Isaiah 26-27 Notes
Precept study on Isaiah Part 1, Lesson 10

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1 Review

• Isaiah 1-5: God judges His people. Call to repentence. Promise of future restoration.
• Isaiah 6: Isaiah before God’s throne
• Isaiah 7-9: Fear God, not man.
• Isaiah 9-10: Judgement on Israel and Assyria. Promise of restoration.
• Isaiah 11-12: The Branch, His anger turns away.
• Isaiah 24: the destruction of the whole earth
  – Isaiah 24:1-6: The everlasting covenant broken
  – Isaiah 24:7-13: Joy turns to gloom
  – Isaiah 24:14-16a: the people glorify the LORD
  – Isaiah 24:17-23: punishment of kings on earth and host of heaven
• Isaiah 25: Praise to the LORD; He swallows up death for all time!
  – Isaiah 25:1-5: Isaiah’s praise, for God’s plan
  – Isaiah 25:6-9: Wipe away all tears; destroy death
2 Isaiah 26: The righteous contrasted with the wicked

2.1 What does the LORD do in Isaiah 26?
- sets up walls (v1)
- keeps us in peace (v3)
- brought low the high (v5)
- judges (v9)
- lifts His hands (v11), zeal (v11)
- establishes peace (v12)
- You have also performed all our works (v12)
- rules (v13)
- punishes and destroys the wicked (v14), and the nation (v15)
- chastens the righteous (v16)
- brings life (v19)
- comes! (v21)

2.2 Contrast the righteous and the wicked

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<td>doesn’t learn righteousness (v10), even when shown favor or punished</td>
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<td>way is smooth (v7)</td>
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<td>trusts Him (v4)</td>
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2.3 Compare with Daniel and Revelation

- Those who sleep in the dust will awake, some to eternal life, others to disgrace.

2.4 Common themes in Isaiah 26 and prior parts of Isaiah

(Isaiah 26 in bold).

- 24:10 city desolate; and 26:2: city strong
- 25:12 Moab brought low; and 26:5
- 8:16, 25:9 we wait for Him; and 26:8
- 13:8 writhing like woman in labor; and 26:18
- 25:8 swallows up death; and 26:19 Your dead shall live

3 Isaiah 27: Let him make peace with Me

3.1 What does the LORD do in Isaiah 27?

- 27:1: punishes the serpent
- 27:2-6: waters/guards His vine, no wrath against it. destroys enemies or makes peace with them.
- 27:7-11: strikes Jacob, so that they destroy their own idols; heals them. no compassion on those without discernment
- 27:12-13: gathers the exiles and brings them to Jerusalem
3.2 Common themes in Isaiah 27 and prior parts of Isaiah
(Isaiah 27 in bold).

- Striking and healing: for the righteous
  - 1:15: LORD hides His eyes, does not listen; “come now, let us reason together”
  - 1:25-26: LORD turns His hand against Israel; removes alloy; then restored as at first
  - 4:4: LORD washes away the filth, by judgement and burning; all who remain called holy
  - 5:13: My people go into exile for lack of knowledge; 27:12-13: the LORD gathers the exiles
  - 6: How long O LORD? Until cities devastated; yet a tenth remains
  - 12: Your anger is turned away; He has become my salvation
  - 19:22-25 Egypt, the LORD striking but healing. Blessed is Egypt My people, Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.
  - 24: earth laid waste; therefore glorify the LORD
  - 25: city made into a heap; therefore ruthless nations revere You.
  - 27:9: when the earth experiences judgment, inhabitants learn righteousness

- Striking and but no healing: for the wicked
  - What happens when the wicked are struck? Are they healed?
  - See Isaiah 9-10: His anger does not turn away.
  - See 9:13: “Yet the people do not turn back to Him who struck them”
  - 27:10-11: though the wicked shown favor, or punished, they do not see it. The dead do not live.

- The vineyard:
  - 5: song of the vineyard, produced worthless grapes, bad fruit
  - 24:7,9: no joy in the wine
  - 10:17: briars and thorns of Israel burned
  - contrast with 27:2-26: the LORD restores His vineyard
  - 27:4: briars and thorns burned, or at peace
  - 27:6: fill the world with fruit

- Idols destroyed:
  - 2:18,20: idols will vanish, cast away to the moles and bats
  - 17:8: no regard for their idols
  - and 27:9: idols ground to powder