

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 21

Chapters 24-27 of Isaiah: “In that Day”: The ultimate destiny of the earth and Israel

Next, we will tackle **chapters 24-27**.

Chapters 24-27 deal with the **end times**: the **Tribulation** period, the **(Second) Coming** of the Lord, and the Messianic **Kingdom**.

While chapters 13-23 dealt with specific individual nations, chapters 24-27 deal with **all the peoples of the earth**.

While chapters 13-23 dealt with historical events, chapters 24-27 deal with **future events**.

There are two classes of mankind in view in chapters 24-27: **the enemies of the Lord**, and **the faithful remnant of Israel**.

This section hinges on the phrase “in that day”.

That day refers to the Day of the Lord – in particular, the Second Coming of the Lord.

The Day of the Lord is a time of judgment for the Lord's enemies, and redemption for the Lord's people.

Let's check out the seven appearances of the phrase "in that day" in these four chapters.

Isaiah 24:21-23

Isaiah 25:9

Isaiah 26:1

Isaiah 27:1

Isaiah 27:2

Isaiah 27:12

Isaiah 27:13

What do we find in these passages? What ties them together?

There is a definite progression from chapter 24 through chapter 27.

The passage starts with the destruction of the earth and its inhabitants in the Tribulation Period (chapter 24), and moves from there to the restoration and redemption of the Lord's people in the Messianic Kingdom (chapters 25-27).

Let's **read chapter 24** now together.

Chapter 24 is graphic and disturbing. It presents the destruction of the earth and its inhabitants (verses 1-20), followed by the arrival of the Lord "in that day" (verses 21-23). On that day, He will punish His enemies and rule on Mount Zion.

Notice the number of times that the "earth" is mentioned in this chapter (at least 18).

Notice how even in this most terrible chapter we have several joyful verses when the camera switches to the remnant of the Lord's faithful people (verses 13-16a).

But then right back into the terror and complete destruction (verses 16b-20).

One key verse in chapter 24 is verse 6:

Isa 24:6

6 Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

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It's important to note that the destruction of the earth in chapter 24 is not the same as the annihilation of the earth at the end of the Millennial Reign (Revelation 21:1 and 2 Peter 3:10-13). In chapter 24, the earth is laid waste during the Tribulation period, but remains.

The material in Isaiah chapter 24 has much in common with Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation chapters 6-19.

This is not surprising since these chapters also deal with the same Tribulation Period.

Let's read –

Matthew 24:21-22, 29-40.

Revelation 6:12-17; 18:22; 19:4, 15.

BY the way, we will see that great trumpet and that sword when we get to Isaiah 27.

Notice the reference to the “**city**” in verses 10 and 12.

There are two cities in chapters 24-27. There is the city of chaos (Babylon) and the strong city (Jerusalem).