every tree that is not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into *the* fire" (v 10). That sound just like the condemnation and the threat of captivity and destruction and doom by Isaiah? Because of the lack of repentance? *Yes!*

Verse 11: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but the One Who *is* coming after me is mightier than I, of Whom I am not fit to carry His sandals..." He's saying that if you think what I'm saying is tough, wait. You want to know what Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees, read Matt. 23.

"...He shall baptize you with *the* Holy Spirit, and with fire" (v 11)—with the Holy Spirit to those who repent, and with fire to those who did not. And what happened to Jerusalem? *Totally destroyed! Burned to the ground. Stones removed, not one on top of another.* Does God mean what He says? *Yes,*

He does!

Verse 12: "Whose winnowing shovel *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and will gather His wheat into the granary... [that's us] ...but the chaff... [that's them, those who don't repent] ...He will burn up with unquenchable fire."

He's even giving the warning of the unpardonable sin because the priests and the Scribes and the Pharisees knew better.

- they had the Word of God
- they had all the prophecies of the Messiah
- they knew who Jesus was
- they understood who He was

But because Jesus did not align Himself politically with them, to bring in the Kingdom of God at that time, as a physical nation, and leave them in charge to run it, *they crucified Him!*

So, you see that God does things differently than people think. Once people get off on a tangent their minds are closed. Their minds are covered. Their eyes are blind. So he says,

Verse 13: "Then Jesus came from Galilee..." Then it talks about the baptism of Jesus. That was done to fulfill all righteousness and for John to have the confirmation that he was the one to prepare the way for the Messiah.

Let's see here how the pattern goes. Notice that we have interjected right in here what's going to happen when the Kingdom of God is on the earth when Christ comes and rules during the Millennium. Now, we'll just read this one. Others will go through and what I want to do is take highlights out of Isaiah and use that as a springboard to show the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles and the thousand-year rule of Christ and the saints.

Isaiah 2:1: "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem." This was done somewhere around 830 B.C. Think of how long that is until it's established. We are already at 2900 years, think of that!

Verse 2: "And it shall come to pass, in the last days..." When are the 'last days'? They didn't know then. They haven't known all the way down through time. but we know a little more now than they knew. That doesn't make us more righteous or fit for the Kingdom of God just because we know. It has to do with what we do with God's Spirit and has to do with how we love and obey God.

"...the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall

be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it" (v 2).

It's going to be the capital of the world. That's why I showed what the temple of the Millennium will be—*The Millennial Temple #s1 & 2*. Nothing like anything we have seen before. It's going to be awesome and beautiful and fantastic.

Then it shows what's going to happen. People have to **choose** God's way. Even with Christ on the earth and God having conquered the whole world and the saints reigning as kings and priests and whatever other offices there are to reign in, God is not going to take away free choice. *The word of repentance is going to go out. Some people will be very willing!*

Verse 3: "And many people shall go and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD...'" Just think what it's going to be like to approach the mountain of God with that great canopy, as a tabernacle covering Jerusalem. Think about that highway that they're going to have to walk in to go there. Think about what it's going to be an awesome thing to see.

"...to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways... [His ways never change.] ... and we will walk in His paths.'.... [because that's the way of the Lord] ...For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (v 3).

There are going to be some people who are not going to want to cooperate. They're going to be real hard, stubborn and obstinate, of which Gog and Magog are going to be taken care of sometime shortly after the Millennium begins.

Verse 4: "And He shall judge among the nations..." How does it say that He shall judge among the nations? *Zech. 14: He's going to cut off the rain from those who have rain. Those who don't have rain He's going to send the plague. And it's going to be very convincing!*. They're still going to have to choose, and if they repent, God will heal them.

"...and shall rebuke many people; and they shall..." (v 4). They're going to learn war does not pay. You are never going to accomplish anything lasting with war. Now, the only one who wars in righteousness is *the coming Christ*. That's to put down sin and evil.

"...beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, **neither shall they learn war any more**" (v 4).

Now you stop and think about that! You take that one phrase, "...neither shall they learn war anymore." What a change in society is going to have to take place. It's going to have to begin in the cradle. It's going to have to continue to the end of life. Think about all the toys of destruction that children play with today. *Won't be any!*

- no more war games
- no more Dungeons and Dragons and all of the evil things that they have on these computer games
- no more toy guns and toy spears
- no more hatefulness, child to child
- mothers are not going to have to be out there working

God is going to take away the hardness of their hearts. *Amazing!*

Verse 5: "O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD." That's quite a thing. Now let's see what else happens. You find this in every one of the prophets as you go through them. God goes along. He gives:

- a warning
- a condemnation of sin
- a call to repentance
- a re-education

Then the Millennium and then it comes back to another time!

So, we can say, beginning with v 6 we have the Tribulation; so we can say that this is pictured in a time of judgment, which could even picture the Feast of Trumpets and blend into that, the full meaning of it. So, as we go through the book of Isaiah, we are going to see it covers Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and the Last Great Day, *all interspersed within the book of Isaiah!* Amazing! You can take any of the prophets and do an outline and structure it according to the Holy Days.

We will have to say that Ezekiel is probably more wholly given over to the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets and war, destruction, punishment and correction than any of the other prophets. Ezekiel brings very, very little concerning the Millennium. Jeremiah brings a little bit more. But Isaiah brings the most concerning the Millennium. Then we have some of it in the other twelve minor prophets.

Now then, Isaiah goes back and he points out their sins again, and why Christ has to come and exercise judgment:

Verse 6 “For You have forsaken Your people... [Isaiah talking to God] ...the house of Jacob, because they have become full of divinations from the east... [Isn't that happening today? Eastern religions coming in? *Yes!*] ...and *are* fortune-tellers like the Philistines....”

What do we have in every single newspaper? *You have your birth-sign, which is fortune telling!* ‘What will my day be like today? Oh, newspaper and soothsayer, tell me.’

“...And they shake their *hands* with the children of strangers.... [to follow their way and do their way] ...And their land is full of silver and gold....” (vs 6-7).

Oh yeah, there's a seeming prosperity because God promised Abraham He would do it, and He is doing it. But no, just as He has done it, He is going to take it away.

“...*There is no end of their treasures and their land is full of horses; neither is there any end of their chariots*” (v 7).

Look at all of our cars and transportation, everything that we have *everywhere!* Cars everywhere! Trucks everywhere! Add to that: airplanes, public and private. Add to that the prophecy that Daniel gave: ‘*Many shall go to and fro and knowledge shall increase.*’ Add all of that in there you see; because this is what we're talking about with the Word of God.

Verse 8: “And their land is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.”

Now just take this one verse here, v 8, and kind of put it up right in front when you're watching television and watch all the ads. Isn't that what they do? *Yes, indeed!* Appealing to what? *Covetousness!* Getting people in debt. And *they worship what their hands have made, what their fingers have made!*

Verse 9: “And men will be brought low, and humbled—forgive them not.... [because they knew better] ...Enter into the rock...” (vs 9-10). Now we're talking about here beginning with the sign of the Son of man (Rev. 6:15).

“...and hide in the dust for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted **in that day**” (vs 10-11).

Let all the mighty come! Let all the armies come! Bring all your weapons, bring all the very

best that man can do! ‘Come! Come!’ is what Christ is going to say. And they're going to come.

Verse 12: “For the Day of the LORD of hosts... [Feast of Trumpets] ...*shall be* on every proud and haughty one, and on every exalted one; **and they shall be brought low**, and it shall be on all the high and lifted up cedars of Lebanon, and upon all the oaks of Bashan” (vs 12-13). That is just like saying all the leaders of the world, all the leaders of the nations.

Verse 14: “And upon all the high mountains, and on all the hills *that are* lifted up.” Those are governments. If we have nations and hills over here referring to the Kingdom of God in the first part of this chapter, then this refers to the governments that are on earth now.

Verse 15: “And upon every high tower, and on every fortified wall.”—every way of war. God saying, ‘**Bring it on! You want to fight Me? Bring it on!**’ You'll be defeated!

Verse 16: “And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasurable craft. And the pride of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day” (vs 16-17).

This has to happen in order to prepare the way for the Kingdom of God to reign and rule on the earth. God is going to destroy this entire world system—**every bit of it!** It's going to be a new government, a new way, and God is going to make a New Covenant with the people of the world, beginning with Israel and Judah. The New Covenant with Israel and Judah beginning with the Millennium has not yet taken place. The New Covenant with His Church began with the last Passover of Jesus Christ and continues on down to this day.

Verse 18: “And **the idols He shall utterly abolish.**” I find it most interesting and profound that the Catholic prophecies say that the:

- antichrist is going to abolish idols
- antichrist is going to reign a thousand years

Are they blinded? Whatever has gotten into people's hearts and minds that they consider that the Catholics are Christian? **They're not!** They are false christs, false christians and the Protestants are going along just like dumb sheep to the slaughter. You tell me the last time you ever heard a ringing sermon against Catholicism from a Sunday-keeping Protestant church. When? *Maybe someone rare out there would do it!*

Verse 19: “And they shall go into the holes of the rocks...” No more office buildings, no more

bomb shelters, nothing, nothing to protect you, except *you see a hole in the rock and you run in there.*

“...and into the caves of the earth for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty...” (v 19). That ties right in exactly with the Feast of Trumpets, and the return of Christ. And this ties right in exactly beginning Rev. 6:12 all the way through to the end and Christ putting His feet on the earth with the saints.

“...when He arises to shake *terribly* the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats” (vs 19-20).

All the way through the book of Isaiah, God talks about those who make idols over and over and over and over again. Men consider themselves to be intelligent. Men consider themselves to be something special. Yet, they will hire someone to make an idol of silver or gold, carve it, forge it, build it and put it in its place, *then come and bow down and worship it!* It can't see, it can't hear, it can't speak, it can't think, it can't save from anything else. Yet, that whole system is idolatry. So God's going to get rid of it. Same way with the Buddhist. They have these little idols. They're going to be gone. And when they do that:

Verse 21: “To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake *terribly* the earth. Turn away yourselves from such a man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils; for in what is he to be esteemed?” (vs 21-22).

Isa. 1 & 2 prepares the way for the beginning of the Millennium. There are many, many other chapters that we're going to survey throughout the book of Isaiah. Realize that in order for the Kingdom of God to come, there has to be the preparation for it and here are some of the verses in the Word of God that prepares for it. If you go back and you put all the prophecies of it together, one after the other through all the Old Testament and the New Testament, it is absolutely incredible that people would not believe that Christ is going to return and establish His Kingdom on this earth.

- It's going to be something!
- It's going to be awesome!

Brethren, God has called us to be a part of it. So, let's do as God says.

- let's put away our sins

- let's put away our vanity
- let's put away all of our selfishness and things that pull us down

Help all the brethren that you know to do the same thing, so that we can do what is right in God's sight. So that He can say to us, ***'Well done, good and faithful servant!'*** ***He will give us the responsibility of ruling and reigning with Christ!***

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Isaiah's Prophecies of the Millennium II

Survey of Isaiah 3-29

(Feast of Tabernacles—Day 5—2007))

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Welcome, brethren! We won't get into as much detail as we did yesterday, otherwise we'll have to have a 50-day Feast of Tabernacles. So, we'll stop and look at certain details as we go along.

What I've done in going through this is put in my margin 'judgment and correction,' because that's what Isa. 3 is all about. Let's also understand something very, very important that we need to rely on more and more as we get closer to the end. We need to be *trusting in God* and have *faith in God* and *look to Him for everything*.

This is *judgment and correction* and this happens over and over and over in different cycles according to the obedience or disobedience of the people. This was happening exactly then when Isaiah gave the prophecy and it's happened down through the history of Jerusalem—even clear down to the destruction of it in 70 A.D. and on through its ups and downs from then until now. Also, it has to do with the children of Israel as well, so we have a broader picture here that we need to look at.

Isaiah 3:1: "For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water."

That's easy to do in Jerusalem because it was up high, and when you cut off the water there's no way to get water to it. The Spring of Gihon was the one that gave water for all the temple services and it flowed naturally. Well, during the days of Hezekiah, during the siege that came against Jerusalem, he built a tunnel so that the water would be diverted so there would be water for all of Jerusalem.

Needless to say, *all the plans of men* and all the things that they do to protect themselves against the disasters that come because of the correction of God, *all fail!* They may work for a while. It may seem like you can avoid it for a while. But every single one of them fails because God then increases. He increases the intensity of it. He increases the sentence of it. So, let's look at what happens here.

Verse 2: "The man of might and the man of war, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the ancient, the captain of fifty, and the honorable man and the adviser, and the cunning charmer and the skillful enchanter.... [*all of them are going to be worthless*] ...And I will give young lads to be their

princes, and capricious children shall rule over them" (vs 2-4).

Just stop and think about the political situation in the modern nations of Israel today, on again/off again, flippers/floppers! We have that especially in America. Every politician has been accused of flip-flopping, like the infamous thing that was played over and over again in the 2004 election with John Kerry. He said, 'I voted for the bill before I voted against it.' They used that as an advertisement to show a flip-flopper. Everything he said he would change because of the political whims of the way political winds would be blowing.

Verse 5: "And the people shall be crushed, every man by another, and every man by his neighbor; the young shall rise up against the old, and the base against the honorable."

We're going to see that happen here. We're going to see chaos take place in all the nations of modern Israel today, sooner or later. Now, here's a promise in v 10. So, when things start getting bad:

- we need to be cautious
- we need to be careful
- we need to be trusting in God

But we need not have fear grip us! Because God has given us promises:

Verse 10: "Say to the righteous that *it shall be well with him*; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings." ***God will protect us!***

Psalms 91 is a Psalm that we're going to have to claim as protection and God's blessing for us in times of difficulties, because we will be helpless. We don't arm ourselves, we don't shoot our enemies, we don't kill those who attack us, and things like that. ***We have to trust in God to be able to protect us and watch over us!*** We need to always ask that in our prayers to God; here's why

Psalms 91:1: "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide **under the shadow of the Almighty**." There's something very important about a shadow. The only time you see a shadow is when you look down on the ground and see it. But you could look straight through a shadow and not even see it.

For example: if there's a big tree and there's a shadow here and you're standing back and you look down straight past the tree—and the shadow is way out at this point and there's a big shadow on the ground—you look straight down the tree and you cannot see the shadow.

That is just like the way that God protects us. You can't see it. He also has angels there to watch over us, to take care of us. This is why David said:

Verse 2: "I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, **in Whom I will trust.**'"

This is what we're going to have to be doing as we enter into more of the treacherous days of the end-time. The way I see things happening, it's going to get gradually worse and worse, and we'll reach various crises points. Just like what has happened this past summer in Great Britain with those car-bombs foiled. They may be able to foil them, but sooner or later they're not going to be able to stop them. All of their efforts is going to come to naught because the problem is not the radical Islamists. That's the effect.

- the problem is **rejecting God**
- the problem is **getting rid of the Word of God**

That's where we're headed in this nation—same way. We'll see the same thing happen.

We can stop many, many of those attacks, that is true. But it also fulfills that five of the enemy will chase a thousand of us. So, it took a thousand men and all of their activity that was necessary to arrest the perpetrators of those car-bombs in Great Britain. Also, Great Britain is filled with surveillance cameras *everywhere!* So much so they have monitors watching people, and if people throw things on the ground a voice will come out of where the camera is and say, 'Please pick up that which you threw on the ground.'

You see all the effort that is in there. Whereas, God says, ***It would be simple:***

- if you would obey Me
- If you would love Me
- If you would keep My commandments
- If you would do that which is right in My eyes

But the nation won't do it. They've turned their back on God in whatever way that they used to have God in their lives. We will see it with all the modern technology and things that we have we've watered down more and more to where those who really believe God will be viewed as *nuts!* But nevertheless, ***God will protect us!*** Here's a promise:

Verse 3: "Surely He will deliver you from the fowler's trap and from the destroying pestilence." Part of that is because we need to take care of:

- our lives
- our bodies
- our diets
- things like that

Then God will protect us!

Verse 4: "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge.... [supernatural protection from God] ...His Truth shall be your shield and buckler."

The Truth of God in your heart and in your mind is what is going to protect you! Not weapons, not guns, not bars on the windows, because everything devised to protect, evil men can figure a way around it.

But you can't beat the promise that God gives concerning the Feast of Tabernacles and His other Feasts. He says, '***When you go you won't have worry about someone taking your goods.***' Why is that? Are there angels placed around your house? *Could be!*

I have not heard of a report where someone's house was broken into while they were gone to the Feast of Tabernacles. ***There is living proof of God's protection!***

Verse 5: "You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day, nor for the plague that walks in darkness, nor for the destruction laying waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you" (vs 5-7). This verse backs it up.

There is a unity of Scripture. All Scripture is unified. But it's put in such a way that you have to work at it, and you have to put it together properly.

Isaiah 3:10: "Say to the righteous that *it shall be well with him*; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe to the wicked! For the evil doing of his hand will be given to him. *As for My people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.* Oh, My people, those who lead you cause *you* to err and destroy the way of your paths" (vs 10-12).

That's exactly what we're seeing happen. That's why in this world today we need to be preparing spiritually and mentally to be able to rule in the Kingdom of God, because we're going to come and correct all of these problems.

- Isa. 5 will help us also see the unity of Scriptures.

Then we will survey many of the chapters in the book of Isaiah, and we will see that it's not structured in a chronological sequence of the Passover and Holy Days, but the Passover and Holy Days are all there.

It's just a matter of putting together rightly, and that's why when we come to the New Testament, all the Holy Days are there, and especially with the book of Revelation, which is structured on the Holy Days. {note book: *God's Plan for Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days*}

Isaiah 5:1: "Now, I will sing to my Beloved a song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard. My Beloved... [Israel, now it's the Church] ...has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill. And He dug it up, and cleared it of stones, and planted it *with* choice vines, and built a tower in its midst, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked *for it* to produce grapes **But it produced worthless fruits**" (vs 1-2). ***God expects us to work and produce!***

Now we'll look at a couple of other Scriptures here that will be very interesting in how, in the unity of Scriptures, we find it in the New Testament.

Verse 3: "And now, O people of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between Me and My vineyard. What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Who knows? I looked *for it* to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard; I will take away its hedge, and it shall be consumed; *and* break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down; and I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor dug; but briars and thorns shall come up. And I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it" (vs 3-6).

Compare that with Israel, with the modern nations of Israel today, and compare that with the Church.

Verse 7—then correction from here all the way through: "For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress!"

Then he shows why with the woes—woe, woe, woe, and the final one is that they have rejected the laws and commandments of God. Let's see how Christ even spoke of this. Let's see what Christ said about a vineyard. Almost identical to what we find back here in Isa. 5.

Luke 20:9: "And He began to speak this parable to the people: 'A certain man planted a

vineyard... [right straight from Isa. 5] ... and leased it out to husbandmen, and left the country for a long time.'" He's talking about Himself!

The way that God does things is that He gives mission statements. Here's one of the greatest mission statements in the world: ***Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all nations, making disciples of them, and commanding them to observe all things that I have taught you! And baptize them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit!***

He leaves the rest of it up to the ones He's chosen to do it, to figure out how to do it and to be led of the Holy Spirit by God to accomplish what He wants. The way you're led of the Holy Spirit of God is that you have ***the laws and commandments of God written in your heart and your mind and you're going to do what God wants and you desire to do what God wants!***

This is how it's going to be during the Millennium:

- everything is going to be set up
- Satan is going to be removed
- human nature is going to be changed through conversion
- they will have the commandments of God set before them
- we will teach them
- we'll teach them on the Sabbath
- we'll teach them on the Holy Days
- God's way will be taught throughout all the world
- everyone's going to have to choose what they're going to do

The same way here!

He left for a long time. That's the first coming of Christ, then the second coming of Christ:

Verse 10: "And in *the harvest* season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, so that they might give him *some* of the fruit from the vineyard; but the husbandmen beat him *and* sent him away empty. And after that he sent another servant; but they also beat him and scorned him *and* sent him away empty. And after that he sent a third *servant*; but they also wounded him *and* cast him out. Then the lord of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps when they see him, they will respect him.' But when they saw him..." (vs 10-14). This is a parable, but also a prophecy of what they were going to do to Christ.

"...the husbandmen reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they

cast him outside the vineyard *and* killed him....” (vs 14-15). Isn't that the way that people do to God? They:

- cast away God
- cast away Christ
- kill His memory
- accept satanic lies:
 - ✓ atheism
 - ✓ false teachings of false gods and idols

“...Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to others.’ Now, after hearing *this*, they said, ‘MAY IT NEVER BE!’ But He looked at them *and* said, ‘What then is this that is written: “*The Stone that the builders rejected, this one has become the head of the corner? Everyone who falls on that Stone shall be broken; but on whomever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder*”’” (vs 15-18).

Then they sought to lay hands on Him. Matthew's account said that the leaders understood that He was talking about them. Did God take the vineyard away from Judah and Jerusalem? *Yes, He did!* Who did He give it to? *John 15 shows that the Church is the vineyard!*

We've gone through this many, many times, so we'll just read few verses here in John 15. This is to show how that the Bible, inspired by the mind of God, is in complete agreement with itself. There are what *appear* to be contradictions. But when you really get into it, *there are no contradictions in the Bible or the Word of God at all!* The reason being is very simple:

- God is true
- God's Word is true
- His Spirit that inspires it is called *the Word of Truth*

Those who did the writing, were led by God to do and write exactly what He desired them to do. So, there are really no contradictions. Let's see how this parable comes along here, because He said then He would give the vineyard to others.

John 15:1: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. He takes away every branch in Me *that* does not bear fruit... [He's actively working in His Church all the time—the Father is] ...but He cleanses each one that bears fruit, in order that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean through the word that I have spoken to you.... [in other words, you have been purged, cleansed] ...Dwell in Me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit of itself, but only if it remains in the vine, neither *can* you *bear fruit* unless you are dwelling in Me. I am the vine, *and* you

are the branches....” (vs 1-5).

Questions for the Church: every member, every minister, every organization that professes the name of God as a Church of God, who keep the Sabbath and Holy Days:

- What kind of fruit are you bringing?
- Are you bringing good fruit?
- Are you bringing worthless fruit?

Again, we see how the Bible itself agrees with the Bible—and likewise with all the Holy Days. What happens with it then when you go through the Bible and you start outlining the Scriptures concerning the Holy Days, beginning with the Passover and then Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and Last Great Day; you see the whole Bible is structured that way. It really becomes fantastic!

All the things concerning correction, warning, war and destruction you can put under Trumpets. We find in Isa. 6 something that is contemporary. Notice the authority from where Isaiah got the words that he was to speak.

Isaiah 6:1: “In the year that King Uzziah died, I then saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple.... [he had a vision of the temple] ...Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another, and said, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, *is* the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory’” (vs 1-3). Did he see the throne of God? *Yes!*

Let's see how we see a very similar vision that John had. What we want to do is show how that the Old and the New Testaments are an integral part of one book.

Revelation 4:1: “After these things I looked, and behold, a door opened in heaven; and the first voice that I heard *was* as if a trumpet were speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here, and I will show you *the* things that must take place after these things.’ And immediately I was in *the* Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *One was* sitting on the throne” (vs 1-2).

He was sitting on it, it describes the appearance of it, you can read the rest of there in Rev. 4. So, we're dealing with the same God. We're dealing with the same Truth.

Verse 8: “And each of *the* four living creatures had six wings respectively; *and* around and within *they were* full of eyes; and day and night they

cease not saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty...'"

Isaiah 6:4: "And the foundations of the threshold shook at the voice of the one who cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, 'Woe is me!.... [I guess so!] ...For I am undone; for I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts'" (vs 4-5).

That's why you can be absolutely guaranteed when someone says, 'Oh, God talked to me.' *He didn't talk to them.* Or, 'I saw God.' *No, you didn't see God.* If you did, you would have an experience like John did and like Isaiah did.

Verse 6: "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he laid *it* upon my mouth and said, 'Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin atoned for'" (vs 6-7).

After an experience like this, and think about the experience that Jeremiah had and Ezekiel had and all of the other prophets; and you think about how the apostles and disciples were taught; and how they went and preached, and what they wrote and how God inspired them. **Do you even suppose that they would dare write something which was not true?** *That's why we can depend on the Word of God.* God used righteous men, faithful men moved of the Holy Spirit, who wrote what God wanted them to write. Not *their* ideas or anything like that.

Verse 8: "And I heard the voice of the LORD, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here *am* I; send me!'" So, he was willing. This is what we have to do. *We have to make ourselves willing!*

Verse 9: "And He said, '**Go, and tell this people...**'" What does that do? You find that many places in the New Testament: Matt. 13; John 12; many places in the book of Acts—Acts 13 & 28

"... 'You hear indeed, but do not understand; and you see indeed, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes" (vs 9-10).

Jesus said they have shut their eyes, so it works both ways, just like it did with Pharaoh. Pharaoh hardened his heart and God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Why? *Because Pharaoh was not willing to listen!* Then God made it harder. People hear the same thing. They don't want to listen. God closes their understanding, and we have seen that happen. That's why we are where we are today, doing

what we are doing to try and serve God and let Him

- lead us
- guide us
- help us
- protect us
- watch over us
- inspire us

So that we can preach and teach, and do the things that God wants for the brethren; for all the Church; and for those of the world whom God is going to send. ***And lo, He will send them! We have to prepare, we have to be ready.*** It's like the old saying, 'If you build it they will come.'

If you get beside a busy highway and say, 'Oh boy, a motel right here would really, really be good. I wish I could have a motel here.' You come out there a year later and say, 'Oh, a motel here would be really, really good, I wished I had a motel here.' You come out five years later and say the same thing; ten years later and say the same thing. Then guess what, in the mean time maybe someone else comes along and says, 'Hey, be a good place for a motel, let's build it.' It's built and then you come along and say, 'Someone stole my idea.' No, God expects us to *work!* So, we have to repent, which opens our heart and our mind and then God gives us His Spirit.

"...shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and return, and be healed" (v 10).

- God isn't going to give any blessings to those who won't repent
- God isn't going to give eternal life to any of those who won't repent

That is straight through from Genesis to Revelation—all the way through—we see here an inset verse again, which applies directly to Christ, which was quoted in Matt. 1:18.

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore, the LORD Himself shall give you a sign. Behold, the virgin... [that's what it is in the Hebrew and the Greek] ... shall conceive and bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel."

That refers to Christ because when the child was born by the prophetess he did not call the name of the child Immanuel, he called him 'Maher-shalal-hash-baz,' which then means *to make haste to plunder*. So, v 14 does not refer to the child that was conceived in Isa. 8:3.

A lot of people say that means that One. *It doesn't*, because it's completely the opposite. Isa. 8:1-12 is warning and prophecy. Many places are

prophecies and warnings and warnings and prophecies.

- Isa. 8:13 is talking about Christ, and Him probably born on the Feast of Trumpets, so you have that day.

When was He crucified? *On the Passover Day!* Anything to do with Christ has to do with that. While He was dwelling on earth—as we saw earlier—that is likened unto *the Feast of Tabernacles: tabernacling among men.*

Isaiah 8:13: “The LORD of hosts, Him shall you sanctify, and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. And He shall be a sanctuary for you—for a **Stone of Stumbling**, and for a Rock of Offense to both the houses of Israel...” (vs 13-14).

What are ‘both the houses of Israel’? *The ten tribes of Israel and Judah!* Both are the houses of Israel. How is Christ the *Stumbling Block* for both of them?

- for the Jews, they rejected Him as Messiah. that is more obvious
- for the house of Israel, the ten tribes—especially in the modern time today—they have ‘a Christianity’ with a **false christ**

The true Christ is a *stumbling block* to them, because the true Christ *kept the Sabbath! He kept the Holy Days, and the apostles, directly taught by Him, did the same thing.*

“...and for a trap and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble and fall and be broken, and be snared, and be taken” (vs 14-15).

There’s **warning and prophecy**, which has to do with death and destruction. And we can also add in there for Jerusalem, the 9th and 10th of Ab as part of the *day of destruction* because in 586_{B.C.} and also in 70_{A.D.} the temple was destroyed and burned on those days.

Verse 16—a prophecy of the coming New Testament: “Bind up the testimony, seal the Law among My disciples.”

This is why the Law of God is not complete. Yes, you have the first five books called *The Law*, but that’s not complete. You have the Law given by Christ in Matt., Mark, Luke and John. That expands the spiritual meaning of the Law. How was that put together? *By the disciples, the apostles of Jesus Christ, they wrote it.* So, here’s a prophecy of it.

Verse 17: “And I will wait upon the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will

trust in Him. Behold, I and the children... [quoted in Heb. 2] ...whom the LORD has given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion” (vs 17-18).

Then here’s also a prophecy that we have against the *occult* ‘Christianity’ of this world. And against all of the other religions that are demonic.

Verse 19: “And when they shall say to you, ‘Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and to wizards who peep and mutter’—*but* should not a people seek unto their God?....”

Shouldn’t you seek God? ‘Oh, here’s a way to do it, go to this astrologer, go to this palm reader, go to this spiritist, go to this one who claims he’s Christ.’ Yes, and there are thousands who follow a man who says, ‘I am the incarnation of Christ.’ And they all take 666 tattoos on their bodies.

“...*Should* the dead be sought on behalf of the living?.... [here’s how you separate out everything; that’s why the Word of God is important] ... To the Law and to the testimony!.... [Old Testament Law, New Testament Law] ...If they do not speak according to this Word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them” (vs 16-20). *Amazing!*

The unity of Scripture shows Old Testament/ New Testament and you cannot have the Old Testament without the New Testament, and you cannot have the New without the Old, because the two constitute the whole Word of God that He has revealed to mankind at this time. Then you can structure all of the Old Testament and all of the New Testament and break it down into Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and Last Great Day. *That is an amazing thing indeed!*

- Isa. 9 has some contemporary prophecies
 - ✓ v 1 has to do with Christ and preaching the Gospel up in Galilee
 - ✓ v 6 is fundamental to the Feast of Tabernacles, and also shows that the life of Christ.

As He lived in the flesh, was a foretaste of living with God, because God, in the flesh, was living with men. This is a hard one for the Jews to get around. This is a hard one for anyone to get around. I mean, even if you are a non-believer.

Isaiah 9:6: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders...” *That’s talking about the Millennium!*

Who is the Head of the Church today? *Jesus Christ!* Everywhere you can read in the New

Testament that Christ is the Head of the Church, the Body, this verse applies. That's why we have the booklet: *The Ministry is Not the Government of God*—never has been, *never will be!* The ministers and elders and teachers are not to be policemen over the brethren. ***They are to teach*** so the brethren can live their lives before God in love, in faith, in hope, in obedience, to learn, so that they can be mature and spiritually able to live their lives before God. We have to learn how to do this, because that's exactly what we're going to teach all the people in the Kingdom of God when we are ruling on the earth.

“...the government shall be on His shoulders... [Wonder what the pope would have to say about that?] ...and His name shall be called... [this is where the Jews can't get around it, because these are all the names of God]: ...Wonderful, Counselor, **The Mighty God**...” (v 6).

Can God appear in the flesh? *This verse tells us!* Again, we have the unity of the Scripture: Old Testament and New Testament

“...The Everlasting Father...” (v 6). He will become the Everlasting Father when there are children brought into the Kingdom of God through Christ and the Bride, which is the Church. And most of the places in the Old Testament where God refers to Himself as a Father and people refer to Him as a Father, you read those very carefully and the majority of them refer to the time of the Kingdom of God on earth.

“...The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David...” (vs 6-7). That encompasses a lot of things. That tells us that the throne of David is still somewhere here on the earth.

“...and over His kingdom... [and that kingdom has been expanded] ...to order it and to establish it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this” (v 7).

So, here we have first coming of Christ, Feast of Trumpets, second coming of Christ to take over the government, Feast of Trumpets. We have the Holy Days right there, structured in the book of Isaiah.

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Now we're going to start focusing in on the Millennial prophecies in the book of Isaiah. I find it very interesting and also very inspiring, that in the book of Isaiah we have more prophecies of the Millennium than of any of the other single prophets. The other ones have a bit here and bit there and little more here and little more there, but not like Isaiah. Isaiah has a substantial amount scattered all the way

through the 66 chapters of the book of Isaiah. I also find it very interesting that the book of John, in the New Testament, is laid out and structured to the Holy Day seasons. So, you have Isaiah and then you have John, and then the book of Revelation is structured more on the Holy Days than any other book in the Bible.

When you understand the Holy Days and realize what it's all about and how that these books of the Bible are structured on the Holy Days and have relevance to the meaning of the Holy Days, how can people say the Holy Days have been done away? In saying the Holy Days are done away they don't realize that they're saying that God isn't going to use these days either. But what they're really saying is that 'we don't have to keep them; we're good the way we are.' *Well, God will decide that in the long run!*

Now let's see another false doctrine that the Seventh Day Adventist have. They believe that during the thousand years everyone who is saved is going to be in heaven, and for a thousand years be going over the judgment books and decide who receives salvation or not. When you read Isa. 11 you find that no, that can't be. Because what it does, *it talks about the renewing of the earth!* God isn't going to leave it desolate for a thousand years as some claim. When we get to Isa. 24 we will see that it's just the opposite. Isa. 24 is really a fantastic chapter in itself.

- Isa. 11 talks about Christ. This has to do with His first coming and also His second coming and the changing of everything back to what it was as we started the restoration of all things.

So, we find again the unity of Scriptures, and you're going to hear me talk a lot about the unity of Scriptures in the coming months and years.

Isaiah 11:1: “And there shall come forth a shoot out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.” This is referring to a prophecy of the removal of the throne of David from the area of Jerusalem and it was removed and, as we know, it now resides in Great Britain. The 'Branch' is Christ.

Verse 2: “And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest on Him... [we saw that fulfilled in Mat. 3, when Jesus was baptized] ...the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. And He shall not judge according to the sight of His eyes, nor after the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked” (vs 2-4).

Isn't that what it says He's going to do? '*Out of His mouth goes a sharp, two-edged sword*' (Isa. 19)! It's the words that He speaks. Does He not destroy that enemy, the armies gathered to fight against Him? *Yes!* So here in Isa. 11 we have blended together His first coming and His second coming.

We also have His ministry, His rule and reign over the earth, and the changing of the earth back to what it was before Adam and Eve fell.

Verse 5: "And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins. Also the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them" (vs 5-6).

Totally different from what it is today. So this is going to be a magnificent time for the world. A time of peace, prosperity, plenty, righteousness, goodness, elimination of all crime; and anyone who sins it's going to be something indeed! If somebody sins really, extremely terrible, then this will be an abhorrence to the whole community.

Now here in Hollister, just recently, there was a murder. Some young woman was killed, murdered, stabbed, had a black plastic bag over her head and dumped off in some cul-de-sac in Hollister. Something like that, oh it was a headline in the paper. But if something like that happened during the Millennium, that would be something greatly well-known, and it would be an abhorrence. We can say it's not going to happen during the Millennium.

What's going to happen when we get to Isa. 30? *Your teachers are not going to be in a corner anymore. If you go to the right hand or your go to the left hand there will be a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it'!*

Those things won't happen, that's why it's going to be righteousness and faithfulness. So great that the wild animals are going to be pets. Isn't that going to be a marvelous thing, get rid of all those stupid plastic toys.

Verse 7: "And the cow and the bear shall feed..." Bears eat a lot of grass. I saw a special on the bears up in Kodiak Island. They eat an awful lot of grass. I was surprised to see that.

"...their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.... [that's going to be something to see] ...And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den. 'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain; **for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the**

waters cover the sea'" (vs 7-9).

What does that tell us? That tells us what we know in the Bible is just an itty-bitty amount of the knowledge of God that we have today. Yet, people can hardly take that. Amazing! Going to be totally different.

Verse 10: "And in that day there shall be the Root of Jesse standing as a banner for the people; to Him the nations shall seek; and His rest shall be glorious."

You can tie that in with Isa. 2: *Many nations shall come and say, 'Let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob and let us learn of His Law and of His way and the Law shall go forth from Zion'!*

- it's going to be rest
- it's going to be peaceful
- it is going to be wonderful
- every human being will know they're needed
- they're wanted
- they're loved
- they can be educated
- they can be taught
- they can be successful
- they will have skills they will excel in
- they will have recognition
- there will be communities and villages and cities and people who will dwell in peace
- they'll be a church probably on every other corner
- where there are cities there will be nice broad streets
- children can play right in the streets
- you don't have to worry about gangs
- you don't have to worry about thugs
- you don't have to worry about kidnappers and rapists

What a fantastic time that will be!

I can picture the young kids riding on the back of a lion or a leopard or we can picture them on horses and donkeys now. But you know, that'll be quite a thing, riding on a lion, having a pet lion. You don't have worry about how much meat it's going to eat because it'll eat grass. I've often thought of this every time I read this. What's it going to be like to see a lion open its mouth or as we could say 'smile' and you see all of its teeth straight for eating grass? I don't know if that's going to happen, but that just kind of thing I think of every time I read that.

In v 11 there changes to another prophecy. This is how the Word of God is in the Old Testament: 'line upon line, here a little there a little, precept upon

precept'—put it all together. So, vs 11-16 is the re-gathering and the future exodus of the people of Israel and Judah back to their own homeland, pictured by *Trumpets* and *Atonement*.

- Trumpets: they are released
- Atonement: they are at-one with God. So they will be coming back and to be at-one with God

Verse 11: "And it shall come to pass in that day, the LORD shall again set His hand, the second time..."

This is referring to the first coming of the children of Judah going into captivity into Babylon, which had not yet happened. That didn't happen for well over a hundred years.

"...to recover the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Persia, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea. And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel and gather together the scattered ones of Judah from the four corners of the earth" (vs 11-12).

That's something! That's the coming exodus. Then he says the strife and envy between Judah and Ephraim is going to end.

Verse 16: "And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Assyria; as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt."

This is really quite a fantastic chapter. We have the Millennium, Trumpets and Atonement. Isa. 12 is something! This is one concerning salvation. This has to do with *us*. We could say this is Pentecost, a resurrection chapter.

Isaiah 12:1: "And in that day you shall say, 'I will give thanks to You O LORD; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You do comfort me.... [this is Israel talking to God] ... Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation'" (vs 1-2).

When we're resurrected what are we going to do? *We're going to sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb!*

One man wrote me and asked, 'Why are we going to sing the song of Moses first?' *Well, he's probably one of the first ones to qualify for salvation*, so maybe God is going to do some things in chronological order, I don't know. I'll tell you this: If you attain to the resurrection—whoever it was that

asked that question—while you're on the Sea of Glass you'll get your answer. In the meantime, let's be faithful unto the end.

Verse 3: "And with joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day you shall say, 'Praise the LORD! Call upon His name; declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing *to* the LORD; for He has done gloriously; **this is known in all the earth**.... [this is a great and fantastic thing] ...Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion; for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst'" (vs 3-6). *That has to do with us!*

- Isa. 13—This is the coming judgment of Babylon the Great. This is dual: It talks about the judgment of Babylon when the captivity of the children of Judah is over after 70 years. Then it's talking about, in this case, Babylon the Great, which will encompass the whole world at the end-time. This has to do then with judgment. {note: Rev. 16-19, the judgment of Babylon the Great. }

Isaiah 13:5: "They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, the LORD and the weapons of His indignation, to destroy the whole earth."

What we are going to see is how God gives prophecies that cover the **whole earth**: nations, kings, the earth, including Israel, Judah and all the nations close to what we call in the Holy Land, Palestine today.

Verse 6: "Howl! For the Day of the LORD *is* at hand... [Trumpets] ...it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore, all hands shall be faint, and every man's heart shall melt; and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them. They shall be in pain like a woman who travails. They shall be amazed at one another, their faces are *like* blazing fire. Behold, the Day of the LORD comes, cruel both *with* wrath and fierce anger to make the earth a desolation; and He shall destroy the sinners out of it, for the stars of the heavens and their constellations shall not give light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not reflect its light" (vs 6-10).

Note Rev. 6, 8, 9, 11; Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21. Again, the unity of Scripture, and it's based around *the Holy Days*. The Holy Days tell us the sequence and how these things are going to be.

Verse 11: "And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants."

Verse 13: "Therefore, I will shake the

heavens, and the earth shall move out of its place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger” You can read the rest of it there.

- Isa. 14—the first part is re-gathering, Trumpets and Atonement.
 - ✓ v 3—Tabernacles and the Kingdom of God.
 - ✓ v 7—All the earth is at rest, Kingdom of God, Feast of Tabernacles
 - ✓ v 11 onward—has to do with how Satan came on the scene to make war against God.
 - ✓ v 24—has to do with Trumpets and God's purpose.

Therefore, in order to understand this, how do we understand it? *Through the framework of the Holy Days!*

Isaiah 14:24: “The LORD of hosts has sworn...” When God swears, know and understand that *God doesn't need to swear*. But somehow men, because of their weakness and lack of faith, if God swears that means more to them. It very well may be. However, when God swears you can be guaranteed it's going to happen.

“...saying, ‘Surely as **I have thought**, so it shall come to pass; and as **I have purposed**, so it shall stand” (v 24).

No one is going to turn back the hand of God. **No one** is going to change the purpose of God. Now you know why the Psalm says, ‘The fool has said in his heart there is no God.’ They are dumb, stupid, ignorant and worthless of consideration. Now the world, oh they're great, important people. But that's going to change.

Verse 25: “That I will break Assyria in My land...” An immediate prophecy that happened during the days of Hezekiah, true. Prophecy at the end-time in referring to *the beast power* as Assyria. Where is the final battle going to be fought? The book of Revelation! Joel says the final battle is going to be fought *in the Valley of Jezreel!* Where is that? *That's just north of Jerusalem!* So there it is, you got it.

“...and upon My mountains, and trample him under foot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden shall be taken off their shoulders. This *is* the purpose **that is purposed on all the earth...**” (vs 25-26)—every bit of it. So we're dealing with great and magnitudeness events that are going to take place. All pictured by the Holy Days of God.

Verse 27: “For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who shall reverse *it*?...” **No one!** You

have Satan's rebellion over here, just before it. So, even Satan cannot turn back God's plan.

“...And His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?” (v 27). The rest of it there has to do with current prophecies going there.

Isa. 16—what you're going to find here is, what you would say are ‘inset verses.’ Just put there which applies to the Kingdom of God, Feast of Tabernacles, the rule of Christ.

Isaiah 16:5: “And in mercy the throne shall be established; and *he* shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking justice, and speeding the cause of righteousness.”

- Isa. 17 has to do with the near future that was going to take place at the time that Isaiah was giving the prophecies, so not all the prophecies are not necessarily dual. Not all the prophecies are related to the end-time, but many of them. It's a mix of many, many things here.
- Isa. 18 has to do with beyond Ethiopia. In reading this I kind of thought that maybe this has to do with Darfur today, because somehow that is such a thing when it talks about the people and how terrifying they are and so forth.
- Isa. 19 has to do with the judgment of Egypt, end-time judgment. We finish it up with a reference to the Millennium:

Isaiah 19:23: “In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria... [that goes right through the Holy Land] ...and Assyria shall come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and Egypt shall serve with Assyria. In that day Israel shall be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land; whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, ‘Blessed *be* My people Egypt, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance’” (vs 23-25). There you go. That can't happen today. It'll happen then.

- Isa. 20—Then we have a prophecy concerning Assyria at that time.
- Isa. 21—We have a prophecy concerning Elam and Media. Then we have a prophecy concerning many countries all around there even including Babylon.
- Isa. 22—We have a prophecy of Persia, City of David, Jerusalem.
- Isa. 23—We have a prophecy which can only refer to Alexander the Great in conquering Tyre and the ships of Tarshish and the Isles of Chittim and Sidon and Egypt and Tyre again, and Tarshish and so forth—the Chaldeans and the Assyrians and Tyre.

- Isa. 24 is really an eye-opening chapter, because it talks about the earth *seventeen times*.

Remember what we've understood about the Word of God. If God says it once, *it's true!* If God thinks it in His mind, *it's going to happen!* So, when we have it written down here, what we find in Isa. 24 is an end-time prophecy and judgment against Babylon the Great pictured as encompassing the whole earth without mentioning Babylon directly.

This has the whole world at the end-time, before God begins to bring His judgment upon the earth. This is a tremendous chapter, and will help us understand the condition that the earth will be in when we start to take over and rule and reign on the earth. Verse 1 is the one where the Seventh Day Adventist go wrong and say that the earth will be desolate a thousand years. It does say that the earth will be desolate, and they assume everyone on earth is going to be killed, which is an assumption, because we will see that there will be, as it says here, *few men left!*

Isaiah 24:1: "Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants."

Just exactly how that's going to be, I can't imagine that. Only the power of God can do that. I mean, in our minds imagine it or even kind of a movie-type of thought in our minds.

Verse 2: "And as *it is* with the people, so it shall be with the priest; as with the slave, so with the master; as with the handmaid, so it is with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor." *Sounds like a lot of economic havoc!*

Verse 3: "The earth shall be completely laid waste, and utterly stripped; for the LORD has spoken this word." This is something! I just wonder, what was Isaiah thinking when he was given this prophecy and told to write it down, inspired to write it this way?

Verse 4: "The earth mourns *and* languishes; the world withers *and* languishes; the proud people of the earth wither." *So, there are people still left!*

Verse 5: "And the earth is defiled under its people; **because they have transgressed the Laws,** changed the ordinance, and have broken the everlasting covenant."

Now, think on that for a minute. What is this talking about? *This is talking about the Christianity of today!* They have changed the ordinance. They have broken the covenant. They have nothing to do with the New Covenant. Now that's amazing to contemplate.

Verse 6: "Therefore, the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell in it are desolate; therefore, the people of the earth are burned, and **few men are left.**"

Doesn't say they're all gone, all destroyed. No, because the Kingdom of God is going to come on the earth and **rule** on the earth for a thousand years. Then it talks about some of the things of wine and food and so forth.

I want to focus on the things that are going to happen on the earth. Remember that this is judgment, which is Trumpets:

- picturing the Tribulation
- picturing the captivity
- picturing God's intervention
- picturing God's warring against the armies of the earth

Verse 13: "For so it is in the midst of the earth among the people, *it shall be* like the shaking of an olive tree and as gleanings when the grape harvest is completed."

{note Rev. 14, the great harvest, *the resurrection of the saints*, and the harvest of the wicked follows after that}

Verse 14: They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. Therefore, glorify the LORD in the east where the light dawns, the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea. From the ends of the earth we have heard songs, 'Glory to the righteous.' [talking about *the resurrection*, and that means Pentecost] ...But I said... [people on the earth] ...'Leanness to me! Leanness to me! Woe to me! Deceivers deceive, even treacherously. Deceivers deceive!' Dread and the pit, and the snare *are* upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall be, he who flees from the sound of dread shall fall into the pit. And he who comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare, for the **windows from on high are opened,** and the foundations of the earth quake" (vs 14-18).

- Rev. 6 shows the heavens roll back as a scroll when the sixth seal is open
- Matt. 24—the sign of the Son of man appears in heaven; this is Trumpets, the return of Christ

Verse 19: "The earth is broken, yea broken down! The earth is crumbling, yea crumbling to pieces! The earth is tottering, yea tottering! Like a drunkard the earth is staggering, yea staggering!.... [fantastic prophecy] ...And it rocks to and fro like a tree hut! And its transgressions are heavy upon it..."

(vs 19-20).

The earth is affected by the sins of men. The people, the earth: that means wherever people are;

- whether they're in the country
- whether they're in cities
- whether they're in the villages
- whether they are removed way far off in some country far away
- whether they are in the countries near to us and we know about it

Sin affects everything! Sin affects the earth and God is going to judge it.

“...and it shall fall and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high... [Who are they? *Satan and his demons! Fighting against God, cast down to the earth!*] ...and the kings of the earth upon the earth” (vs 20-21).

So, 17 times the earth is mentioned. Are there going to be things happen on the earth? *Guaranteed!* Isa. 24 tells us that it will be.

Verse 22: “And they shall be gathered, *as* prisoners are gathered in a dungeon. And they shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be punished. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun shall be ashamed, for the LORD of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, in Jerusalem, and gloriously before His elders” (vs 22-23). So it goes right on into the Millennium. Fantastic verse here!

- Isa. 25 talks about the beginning of the Kingdom of God.
- Isa. 26—the return of the Jews from Babylon.
 - ✓ v 19—we have the resurrection, just in one verse, then protection, place of safety. You see, all of those things are right there.

Isaiah 26:19: “Your dead ones shall live, *together with* my dead body they shall arise... [together].... [Isaiah says he's going arise; this is the first resurrection] ...Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust... [there in the grave] ...for your dew *is* as the dew of lights, and the earth shall cast out the dead.... [first resurrection, Pentecost] ...Come, my people...” (vs 19-20).

Now he talks about protection in time of tribulation. So this ties in where we began in Ps. 91, and all of that.

“...enter into your rooms and shut your doors around you; hide for a little moment, until the fury has passed by... [place of safety]. ...For behold, the

LORD comes out of His place to punish the people of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall reveal her blood, and shall no more cover her dead” (vs 19-21). Hey, that's fantastic!

When you go through and you look at the structure of the Holy Days in anyone of the books, you find that it is there. Once you understand about the Holy Days, you can go back and you can go through it and you will see that.

Now, let's see the judgment of Satan; Isaiah 27:1: “In that day the LORD with His great and fierce and strong sword shall punish the sea-monster... [a type of Satan] ...the darting serpent, the sea-monster, that twisting serpent; and He shall kill the monster in the sea.”

Well, he's not exactly going to be killed. He's going to be put into the abyss with a seal set over him, as we find in Rev. 20. Then we have a restoration, which is the Millennium:

Verse 2: “In that day... [Atonement, getting rid of Satan, then we have the Millennium, the restoration] ...sing to her, ‘A delightful vineyard. I the LORD keep it; I will water it every moment; lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day. Fury *is* not in Me; who would set the briers *and* thorns against Me in battle? I would step through it; I would burn it at once.... [He isn't going to let anything happen to us] ...Or let them take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me.’ He shall cause those who come from Jacob to take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world *with* fruit.” (vs 2-6). Quite a fantastic thing!

- Isa. 28 talks about how to understand the Bible. We've been through that.
- Isa. 29 talks about Ariel, the city where David lived.

So that is Jerusalem, so we have a dual prophecy here. You can tie this in with Zechariah 12, that even though the whole earth be gathered against Jerusalem, it shall be a “troublesome stone.”

Well, we've covered an awful lot here concerning the different Holy Days as found in the book of Isaiah. In part three I'm going to take the rest of those Holy Days that refer directly to the Kingdom of God and the Millennium that we have not yet covered that we find in the book of Isaiah, and put it together with the other Scriptures so we get a full picture.

But the thing that is exciting and wonderful to know is that once you understand about the Holy Days and the meaning of them, we can go back and we can

study things like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. There is more in Isaiah concerning the Millennium and the Kingdom of God than any other book; and then John has a lot; and Revelation is filled with it from beginning to end.

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Survey of Isaiah 29-66

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Greetings, brethren! We will continue on with the Holy Days in the book of Isaiah and we will concentrate toward all of the areas in the Bible that relate to the coming Kingdom of God and the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ and the saints.

As we go through this and as we read these things, I want you to think in two paths: I want you to think how this would sound to people who didn't have the New Testament. How would it sound to those who say, even in the days of Ezra, after he had canonized the whole Old Testament, what sense would it make to them? Then I want you to think on the other track, why this makes sense to us today?

- we have the New Testament
- we understand the things of God

Whatever we understand, let's always remember:

- we have nothing that we didn't receive
- it all has to come from God
- it all has to come from His Word

We will see that right in a series of verses that cover one topic, all of sudden there's a verse or two that's put in there that refers to something completely different. Now today, we can go through and say this refers to this, and this refers to that, and this refers to the other thing. But if you didn't have the New Testament and the Holy Days to interpret this... Remember, though they had the Holy Days, they did not have the understanding of the Holy Days that we have today.

Though during the time of Christ, Christ opened their minds to understand the Scriptures concerning Himself. I'm sure they had greater understanding of the Holy Days, yet, they didn't understand the things that we do today. And just think of this: The Apostle John was the one who received the whole book of Revelation, which is the key that unlocks, with the Holy Days and the New Testament, all of the Bible. But he didn't have a chance to study it and go over it. He didn't have a chance to put it together like we do today. After all, what we are learning is what God has begun revealing going back toward the end of the 19th century and on in to now.

All down through history there was a basic understanding of the Passover and Christ, Unleavened Bread and getting rid of sin, and Pentecost and the Church. They may have had some smattering of understanding of the coming

Millennial reign of Christ, if they had the book of Revelation, but not everyone had the whole Bible. So, we are sitting in a time of great opportunity, and a time of great responsibility, and a time of great learning as well. This is why every opportunity we have to get together on the Sabbath or on the Holy Days or on the Feast days, we need to learn as much as we can of the Word of God. I want to show you how this works here.

Isaiah 29:13—even Jesus quoted this in the New Testament (Matt. 13 and other places): “And the LORD said, ‘Because this people draws near *Me* with their mouth...’”

They have words of praise to God; you can apply this at almost any time in history. The time in history that really reflects to me is the September 11, 2001. Immediately, oh everybody returns to God: ‘Go to your church, go to your synagogue.’ But did anybody really repent? *No!*

“...and with their lips honor Me...” (v 13). ‘We need to have the Ten Commandments here, we need to have them there, we’ve got to have God involved in the government.’ Then they turn around and have all the lying corruption that they do, after they acknowledge God.

“...but their worship of Me is made up of the traditions of men learned by rote, and their fear toward Me is *taught* by the commandments of men” (v 13). That’s an interesting way to put it—and that’s basically what it is.

Verse 14: “Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do again a marvelous work among this people, *even* a marvelous work and a wonder, for the wisdom of their wise ones shall perish, and the wisdom of their intelligent ones shall vanish.”

- Isn't that exactly what's happening today?
Yes, indeed!
- Did it happen to the Jews back then, leading up to the downfall of Jerusalem?
Yes, indeed!
- Did it happen during the days of the Jews leading up to the downfall of the temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D.? *Of course!*

Now then, all of a sudden it switches. This is why it's ‘precept upon precept, here a little there a little.’

Verse 15: "Woe to those who go deep to hide *their* purpose from the LORD! And their works are in the dark, and they say, 'Who sees us? And who knows us?'"

All of the secret plans and schemes of men! And the greatest secret plans and schemes of men are now being developed and worked out *under the inspiration of Satan the devil* to take down modern-day Israel because of their sins.

Verse 16: "Surely, you have turned things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the potter's clay; for shall the work say of him who made it, 'He did not make me?' Or shall the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'He had no understanding?'" This has to do with religionists, atheists, and everything.

Verse 17—another verse completely separate: "Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be counted as a forest?" This is the type of a Millennium.

Now, here we have the preaching of the Gospel—the ministry of Christ. But we also have the same thing at the beginning of the Millennium that will happen:

Verse 18: "And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book... [which previously said 'we can't understand it'] ...and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and darkness."

That's exactly what's happening to us today. That's exactly what Jesus did to the apostles to open their minds to understanding (Luke 24).

Here is a prophecy, it can be the beginning of the Millennium, it can be the Church, v 19: "And the meek shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel, for the terrible one is brought to nothing..." (vs 19-20).

This is the Day of Atonement, getting rid of Satan the devil. Or you can say getting rid of the beast—either one. Or any of the terrible ones that came and attacked Israel down through history. *But here is the elimination of Satan!*

"...and the scorner is destroyed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off... [so that has to be the beginning of the Millennium] ...those who make a man a sinner with a word, and lay a trap for the reprovener in the gate, and turn aside the just for a worthless thing" (vs 20-21)—all of them. So, *this is the destruction of the wicked!*

All of sudden it changes again. So this is why it's 'precept upon precept, line upon line and

here a little, there a little.' *With stammering lips and another tongue will I speak to these people.*

Verse 22: "Therefore, thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, 'Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now become pale.... [beginning of the Millennium.] ...But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they shall sanctify My name, and sanctify the Holy one of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. **Those who erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and those who murmured shall learn instruction**'" (vs 22-24).

Now we have blending out into conversion, whether it be during the Millennium, whether it be during our lifetime. "**Those who erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and those who murmured shall learn instruction.**" So, Isa. 29 is a good example of a mixture of all the Scriptures.

Having no understanding of the full meaning of the Holy Days, having no understanding because the New Testament wasn't written, and realizing that Isaiah is the very first prophet to really talk more about the things of God's plan. But it wasn't put into order; it wasn't put into sequence. How do you suppose that they understood this? Some of it to them would be kind of 'gobbly-gook.'

- Isa. 30:8—let's see something else again. Here we find that God wants His Word written.

Guess how many Bibles there are in the world today? *According to the estimation of the Bible societies: 7.5 billion*, with a hundred million being printed every year! Isn't that amazing? Did God fulfill His promise when Jesus said, 'This Gospel shall be published in all the world'? Top this off: 90% of the people of the world can read at least the book of Mark in their own language. I think it's profound and fantastic that God would take the book of Mark, where He said that the Gospel would be 'published' in all the world. That's the first book of the New Testament that the Bible societies translate.

- How much more time do we have left? *We don't know!*
- How much more will this be increased between now and that time? *We don't know!*

Just think of it, what a tremendous blessing it is that we can sit here, read the Word of God—which He has written and preserved and saved for us and passed down through all the centuries—using men. The ones who were faithful, *were faithful!* You can separate out the wheat from the chaff from those

who were not faithful. But He had it written down. He told Isaiah to write:

Isaiah 30:8: "Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and note it in a book, so that it may be for the time to come forever and ever." In other words, the Word of God is not going to be destroyed. It's going to come down.

Here is a verse that can apply at any time from when Isaiah prophesied this and wrote it to the end, v 9: "That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children. They are children who will not hear the Law of the LORD; who say to the seers, 'See not,' and to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions'" (vs 9-10).

You can find that all the way down through the books of Joshua, Judges, 1st & 2nd Samuel, 1st & 2nd Kings, all the way down through all the Prophets, and all the way down to our day.

Just think what would happen if someone would—I don't even think it would get out—say over the major television: 'This nation is under a curse because of their sins and mainly immigration. Not immigration, the immigration problem is a result, rather of abortion. That we are all on our hands are guilty of the blood of over 50 million of the most innocent human beings.'

That the nation needs to repent! ***Oh, no! Oh just think what the atheists would say: 'A religious nut! For sure!' Well, given time, they're going to have to deal with God!***

Then they say: "...Do not prophesy to us right things, speak to us smooth things..." (10). Let's not rock the boat. Let's appeal to the goodness of people.

I want you to take these Scriptures here, and I want you to turn on Joel Osteen some Sunday morning and I want you to read these things, then I want you to listen to his sermons, and you will witness prophecy fulfilled before your very eyes.

"...prophesy illusions; go out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us" (11).

'We don't want anyone condemning us for our sins. No, we don't want any negativity. Let's just appeal to the goodness of human beings and everything will be wonderful, everything will be fine, and everything will be good and tremendous and the world will be a better place. Well, ostriches put their heads in the sand while the battle's going on, and they can be shot and killed while they're doing it, too.

Verse 12: "Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel, 'Because you have despised this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on them; therefore, this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall...' (vs 12-13). It's going to stretch and stretch !

"...swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.... [BANG! and disaster is upon us] ...And He shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that *is* smashed in pieces. He shall not spare, so that there shall not be found in the fragments a shard to take fire from the hearth, or to take water out of the pit.' For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, 'In returning and rest you shall be saved...' (vs 13-15).

Now all of a sudden it comes to *the beginning of the Millennium*.

"...and in quietness and hope shall be your strength.'.... [that's what He told them] ...But you were not willing. And you said, 'No; for we will flee upon horses.' Therefore, you shall flee. And *you said*, 'We will ride upon the swift'; therefore, those who pursue you shall be swift.... [think about what's happening today] ... One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five you *shall flee*, until you are left as a pole upon the top of a mountain, and as a sign on a hill" (vs 15-17). What do we have here? *We have a prophecy of exactly what's taking place today!*

Then all of a sudden it drops right into *the Millennium, the Kingdom of God!* Verse 18: And, therefore, will the LORD wait, that He may be gracious unto you. And, therefore, He will be exalted, that He may have mercy upon you, for the LORD *is* a God of justice; blessed *are* all those who wait for Him"—and so forth all the way down through Isa. 30 you see that.

- Isa. 31—don't go down to Egypt. Yet, everyone loves to go down to Egypt. God says that you're going to get in trouble.
- Isa. 32—this is a prophecy of a righteous king. This could be referring to the coming Josiah episode or a type of the Millennium—there are different applications of this.

Isaiah 32:1: "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and rulers shall rule in justice."

That happened during Josiah's day in a special, particular way. But also, that's a type of what's going to happen in repentance of Israel and Judah when Christ returns.

Verse 2: "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a shelter from the

tempestuous storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." That shows how God is going to intervene and work things out. You also have some correction for the women that parallels Isa. 3.

Verse 15—the beginning of the Millennium: "Until the Spirit is poured on us from on high..." That's going to be bringing the children of Israel back out of captivity, bringing and leading them to conversion.

"...and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is thought to be a forest. Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the result of righteousness shall be quietness and confidence forever" (vs 15-17).

Here is describing the Millennium, but also this one verse tells us how we can solve our problems today if we would repent.

Verse 18: "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable home, and in secure dwellings and quiet resting places." There is an excerpt right out of all the correction and things of the Millennium.

- Isa. 33—judgment after they have dealt treacherously with God. Then we have again a time of graciousness; a time of repentance.

Isaiah 33:2: "O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for You; be their arm every morning; our salvation also in the time of trouble." There's a verse that can apply at any time.

Verse 5: "The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high. He has filled Zion *with* justice and righteousness.... [the Millennium] ... And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of your times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure" (vs 5-6). Then it goes on with other things.

- v 17 talks about Jerusalem and the end-time. {note sermon series: *The Millennial Temple* and what it would be like.} Here's some other Scriptures that we can put in with that:

Verse 20: Look upon Zion, the city of our Holy gatherings; your eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet home, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down... [this obviously is the Millennium] ...not one of its stakes shall ever be removed, nor shall any of its cords be broken. But there the glorious LORD *will be* to us a place of broad rivers *and* streams... [water coming out from underneath the throne of God] ...in which no galley with oars shall go, nor shall a mighty ship pass by it, for the LORD *is* our

Judge, the LORD *is* our Lawgiver, the LORD *is* our King; He will save us" (vs 20-22). *There we have the Millennium!*

Now we have prophecies of the end-time. Put that under the Feast of Trumpets and the return of Christ.

Isaiah 34:1: "Come near, you nations, to hear; and, you people, hearken; let the earth hear, and its fullness; the world, and its offspring... [we're talking prophecy that fits to the whole world] ...for the anger of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies. He has completely destroyed them, He has delivered them to the slaughter" (vs 1-2).

{note: Rev. 9; 16; 19 and Zech. 14—all those tying in with the beginning of the Millennium.} Then there's a judgment against Edom, which God will do that.

I'm going a little rapidly, but we're not flipping back and forth between different books of the Bible. What I want to do is to show you a flow of the structure of the book of Isaiah and how many things are in there that relate to the Holy Days. Now the key to understand is this: They are not put in sequence—Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, Last Great Day. But they are all intermixed, interspersed.

- Isa. 35—the beginning of the Millennium, what God is going to do; changing the earth.

Isaiah 35:1: "The wilderness and the desert shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even *with* joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD *and* the majesty of our God" (vs 1-2).

There it is, the beginning of the Millennium. Then it shows what's going to happen.

Verse 5: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened..." That's the preaching of the Gospel by Christ. That's the beginning of the Millennium and the healing of the people.

"...and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped" (v 5).

- v 8—again, we have the highway going to Jerusalem on earth and the temple during the Millennium. Here we have many different themes all mixed together as we have seen.

Verse 8: "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it.... [in other words,

you have to be a spirit being to go on this] ... But it will be for him who walks in that way, but fools, shall not err *in it*. No lion shall be there, nor *any* beast of prey shall go up on it, they shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there.... [and we are the redeemed] ...shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD... [that could also refer to Israel coming out of captivity, but it could also refer to us] ... of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (vs 8-10).

- Isa. 36, 37 & 38 all have to do with Isaiah and King Hezekiah and the events surrounding the putting away of the Assyrian armies after they came back from conquering the Egyptians.

Then you have a little bit of the incident here—not quite as detailed as you find in 2-Kings—concerning Hezekiah and his sickness and how he was healed from that and God gave him 15 more years.

- Isa. 40—we see a duality of prophecy in much of this. It has to do with the prophecy concerning John the Baptist. It starts out with the end-time, the final fulfillment of this has to be at the end-time.

Isaiah 40:1: “‘Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people,’ says your God.” [introduction to *The Messiah*] ... ‘Speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished... [it’s still going on today, so this is a prophecy yet just ahead of us] ...that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.’.... [then immediately breaks in with the prophecy of John the Baptist]: ...The voice of him who cries in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God’” (vs 1-3).

Now that being done, what happened after the ministry of Christ? *We have the preaching of the Gospel!* So, here is a prophecy of the preaching of the Gospel beginning with the apostles and carrying right on down to our time.

Verse 9: “Go up for yourself on the high mountain; O you that bring good tidings to Zion. Lift up your voice with strength, O you who tell good tidings to Jerusalem; lift up, do not be afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, ‘Behold your God!’”

That applies to Jesus’ first coming and His second coming. Preaching of the Gospel. Now then, it talks about the resurrection. I think it’s very interesting that we have this because John the Baptist was sent as a messenger to prepare the way for the Lord. When you look at what we have here,

we have a revelation in here showing us that it would be the Lord God who came in the flesh.

Verse 11: “He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry *them* in His bosom, *and* shall gently lead those with young.”

We can say that this has to do with the Church, gathering the Church together and preaching the Gospel. It can apply to the beginning of the Millennium. But if we apply it to the beginning of the Church and the beginning of preaching the Gospel and the ministry of Christ, let’s notice what v 12 says, because this helps substantiate who Jesus was and that it was actually God manifested in the flesh.

Verse 12: “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out the heavens with a span? And who has comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, and who was His counselor that he might instruct Him? With whom did He take counsel, and *who* instructed Him and taught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge, and made known the way of understanding to Him?” (vs 12-14). Well, we have the answer of that in Isa. 50.

Let’s just jump ahead there to see the prophecy of how Jesus was taught of the Father. Quite an amazing thing!

Isaiah 50:4: “‘The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, to know to help the weary *with* a word. He awakens *Me* morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as one being taught. The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious, nor turned away backwards.... [that’s His childhood. Then all of a sudden it goes right into His death]: ...I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting” (vs 4-6). That’s the design of the prophets. Quite interesting!

It was God Who taught Jesus, God Himself! **Who’s going to teach God? What man is going to teach God anything?** *No one!* We can learn from God. We can understand from God. But always remember this:

- ***No man is going to tell God what to do!***
- ***No man is going to command God what to do!***
- ***No man is going to instruct God!***

Here’s how God looks at the world. We think we’re all important. Let’s also compare this

with Satan the devil. Remember the temptation of Jesus Christ? What did the devil do? *Satan took Jesus on a high mountain, showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time and he said, 'All of this I will give You, if You'll fall down and worship me.'*

How does God view all the nations?

- Satan thinks it's great
- Satan thinks it's marvelous
- Satan thinks it's fantastic that he has all this power and that he is like a god!

No he's not! He's Satan the devil and his days are numbered!

Here's how God looks at it, and this is why Christ was not tempted by it. But even though the temptation come, *He didn't give it a second thought!*

Isaiah 40:15: "Behold, the nations *are* like a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the scales... [blow it off] ...behold, He takes up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts of it sufficient *for* a burnt offering. **All nations before Him *are* as nothing; and they are counted by Him as less than nothing, and vanity.** To whom then will you compare God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?" (vs 15-18). They go build their idols, they overlay it with gold, they do all of these things.

Verse 21: "Have you not known?... [they knew from the beginning; Adam and Eve knew?] ...Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood *from* the foundations of the earth? *It is* He who sits above the circle of the earth..." (vs 21-22). If the pope would have read his Bible, he would have understood that the earth wasn't flat!

"...and its people are like grasshoppers; *it is* He Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in; Who brings the rulers to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth as vanity" (vs 22-23).

Verse 25: "'To whom then will you compare Me, or who is My equal?' says the Holy One."

- Isa. 41 talks about God raising up 'a righteous one.' This could apply to Cyrus, who was a type of Christ. Then we have some prophecies here concerning the Church, concerning Abraham.

We see what's going to happen during the Millennium. Isaiah 41:18: "I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant the cedar in the

wilderness, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree. I will set the fir tree in the desert, *and* the pine, and the box tree together" (vs 18-19).

That's what's going to happen during the Millennium. Then all of sudden it changes. This is very much like Job, when Job had his confrontation with God. When God finally said to Job, "Come here, tell Me."

Verse 21: "'Draw near *with* your cause,' says the LORD. 'Bring out your strong *reasons*,' says the King of Jacob. 'Let them bring *them* out, and declare to us the things that shall happen; let them reveal the former things, what they *are*, that we may consider them and know the final end of them; or declare to us things to come'" (vs 21-22).

If men think they're so great, *do it!* All you have to know, how good are the predictions of men? Just watch the evening weather. How many times do they hit it? Well, when everything is nice and normal they hit it pretty good, but otherwise they don't—and with all the modern things that they have just for the weather. How much understanding is taught in our schools? *None!* Our Universities? *None!* Our government? *None!* What are they going to tell God? When are they going to show how great and important they are to God? This is why Christ has to come and return and destroy the whole system.

- Isa. 42 is a prophecy of Christ

Think of this as if you were living in Isaiah's day and you read the first edition of the finished book of Isaiah. Just suppose you were a priest reading the scroll in the scroll-room. Or suppose you were a king who was to have a copy of the Law and a copy of the Prophets as they were worked up so he could read them.

- What would you think of this?
- What does this mean?
- When would this be?

Isaiah 42:1: "Behold My Servant, Whom I uphold; My Elect, *in Whom* My soul delights..."

Note Matt. 3—after Jesus was baptized what was the voice that came from heaven? '*This is My Beloved in Whom I am well pleased.*' What was said when the transfiguration when He took Peter, James and John with Him? *And He said, 'Behold, My Son in Whom I am well pleased, **listen** to Him.'* So, we have a prophecy of it here.

"...I have put My Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth justice to the Gentiles" (v 1). You could take this one verse here and you can apply it to the preaching of the Gospel, beginning with the Apostle

Paul. You can apply it to the beginning of the Millennium when Christ returns.

Take these different Scriptures and apply them to many, many different things. But back then they wouldn't know 'Who is My Servant?'

- Is it the priest?
- Is it the king?
- Is it the prophet?

Verse 2: "He shall not cry *out*, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He shall not break, and a smoking wick He shall not quench; in Truth He shall bring forth justice. He shall not fail nor be discouraged until He has set justice in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His Law." (vs 2-4).

That's the whole ministry of Christ and out into the beginning of the Millennium. So there you have it, it's really something! Isa. 42 has an awful lot to do with the return of Christ and let's read just a few here concerning the Millennium.

Verse 9: "'Behold, the former things have come to pass. And new things I declare; before they happen, I tell you of them.' Sing to the LORD a new song; His praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and its fullness; the isles and their people. Let the wilderness and its cities lift up *their voice*, the villages where Kedar dwells. Let the dwellers of the rock sing, let them shout from the mountain tops. Give glory to the LORD and declare His praise in the isles" (vs 9-12). *There we have the beginning of the Millennium!*

Here's an example of a verse just interjected right in the middle of something, v 21: "The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness sake; He will magnify the Law and make *it* glorious."

Tremendous thing! But back in 800_{B.C.}, who was this? That couldn't be understood until after the ministry of Christ and His resurrection. Remember it said that Jesus opened their minds to understand all things concerning Him in the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms.

Now you know the only way to understand these things is for Christ to open our minds. And today, that is by the Spirit of God. So, if we understand this then we are going to see tremendous things that are out of the law. Remember, as we started out, 'Oh Lord, open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of your Law.' Of course, now we have the prophets. Are there not wondrous things in those, too?

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This came about because of doing the work on the Old Testament project. In doing so, I began to understand Isaiah even more. I realize that we've gone through some of these things rather rapidly—however since we're just concentrating on one book and we're not turning from book to book or different pages through the Bible, I hope that you're able to keep up with it.

I want to do is cover certain parts of Isa. 43 because there are some very interesting things that are here, which again we see the prophecies mingled together.

- we can have the Church
- we can have Israel coming out of captivity
- we can have Israel repenting
- we can have the Church repenting
- then it comes down to the preaching of the Gospel

Isaiah 43:1: "But now, thus says the LORD Who created you, O Jacob, and He Who formed you, O Israel; 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you... [that's the message that's going to be when the Millennium begins] ...I have called *you* by your name; you *are* Mine.'" Then it talks about how He will bring them back (v 3).

Verse 4: "Since you were precious in My sight... [v 5]: Fear not; for I *am* with you. I will bring your seed from the East, and gather you from the West. I will say to the North, 'Give up'; and to the South, 'Do not keep back'; bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth" (vs 4-6).

That is something else we are going to be doing. God is going to give the instructions and we will carry them out. Think on that for a minute.

Verse 10: "'You *are* My witnesses,' says the LORD..." This is quite a verse when you understand this. This ties in with the apostles as being witnesses. And isn't that what Jesus said, 'You shall be witnesses for Me unto the ends of the earth.'? *Yes!* Are we not, when we go out and we start going to all the people who have suffered through the Tribulation—the ones who are left—and start them bringing them out of the terrible conditions they are in and start bringing the house of Israel out of the terrible conditions that they are in, will we not be witnesses for God? To say God reigns?

- we are here
- this is the Truth
- this is righteousness
- God will help you

- God will heal you
- we will likewise do so
- we have the commandment from the Lord to do it

So this verse has an awful lot in it.

“...and My servant whom I have chosen... [that's Christ; so, this verse is jam packed with a lot of things] ...that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He.... [What did Jesus say all through the book of John? 'I AM!'] ... Before Me no God was formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and besides Me there is no savior” (vs 10-11).

Then some of the rest of the chapter blends in and brings in the Jews coming out of captivity from Babylon.

- Isa. 44—return from Babylon. It can also refer to the end-times.
- Isa. 45—we have the prophecy of Cyrus and we have God declaring His greatness, Who is Creator.

Isaiah 45:17—because it has to do with the Millennium, Kingdom of God: “*But* Israel shall be saved by the LORD *with* an everlasting salvation. You shall not be ashamed nor disgraced *even* into the ages of eternity.” So, from then on there isn't going to be the way that it has been in the past.

Verse 18: “For thus says the LORD the Creator of the heavens, He Himself *is* God, Who formed the earth and made it; He has established it. He created it not in vain, *but* formed it to be inhabited. ‘I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I did not say to the seed of Jacob, “Seek me in vain.” I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right” (vs 18-19). Yes, God has made His Word known. Fantastic!

Verse 21: “Declare and bring near; yea, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this of old? *Who* has told it from ancient times? Have not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me; a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I *am* God, and *there is* none else” (vs 21-22).

So then, here's salvation all during the Millennium to all the people of the world. You can read the rest of it.

Well, I hope in going through this it is going to inspire you to really read and study through the book of Isaiah.

- Isa. 46—it's talking about God's deliverance again of Israel.
- Isa. 47 ties in with Rev. 17 & 18, the judgment of Babylon.

Isaiah 47:7: “And you said, ‘I shall be a lady forever’; so you did not lay these *things* to your heart, nor did you remember the latter end of it. Now then, hear this, O lover of pleasures, who sits securely; who says in her heart, ‘I *am*, and none else beside me; I shall not sit *as* a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children.’ But these two *things* shall come to you in a moment in one day...” (vs 7-9).

Then He mocks them with their astrologers and soothsayers and all that they have used down through history.

- Isa. 48—again things that have to do with the Jews and being brought back.

There are many other things that you can bring out here, but God is going to destroy the wicked and He says so—and we have that in Revelation 16 & 19, too.

Isaiah 48:22: “‘*There is* no peace,’ says the LORD, ‘for the wicked.’” ***Man will never, never, never, never—I can't put never enough times—solve his problems apart from God!*** Any temporary solutions that they may have, aside from repentance, will only be because they follow principles that are in the Bible. But man will never solve his problems. He will never have peace. That's why when they say, ‘Peace, peace, there is no peace.’ It's impossible! I'll say it again: For men to have peace, when they reject Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, it won't happen!

- Isa. 49 talks about the ministry of Christ and His name.

Isaiah 49:1: “‘Listen, O isles, to Me; and hearken, you people from afar; the LORD has called Me from the womb; He has made mention of My name from My mother's belly.’ [What was it told? *Yes, you shall call His name, Jesus!*] ... And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft. He has hidden Me in His quiver, and said to Me, ‘You *are* My servant, O Israel... [Now this is Christ personified as Israel] ...in whom I will be glorified’” (vs 1-3).

Verse 22—here we have the beginning of the Millennium; it shows here how God is going to deal with the Gentiles: “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I will lift up My hand to the Gentiles, and have set up My banner to the people; and they shall

bring your sons in *their* bosom, and your daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.” This is the exodus of the Gentiles bringing back the children of Israel to their own land.

Isaiah 51:1—this verse can apply in many different instances: “Hearken to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the LORD...” This has to be anyone during the time up to Christ who would be seeking God. This has to do with those who are in the Church of God all down through history.

“...Look to the Rock... [Christ is the Rock] ...*from which* you were cut, and to the hole of the pit *from which* you were dug. Look to Abraham your father...” (vs 1-2). That applies to the Church. We are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

“...and to Sarah *who* bore you...” (v 2). This also refers to Israel, and any time God dealt with them. This also refers to Israel and their conversion during the Millennium. So, these verses have multiple applications.

“...for I called him alone, and blessed him, and made him many.’ For the LORD shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody” (vs 2-3).

Now here's another one that has to do with the people of God today. It also can be applied to the Millennium, but let's apply this to the Church:

Verse 4: “Hearken to Me, My people; and give ear to Me, O My nation...” So, it is dual: to the Church, to Israel; but also we are called what? ‘*A royal priesthood, a Holy nation*’!

“...for instruction shall proceed from Me, and I will make My justice as a light to the people.... [Who is that light? *Christ*! Now here we have the beginning of the Millennium]: ...My righteousness *is* near; My salvation has gone out, and My arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon Me, and on My arm they shall trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall become old like a garment...” (vs 4-6). Tie in Heb. 1; Rev. 20 & 21—the present earth is going to pass away—a new heaven and a new earth}

So we can, in understanding the book of Revelation, know that and we can apply that to these verses. But if it was back in the time of Isaiah you

wouldn't know what on earth is going to happen. How is that going to be?

“...and its inhabitants shall die in the same way.... [second death] ...But My salvation shall be forever, and **My righteousness shall not be abolished**” (v 6).

So, every good Protestant who believes that the Law has been done away ought to read that, because all the commandments of God are righteousness. He says, ‘My righteousness shall not be abolished.’ Now think on this, all of those of you who think the laws and commandments of God have been done away, think on this for a minute: Do you think that God is evil? *Oh, no, of course not!*

The commandments and laws of God come from Him and He is always law abiding. And He is called “Lawgiver.” Do you think for one minute that because you want follow your licentious, stupid, insane grace and say that the laws and commandments of God have been done away, that He's going to conveniently do it for you when He says, “**...My righteousness shall not be abolished!**” Why don't you go up and show this to your Sunday-keeping preacher when he says it's been abolished. Let's see what he says. You will know he's a false preacher, without a doubt.

Notice what He says to us, 7: “Hearken to me...” Now, ‘hearken’ is a good word. You could say *listen*. But today *listen* doesn't have the same impact as *hearken*, because you can be doing things and listen to music in the background. You can be doing other things and listen and watching television at that same time. ‘Hearken’ is better because it means *to hear and act upon it*. That's why ‘hearken’ is better, and that's the way we left it in the Old Testament here.

“...you who know righteousness... [Who are the ones who know righteousness?]: ...**the people in whose heart is My Law...**” (v 7). Far from abolishing it, what does it do? *It writes it in your heart and in your mind and in your inward part!*

“...do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their revelings” (v 7). So, you can say this is for the Church down through time. Don't worry about martyrdom.

Verse 8: “For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but **My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation from generation to generation.**”

All down through time. Then you take ‘from generation to generation’ and you apply that to the second resurrection. You can say that this is all

inclusive to all people that they're all going to have an opportunity for salvation.

Verse 9 is a resurrection: "Awake! Awake! Put on strength, O arm of the LORD. Awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Was it not You *who* cut Rahab into pieces, piercing the serpent?" Overcoming Satan.

Verse 11: "Therefore, the redeemed of the LORD shall return and come with singing into Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head...." We're talking about two things:

1. resurrection
2. return of Israel

Isaiah 52:1: "Awake! Awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful robes, O Jerusalem, the Holy City..." That's Jerusalem during the Millennium. Could be projected forward to the New Jerusalem (Rev. 20; 21). *Tremendous!*

"...For never again shall come to you the uncircumcised and the unclean ones" (v 1). That has got to be Jerusalem during the Millennium. Isa. 52 has an awful lot,

Verse 6: "Therefore My people shall know My name...." That's us!

Verse 8: "...when the LORD returns again to Zion."

- Verses 9-12—we have the Millennium

Verse 13 has to do with Christ: "Behold, My Servant shall rule well... [that's when Christ is King over all the earth] ...He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.... [now notice: switch, change!] ...Many were astonished at Him—for *His body was* so disfigured—even His form beyond that of the sons of men" (vs 13-14).

How could He be exalted, extolled and rule well? You see, you can't understand that until after the fact of the crucifixion.

Verse 15 says what He's going to do: "So shall He sprinkle many nations... [that is with the blood of sacrifices] ...the kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for they will see *that* which *was* not told to them; yea, what they had not heard, shall they consider."

- Isa. 53—Christ and His life all the way down through His crucifixion, so we have the Passover, don't we? We actually have the whole chapter in our Passover ceremony.

Isaiah 54:1—here we have the Church and the marriage of the Lamb: "Sing, O barren, you *that*

never bore... [that's before the Church even existed] ...break out into singing and shout, *you* who never travailed, for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman," says the LORD." Paul quotes that in Gal. 4, referring to the Church.

Verse 5—marriage of the Lamb: "For your Maker *is* your husband... [that applies to Israel of old, but then the marriage of the Lamb in the future] ...the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called." Then it talks about God blessing them and so forth.

- Isa. 55—this is going to be part of the Gospel that we are going to be preaching. This is part of the Gospel that is preached today. But also goes on into the Millennium as we begin teaching the people.

Isaiah 55:1: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters..." What is the water?

- the Spirit of God
- the Word of God
- the Truth of God

"...and he who *has* no money, come, buy and eat..." (v 1). *Oh taste and see that the Lord is good!* That ties in with the Passover: *you have to eat His flesh and drink His blood, or you have no life in you!*

See how all of these Scriptures come together and impact one upon another. When you go back and you read Isa. 28 again, about 'line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little' it just compounds and magnifies itself.

What we really see that is so fantastic; is that the fulfillment of the prophecies that we have in the Bible and of the Word of God are going to be fulfilled to their nth degree and to the overflowing—not just some little thing done over here in a corner.

"...Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread? And your labor for *what* never satisfies? Harken diligently to Me, and eat *what is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Bow down your ear, and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David" (vs 1-3).

What is the Church called in Acts 15? Note sermon: *The Tabernacle of David*. And the sure mercies of David are *forgiveness and eternal life*.

Verse 4: "Behold, I have given Him *for* a witness to the people, a Prince and Commander of people."

David is a type of Christ. Then it talks about the Gentiles coming and so forth. Isa. 55 is really a tremendous one and it has to do. We understand what it is:

Verse 6: "Seek the LORD while He may be found... [we all need to do that. Today's the day he may be found] ...call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (vs 6-7).

Here's something always to remember—*never forget it*, which is this: ***There are some things of God that we don't know!*** What we know is really kind of like just a little mist compared to the knowledge and power of God and what He's going to do in His plan.

Verse 8: "'For **My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways,**' says the LORD. 'For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts'" (vs 8-9).

Now we need to understand that every time we study the Bible. So the great blessing of learning, of knowing, of understanding it—***it all comes from God!*** How could we possibly know this unless it came from God. There's no way. Because Isa. 29 says, "It's written a book, but you give it to the wise man, he says, 'I don't know, can't understand it.' You give it to the unlearned, he says, 'Hey, I can't read.' Yet, we can understand it. We can go through the whole book of Isaiah and see all of these things, all stacked together and all magnified, bringing out the way of God.

- Isa. 56 has to do with the Sabbath; the blessings of keeping the Sabbath
- Isa. 57—the first couple of verses are very good. When we get old and feeble and weak and gray-headed and our memory starts disappearing and our vision of our eyes becomes cloudy and our teeth disappear and we have false china-clippers put in instead or we have to wear glasses, and we walk slowly or we walk with rust in our bones, so to speak, because we're wearing out.

Remember that Psalms 71 that says when you're old and gray-headed ***God will not forsake you.*** And we're all going to come to the time when we're looking down the road and there's a gravestone at the end of the road with our name on it. This is to ensure that we die in the faith.

Isaiah 57:1: "The righteous perish, and no

one lays *it* to heart... [we have this in every funeral ceremony that we give] ...and merciful men *are* taken away; none considering that the righteous are taken away from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds... [this case the grave] ...each one who walked in his uprightness" (vs 1-2). Then God starts to indict against all the vanity of the idols and evil men.

Verse 14—here's repentance, also resurrection: "And He shall say, 'Cast up! Cast up! Prepare the way! Take the stumbling block out of the way of My people.' For thus says the high and lofty One Who inhabits eternity; Whose name is Holy; 'I dwell in the high and Holy place, even with the one who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones'" (vs 14-15). That is an oblique reference to the resurrection.

Isaiah 58:1: "'Cry aloud, do not spare, lift up your voice like a ram's horn..." A ram's horn is very irritating. Have you ever heard a shofar blown, and if that's blown a long time, it gets very irritating. Well, some people are very irritated when you cry aloud and spare not.

"...and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (v 1).

Then we can come down here and it talks about the Kingdom of God (v 12). Then the Sabbath, which then also has to do with the Millennium (v 13).

- Isa. 59 is the world today and how evil and wretched that it is, and how terrible that it is.
- Isa. 60 has to do with the first and second coming of Christ.

Isaiah 60:1: "Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you... [you can apply that in many different cases] ...for behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness *the* people; but the LORD shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising" (vs 1-3).

Then it talks about all the things concerning the Kingdom of God.

Verse 11 is talking about Israel and so forth, and also New Jerusalem and the things that will be taking place, not only New Jerusalem (Rev. 20 & 21), but New Jerusalem as it's going to be re-built when Christ returns.

Verse 11: "Therefore, your gates will always be open; they will not be shut day nor night, that men may bring unto you the wealth of the Gentiles,

and their kings in procession.”

Remember what it says there in Zech. 14, that if they don't come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles at Jerusalem—and obviously there has to be representatives from every nation—and when they come they will come in procession to represent their nation as they're keeping the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 12: “For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you will perish. Yes, *those* nations will be completely wasted. That's what's going to happen unless they do.

Here's what's going to happen. All the greatness and goodness and things of this world and production of the nations is going to flow and benefit the children of God who are the spirit sons and daughters of God who rule and reign with Him. It's not going to be done for nothing. Here's what's going to happen.

Verse 16: “You will also suck the milk of nations, and suck the breast of kings; and you shall know that I the LORD *am* your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.”

Here's what's going to be during the Millennium. Now, let's look at this spiritually speaking. Not just during the Millennium alone, but the greatness and the might and the power of God and the spiritual things that we are going to be living in.

Verse 17: “For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver; and for wood I will bring bronze, and for stones, iron. I will also make your overseers to be peace, and your rulers to be righteousness.” *That's us!*

- Do you want to get rid of crime? *The Kingdom of God has got to bring that!*
- Do you want to have righteous rulers? *Those who are in the first resurrection will be righteous rulers!*

Verse 18: “Violence will no more be heard in your land, *neither* wasting nor ruin within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day... (vs 18-19).

So now we blend into *New Jerusalem, fulfillment of the Last Great Day and beyond*. See how all of these things are jam-packed into the book of Isaiah?

“...nor the brightness of the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you for an everlasting light, and your God your glory. Your sun

will no more go down, nor your moon withdraw; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended” (vs 19-20). *Amazing!*

Isaiah 61:1—first and second coming of Christ: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the LORD has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to preach the acceptable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn...” (vs 1-2).

Jesus read this when He started His ministry in Galilee in the synagogue in Nazareth on the day of Pentecost; and He read this to substantiate His ministry. What do we have? *First coming of Christ, second coming of Christ!* Then we have the Millennial places. Then we have building the waste places.

Verse 6, this will be the Church: “But you shall be called the priests of the LORD... [Rev. 20] ...it will be said of you, ‘The ministers of our God’; you will eat the riches of the Gentiles, and you will boast in their glory.... [tremendous thing] ...For your shame *you will have* double; instead of dishonor they will rejoice in their portion; therefore, in their own land they will possess double; everlasting joy will be theirs. ‘For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them” (vs 6-8).

Then the Gentiles will know and be converted and so forth. This is all a part of the Church and its teaching. This is part of our teaching to Israel and the rest of the world. Amazing how much is in here.

Now you notice how we shifted from the first part of Isaiah, where it was a lot of warnings and a lot of condemnation and a call to repentance. Now we're shifting more in to what it is for the Millennium and the Kingdom of God on earth.

Isaiah 62:1—you can apply this to the Church and the Millennium: “For Zion's sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest... [beginning of the Millennium] ...until its righteousness goes out as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch... [all through the Millennium] ...And the Gentiles will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a new name...” (vs 1-2).

Rev. 2 & 3, we're given a new name. So you see again, as we go through this: the unity of the Scriptures in proclaiming the Truth of God.

Verse 3: "You also will be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You will no more be called Forsaken..." (vs 3-4). You're married; then it goes right on down into other things concerning the Millennium.

- Isa. 63—*God's vengeance and judgment*—the beginning part of it—*on Edom*. Verse 7 has to do with the preaching of the Gospel and has to do with our teaching people during the Millennium.

I know we've gone through this rather rapidly, but nevertheless, this really gives us:

- a good foundation for understanding the book of Isaiah in relationship to the rest of the Bible
- a good foundation for understanding about the Millennium and the Holy Days
- a good foundation to understand that what God has given us today is really fantastic

That's why we should never, *never, never* rest back on our laurels. That's why we need to be zealous. We need to be diligent. We need to be doing God's way all the time in our lives, and collectively together. Don't let the arguments and persuasion of men take you from the truth of God at any time.

Isaiah 63:7: "I will mention the loving kindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great good to the house of Israel..."

- physical Israel during the Millennium
- spiritual Israel is the Church today
- our reward in the Kingdom of God

"...by which He bestowed on them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving kindnesses, for He said, 'Surely they *are* My people, children that will not lie'" (vs 7-8). So, we have all of this all together.

Notice how fluid that it is in the book of Isaiah, going from one thing to another, but if we know the Holy Days we can piece it together the way it has to do.

Isaiah 64:1—the beginning part of it here is the second coming of Christ or the Feast of Trumpets, where Isaiah said: "Oh that You would rend the heavens *and* come down, *that* mountains might quake at Your presence, as when the melting

fire burns, the fire causes water to boil, to make Your name known to Your adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things *which* we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence!" (vs 1-2). Quite a thing! Read all about it. And the rest of it there has to do with repentance.

Isaiah 65:1 is a prophecy of the Gentiles responding to the preaching of the Gospel: "I revealed Myself to those who asked not for Me; I am found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Behold Me, behold Me,' to a nation not called by My name.... [that's the Gentiles, but to Israel]: ...I have spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people who walk in the way that is not good, *even* after their own thoughts" (vs 1-2). You can read all the rest of it, the things covering the Millennium and the 100-year period we'll cover tomorrow.

- Isa. 66—we find that it has to do with the one that God looks to 'has a contrite spirit and a broken heart.' It comes down and blends into the return of Christ. It blends into the new heavens and new earth, which is what He's going to do when He returns. And then that can blend into the new heavens and new earth (Rev. 20 & 21).

Then it closes out by Isaiah 66:23: "And it shall come to pass... [this is all during the Millennium] ...that from one month to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me," says the LORD." That pretty well finishes the book of Isaiah.

I know it was fast and quick. But I hope that you got a lot out of it seeing how the structure of Isaiah then is understood when we take it and we take part of it that applies to the Passover and apply it to Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. The structure of the Holy Days gives us the meaning and the understanding of the book of Isaiah. I just encourage you to continue studying it and do some more outlining beyond what I have done here and see how exciting and tremendous this is that you can understand that much more in the book of Isaiah.

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