

"Isaiah Bible Study, Lesson 2, Isaiah 2-6"

- ☞ Isaiah 2:1-2, already, Isaiah zooms ahead of our day to the time of the end. This hasn't happened yet; it is partly fulfilled today in a small way with those who visit Israel, but this is speaking of entire nations going to there. Why will this happen? Jesus will be king of the world and rule it from Jerusalem; sitting on the throne of David (Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:32). Isaiah will have a lot to say about this: there is more in Isaiah about the earthly reign of Christ than we find in the entire New Testament. God is nowhere close to being through with Israel, they factor in heavily in times to come.
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1. Isaiah 2:3-5 will be the future government of the world. What a dream! These words are emblazoned on the front of the UN.! Isaiah 2:6-9, we are not excluded from this; we worship the works of our hands, science, medicine, space program, weapons of war, what do we trust in? Isaiah 2:10-17, notice that the root of all sin is pride. Isaiah 2:18-19, Revelation 6:16; Isaiah and the book of Revelation are so intertwined, Revelation requires a command of the Old Testament in general and books like Isaiah and Daniel specifically. Isaiah 2:20-21 contains even more end times stuff.
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2. Isaiah 3:1-4 is an idiom of the disintegration of a society is that the children are running things. In Isaiah 3:5 the rebellion and dominance of children and youth in a culture is always a yard stick of how bad things have gotten as is homosexuality, both are a means of measure of how far off we have gotten, both are a consequence of turning our backs on God as a culture. Isaiah 3:6-12 isn't a slam on children or women but on men who will not lead and take responsibility. As the men goes, so goes the society, see Isaiah 3:13-26. The word cosmetics comes from the Greek word "cosmos" it means to bring order out of chaos.
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3. Isaiah 4:1, goes with the previous chapter, desperate days. In Isaiah 4:2 the word for branch is the Hebrew word "Netzer" used uniquely to refer to the Messiah "the branch of David". Netzer is also the word that Nazareth comes from. Jesus is called the "Nazarene" which directly relates to this word in Isaiah. Isaiah 4:3-6 is a similar thing that God did for Israel in the wilderness.
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4. Isaiah 5:1-7, God is our protector and the only thing that keeps from being destroyed by the Destroyer. God has removed his protection from Israel for 2,000 years now. Matthew 21:33 is a parable which is in three of the four gospels. It is a picture of how God is related to Israel and how He has dealt with them and how they have failed to respect Him. We are getting the divine viewpoint, which is the goal of the entire Bible! Psalm 80 is consistent with the imagery in the Bible of Israel. Isaiah 5:8-16 contains a consistent theme: the pride of the wicked will bring them down and God will be exalted. Isaiah 5:17-20 shows how the value relativism, we no longer call it good and evil, we call it values, "they have their values, and we have ours." Pursuit of tolerance is paramount, not right and wrong. Isaiah 5:21 connects to 1st Corinthians 1:18 which leads to Isaiah 5:22-30.
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5. Isaiah 6 is not necessarily in chronological order, but Isaiah takes this opportunity to explain how he came into role of prophet and writer of this book. King Uzziah got full of himself and went into the temple, where only the priests were allowed and was stricken with leprosy because of his haughtiness. Isaiah 6:1 the throne of God, interesting that the One who created it all can only be seen by those who He allows. Isaiah has moved into another dimension where God can be seen. Isaiah 6:2-3 is the only place the word seraphim appears in the Bible. Most feel that the seraphim and cherubim are two words for the same creatures. Isaiah 6:4-5 every time someone in the Bible is confronted with the reality of God what is the result: excitement? Elation? Joy? No! Every time it results in being crushed with the reality of the righteousness of God and their own sinfulness, never a fun experience! Isaiah 6:6-7 so fire can do that? Fire sanitizes, the fires of God's judgment will sanitize the earth someday. These coals are coals that had consumed God's sacrifice that had taken away the penalty of sin, so the picture is always that your sins can be paid for by you or by an innocent substitute. Isaiah 6:8 "Us"? the Trinity is always in view.
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6. Between Ezekiel 1:5-10, Ezekiel 10:; and Revelation 4:1-8 there is a difference in these throne room scenes what is it? The 24 elders of Revelation 4! Things have changed in Heaven from Old to New Testament, humans are depicted as living there this equals the Old and New Testament saints. Also interesting is the fact that as Israel was instructed to camp in the book of Numbers around the tabernacle, they camped around the leadership of four tribes: Judah whose sign was a lion Numbers 2:9, Ephraim whose sign was an ox Numbers 2:24, Dan whose sign was an eagle Numbers 2:31, Reuben whose sign was a man Numbers 2:16. Everywhere they camped they were a model of the throne room of God with the tabernacle in the middle.

This illustrates how far the Holy Spirit has gone to engineer every detail of this book. Everything in the Scripture is there by design, even the seeming inconsistencies! Even the things that seem to contradict!
