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INTRODUCTION



Almost one-quarter of the Bible is considered prophecy, the means through which God extends His love for His children by revealing His power, His plans, and His purposes toward the redemption of humanity and the restoration of a very broken world. The goal of studying prophecy is not to try to pinpoint the specific day and hour of the Lord's return or attempt to predict the future. Instead, prophecy should be received as a gift from the Creator to His created people. Biblical prophecy is evidence of the God-breathed nature of the Old and New Testaments, the Bible's cohesive teaching about the Messiah, and the assurance and hope of unimaginable things to come

The diverse schools of thought surrounding the many different ways to interpret biblical prophecy create challenges in how to explain prophetic passages within the Bible. Some theologians argue biblical prophecy should be interpreted in its natural, or literal, sense; others believe it should be interpreted symbolically, or figuratively. Readers of this study Bible will have their own differing views regarding interpretation of prophecy.

Rather than portray one particular school of thought, *The KJV Prophecy Study Bible* presents differing interpretive views while highlighting the historical, messianic, and eschatological prophecies found throughout God's Word. Because of this approach, readers may not agree with every interpretation or explanation. The editors have identified the verses that a majority of theologians concur are prophetic in nature.

Enjoy studying the mysteries of Christ through the lens of prophecy in *The KJV Prophecy Study Bible*. Don't be disheartened if at first the study of prophecy seems like an unattainable puzzle. Prophecy is meant to comfort and bring hope, and to spur the child of God toward holiness. With careful study and the Holy Spirit's leading, the pieces of the puzzle will begin to fit together.

Features of *The KJV Prophecy Study Bible*:

- *Highlighted passages* – accentuate every prophecy in the Bible
- *More than 70 articles* – explain prophetic passages, from end-times prophecy to historical and messianic prophecy
- *200 study notes* – provide modern-day readers with a better understanding of what the original audience heard

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- *100 Spotlight devotional readings* – point readers toward the majesty of God and the hope found in Jesus Christ
- *Time lines* – show prophets, prophecies, and their fulfillments in historical context
- *Topical cross-references* – assist readers in quickly finding what the Bible has to say on a particular prophetic subject
- *Maps* – identify cities and nations that are the objects of specific prophecies
- *Prophecy glossary*

TO THE MOST HIGH AND MIGHTY PRINCE

JAMES

BY THE GRACE OF GOD

KING OF GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND IRELAND, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, &C.

*The Translators of the Bible wish Grace, Mercy, and Peace through JESUS CHRIST
our Lord*

Great and manifold were the blessings, most dread Sovereign, which Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, bestowed upon us the people of England, when first he sent Your Majesty's Royal Person to rule and reign over us. For whereas it was the expectation of many, who wished not well unto our Sion, that upon the setting of that bright Occidental Star, Queen Elizabeth of most happy memory, some thick and palpable clouds of darkness would so have overshadowed this Land, that men should have been in doubt which way they were to walk; and that it should hardly be known, who was to direct the unsettled State; the appearance of Your Majesty, as of the Sun in his strength, instantly dispelled those supposed and surmised mists, and gave unto all that were well affected exceeding cause of comfort; especially when we beheld the Government established in Your Highness, and Your hopeful Seed, by an undoubted Title, and this also accompanied with peace and tranquillity at home and abroad.

But among all our joys, there was no one that more filled our hearts than the blessed continuance of the preaching of God's sacred Word among us; which is that inestimable treasure, which excelleth all the riches of the earth; because the fruit thereof extendeth itself, not only to the time spent in this transitory world, but directeth and disposeth men unto that eternal happiness which is above in heaven.

Then not to suffer this to fall to the ground, but rather to take it up, and to continue it in that state, wherein the famous Predecessor of Your Highness did leave it: nay, to go forward with the confidence and resolution of a Man in maintaining the truth of Christ, and propagating it far and near, is that which hath so bound and firmly knit the hearts of all Your Majesty's loyal and religious people unto You, that Your very name is precious among them: their eye doth behold You with comfort, and they bless You in their hearts, as that sanctified Person, who, under God, is the immediate Author of their true happiness. And this their contentment doth not diminish or decay, but every day increaseth and taketh strength,

when they observe, that the zeal of Your Majesty toward the house of God doth not slack or go backward, but is more and more kindled, manifesting itself abroad in the farthest parts of Christendom, by writing in defence of the Truth, (which hath given such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed,) and every day at home, by religious and learned discourse, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the Word preached, by cherishing the Teachers thereof, by caring for the Church, as a most tender and loving nursing Father.

There are infinite arguments of this right Christian and religious affection in Your Majesty; but none is more forcible to declare it to others than the vehement and perpetuated desire of accomplishing and publishing of this work, which now with all humility we present unto Your Majesty. For when Your Highness has once out of deep judgment apprehended how convenient it was, that out of the Original Sacred Tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own, and other foreign Languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact Translation of the holy Scriptures into the English Tongue; Your Majesty did never desist to urge and to excite those to whom it was commended, that the work might be hastened, and that the business might be expedited in so decent a manner, as a matter of such importance might justly require.

And now at last, by the mercy of God, and the continuance of our labours, it being brought unto such a conclusion, as that we have great hopes that the Church of England shall reap good fruit thereby; we hold it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not only as to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal Mover and Author of the work: humbly craving of Your most Sacred Majesty, that since things of this quality have ever been subject to the censures of illmeaning and discontented persons, it may receive approbation and patronage from so learned and judicious a Prince as Your Highness is, whose allowance and acceptance of our labours shall more honour and encourage us than all the calumniations and hard interpretations of other men shall dismay us. So that if, on the one side, we shall be traduced by Popish Persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor instruments to make God's holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness; or if, on the other side, we shall be maligned by selfconceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their anvil; we may rest secure, supported within by the truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; and sustained without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty's grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavors against bitter censures and uncharitable imputations.

The Lord of heaven and earth bless Your Majesty with many and happy days, that, as his heavenly hand hath enriched Your Highness with many singular and extraordinary graces, so You may be the wonder of the world in this latter age for happiness and true felicity, to the honour of that great GOD, and the good of his Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.



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THE
OLD TESTAMENT

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED



GENESIS



INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS ■ The first eleven chapters of Genesis trace events such as creation, the fall, the flood, and the establishing of the nations. The accounts of four great people complete the book in chapters 12–50: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Genesis comes from the Greek word *geneseos*, meaning “origin, source, generation, or beginning.”

AUTHOR ■ Although Genesis does not directly name its author, Jesus and the writers of scripture clearly believed that Moses was the author of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible, often referred to in the New Testament as “the law”; see Mark 10:3–5; Luke 24:44).

OCCASION ■ Genesis spans more time than any other book in the Bible. In fact, it covers more years than all of the remaining sixty-five books of the Bible put together (approximately 2,400 years). The total duration is from the time of creation to the time when the Israelites arrive in Egypt and grow into a nation (about 1800 BC). The date of Genesis is sometime after the Exodus, during the fifteenth century BC.

THE ORIGINAL CREATION

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree

yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind,

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<p>1:26 <i>Heb. 2:5-9</i></p>

and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it* was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and



Last Things First: Eschatology in the Book of Genesis

In the beginning God . . . Genesis 1:1

The very name *Genesis* means “origins” or “beginnings.” How then can there be eschatology, or “end times” theology, in Genesis?

Beginnings show direction. They indicate purpose, vision, and an end point. The book of Genesis is no different. The very words that introduce the Bible, “In the beginning God,” beg the question: What happens next?

What happens next is the man created by God chooses himself over his Creator. Man sins. This posture toward God is the overriding theme of Genesis. Opting for self-determination and self-rule, humans will inevitably choose evil (Gen. 6:5). This truth runs all the way through Genesis, all the way to the final story, in which Joseph’s brothers choose evil over good (Gen. 50:20). But the story also reveals that God sovereignly works in all things to accomplish good (Rom. 8:28). It points to something bigger and grander. It is a foreshadowing of what God will do over all time. It is a picture of redemption. The book of Genesis encourages the reader to anticipate to the end, when God will work all things out for good.

When studied together, Genesis and Revelation interpret each other. They reveal the overall direction God is moving. God’s plan of redemption is advancing toward the original purpose of creation: for His people to live in intimate companionship with Him. Early in Genesis, God pronounced how He would restore the fellowship broken with Adam’s sin (Gen. 3:15). God promised He would defeat the enemy.

Twelve chapters into Genesis, God made specific promises to Abraham and his descendants. These promises are connected to what Adam and Eve experienced in paradise before the fall. The covenant themes of fruitfulness, blessing, and land are all related to God’s original creation (Gen. 1:28; 12:1–7; 15; 17). God promised these same blessings to the spiritual children of Abraham (Rom. 4; Gal. 3).

Everything we lost because of Adam’s sin will be restored through the seed of Abraham. The promise of future restoration is the bridge of hope that takes us beyond the curse described at the beginning of Genesis. Genesis looks forward to the future restoration of creation, when righteousness will once again dwell. “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Pet. 3:13).

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15

over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have*

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1:28
Heb. 2:5-9

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Matt. 11:28-30

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Rev. 22:2

given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

THE SABBATH REST OF GOD

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**THE HABITATION
OF UNFALLEN MAN**

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;

12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.



Spotlight: Creator

Genesis 1:1–31

God said, “Let us make man in our image.” This is the Bible’s first mention of the Trinity. If we start reading the story from the beginning, this is the first we hear about Jesus. It is not until the New Testament that the details of the Trinity are revealed.

Yet God knew, from the moment of creation, and spoke through Moses, that there is indeed a Trinity, and that humankind would be modeled after the Trinity, that we would be trichotomous: body, spirit, and soul.

As we seek God and the transformation that comes from a relationship with Jesus, we would do well to remember these three elements of our being. If we work at the growth of one element while ignoring another, our growth will be slowed.

God made us body, spirit, and soul for a reason. We are made in the image of the Trinity so that we can reflect God to a lost world. But in order to do so, we must surrender all three parts of ourselves to Jesus and allow Him to transform us entirely.

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

THE CREATION OF WOMAN

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and

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2:17 <i>Rom. 5:12</i>
3:6 <i>Rom. 5:12, 14-19; 1 Cor. 15:45</i>

they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

THE TEMPTATION OF EVE

3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

❁ **Tree of Life – 2:9** ❁

The tree of life is first mentioned in the book of Genesis, in the Garden of Eden with the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9). Some commentators regard the tree as mythical. Others suggest the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil are the same tree. Some consider the two trees as literal trees that stood in a literal garden, and many consider the tree as a parable: a complex literal truth expressed through story. "Tree of life" appears in Proverbs (3:18; 11:30; 13:12; 15:4) as a symbol for wisdom and as a metaphor for a source of spiritual renewal. The tree of life, then, seems to be synonymous with eternal life.

Judaism links the Torah to the tree of life (Prov. 3:13–18) where wisdom is personified as a "tree of life" (Rev. 22:2, 14). Both Judaism and early Christianity believed the tree in the garden granted eternal life. Additionally, Revelation 22:1–3 pictures water, a river, and the tree of life in the new heaven and new earth.

When all these things are considered, the tree of life seems to refer to a source of eternal life. If it is indeed the Torah, God's instruction, then it likely refers to Jesus Christ.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

**PROPHECY
FULFILLMENTS**

3:15a

Heb. 9:16

3:15b

Gal. 3:16

3:15c

John 12:31;

Rom. 16:20;

Heb. 2:14-15;

1 John 3:8;

Rev. 20:1-3, 10

3:17-19

Rom. 5:12,

14-19;

1 Cor. 15:45

3:22, 24

Rev. 22:2

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.



The Adamic Covenant – 3:7–24



The Adamic Covenant is one of eight covenants in the Bible and is found in Genesis 3:16–19. After Adam sinned, God pronounced a series of curses:

- Painful childbirth
- Marital discord
- Cursed land
- Introduction of barbs and thistles
- Difficult life
- Inescapable death for anything living
- Separation from God

However, these curses were followed by what some call the protevangelium (first gospel)—the good news of God's grace through the Adamic Covenant. This covenant involves judging Satan and restoring creation (Gen. 3:15). God promised that one born of a woman would be wounded while crushing Satan. The one who would "bruise thy head" refers to Jesus defeating Satan through His death and resurrection. Galatians 4:4–5 says, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law."

Destroying Satan, the great deceiver, was in God's plan from the beginning.

THE FIRST SONS OF ADAM AND EVE

<p>PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS</p>
<p>4:4 <i>Heb. 10:1, 4,</i> <i>11-12</i></p>

4 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

THE FIRST MURDER: HISTORY OF CAIN

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the

LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.

21 And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah.

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

5 This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

THE FAMILY OF SETH

6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred

and twelve years: and he died.

9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:

13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred

**PROPHECY
FULFILLMENTS**

5:29

*Gen. 6:8, 18-22;
7:1-3, 24;
8:1, 18*

6:3, 7, 13, 17

Gen. 7:4-24

sixty and two years: and he died.

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech.

26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

29 And he called his name Noah, saying, *This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.*

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.



Spotlight: Noah

Genesis 6:8

The world was a wicked place. Everyone on it deserved to be punished for their sins. So God flooded the planet, killing every person on it, except for Noah and his family. Noah loved and trusted God, so Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Like Noah, we are living in a wicked world. Like Noah, we may be hated and persecuted by people. But we have the promise of Christ, the promise of grace. If we keep our eyes trained on God, trained on heaven, trained on righteousness, we, too, will find grace in the eyes of the Lord. We, like Noah, will be saved from destruction.

Noah's salvation stood as a testament to all subsequent generations that salvation through grace was possible. God is faithful to protect those who love Him.

THE FLOOD

6 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

7 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS
6:18 <i>Gen. 9:9-17</i>
7:4 <i>Gen. 7:10-24</i>

that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

7:23; 8:1, 4, 16-19
1 Pet. 3:20-21

8:20-21
Heb. 10:1, 4, 11-12

8:22
2 Pet. 3:6-7;
Rev. 20:11

9:4
Heb. 9:22-26

12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

GOD'S COVENANT

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require

it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

THE SHAME OF NOAH
(1 CHRONICLES 1:5-27)

20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS
9:8-17 <i>Heb. 9:15-16;</i> <i>1 Pet. 3:20-21</i>
9:25 <i>Gen. 9:26; Josh. 9:21, 23, 27;</i> <i>1 Chron. 22:2;</i> <i>2 Chron. 2:17-18</i>
9:26a <i>Gen. 28:13;</i> <i>Luke 3:23-36</i>
9:26b <i>Gen. 9:26; Josh. 9:21, 23, 27;</i> <i>Luke 3:23-36;</i> <i>1 Chron. 22:2;</i> <i>2 Chron. 2:17-18</i>
9:27a <i>Acts 9:15, 10:34-35;</i> <i>Gal. 3:7-9</i>
9:27b <i>Gen. 9:26; Josh. 9:21, 23, 27;</i> <i>1 Chron. 22:2;</i> <i>2 Chron. 2:17-18</i>

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed *be* the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and

Canaan shall be his servant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

10 Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same *is* a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.

15 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

21 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.

22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazar-maveth, and Jerah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these *were* the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

THE CONFUSION OF TONGUES

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.



Spotlight: Humility

Genesis 11:1–9

God told Noah and his sons, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth” (Gen. 9:1). Instead of spreading out and reproducing under divine protection, Noah’s descendants clustered together and built a tower.

They wanted to be like God and to make a name for themselves. They were acting out of pride, not humility. Pride always leads to disobedience. But God’s plans would not be thwarted.

He wanted them to spread out, and so He spread them out. We may be tempted to take control, to try to be like God ourselves, but ultimately He is still in control and He will still have His way.

THE FAILURE OF MAN

11 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET



ISAIAH



INTRODUCTION TO ISAIAH ■ The book of Isaiah is a potentially intimidating challenge for novice Bible readers, but it is a rich and rewarding pursuit for those willing to delve into it. Its sixty-six chapters comprise the fifth longest book of the Bible in terms of word count. But even more daunting than its sheer length is the prophetic nature of the writing. The author writes of events that cover centuries, and it can be difficult in places to tell if he speaks of the present, the near future, or the long-range future. Yet while the prophet's narrative can be a bit confusing in places, large portions are quite clear in presenting a merciful God who does not give up on His people even though they have been repeatedly rebellious and wayward.

AUTHOR ■ The name Isaiah, meaning “Salvation of Yahweh,” is closely related to the name Joshua (“Yahweh is salvation”), which is the Old Testament equivalent of the name Jesus. However, not much is known about the prophet other than what he reveals in his book. Little more is known about his personal life. Justin Martyr recorded the tradition that Isaiah died a martyr's death at the hands of King Manasseh, sawed in two (possibly the source of the reference in Heb. 11:37).

OCCASION ■ Isaiah's purpose in writing is described during a vision in which he receives his calling from God (6:6–10). He is instructed to speak to his people, even though most are spiritually rebellious and disobedient and will not listen to him. (Jesus later quotes this very passage to explain why He uses parables to teach the people [Matt. 13:13–15].) Isaiah faithfully brings God's word to the people, warning anyone who will listen of what is to come.

JEHOVAH'S CASE AGAINST JUDAH

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.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a



The Remnant – 1:1–31



God, through Isaiah, warned His people that they had strayed so far as to be deserving of punishment like Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:24–28). *But*, God had left a remnant. There were still people in Judah who worshipped God, and God would not abandon them.

Paul quoted this verse in Romans 9:29 to support his assertion that there was still a faithful remnant in his time. Many believe there will always be a remnant, in order to keep the Davidic Covenant, and many of these believe that in the future, this remnant will bring many others back to God.

very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

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FULFILLMENTS**

1:11a
Heb. 10:4, 11

1:11b
*Heb. 7:26;
1 Pet. 1:19*

11 To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.



What Did the Prophets Proclaim?

Prophets championed the cause of the poor and the oppressed (1 Sam. 12:3–4; 2 Sam. 12:1–4; 1 Kgs. 17:8–16; 21:17–24; Jer. 7). They fought against the syncretistic tendencies of God's people, who polluted their worship with idols. In addition, the prophets emphasized four covenantal themes to the people. These themes carried through into the New Testament as well: rebellion, judgment, compassion, and redemption.

First, the prophets proclaimed that God's people were in a state of rebellion against Him. Though God had made an eternal covenant with them, "they kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law" (Ps. 78:10).

And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. (Jer. 9:13–15)

As a result, God's righteous judgment would be poured out, usually in the form of a political or military disaster. It was the prophets' role to announce such judgment. Amos, for instance, declared that "for three transgressions of Israel, and for four, [God] will not turn away the punishment thereof" (2:6). Fulfillment of Amos's warnings came when Assyria overran the northern kingdom of Israel.

While Israel had disobeyed and deserved judgment, the prophets also highlighted God's compassion—His faithfulness to His character. Through the prophet Hosea, God's heart for His people rang out:

How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together. (Hosea 11:8)

Finally, prophets brought hope to downcast people, proclaiming all was not lost. God would bring redemption not only for Israel but also for all mankind.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. (Isa. 9:2–4)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11

12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.*

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them.*

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it.*

21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23 Thy princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts,

**PROPHECY
FULFILLMENTS**

1:12

Ps. 141:2; Luke 1:10; John 1:14; Eph. 2:20-22; Heb. 8:5; 9:8-9; Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4; 21:13

1:13a

Heb. 10:4, 11

1:13b

Matt. 11:28-30; Col. 2:16-17

1:20

2 Kings 24:14; Ps. 137:1-9; Dan. 1:1-7

1:24, 25

2 Kings 24:14; Ps. 137:1-9; Dan. 1:1-7

1:26, 27

Ezra 1:8, 11; 3:2-3; 5:2, 14-16

1:28-31

2 Kings 24:14; Ps. 137:1-9; Dan. 1:1-7

2:2

Rev. 21:2

2:3b

Rev. 21:2

the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

**MINGLED WARNING AND
PROMISE**

25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them.*

**THE PROMISE FOR THE LAST DAYS
(MICAH 4:1-3)**

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* 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 unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to

✿ Hands Full of Blood – 1:13-15 ✿

The Israelites were still keeping God's appointments (new moons, sabbaths, feasts), but their hands were "full of blood." God instituted the sacrificial system to provide a means for repentant hearts to seek atonement. Here, God's children were just going through the motions, but they were not repentant. They were bringing their sin into God's temple, and they weren't even sorry.

There is a parallel here to what happened in Jesus' time; the religious leaders showed great affections for the law, but by ignoring God's heart, they ended up with blood on their hands, the blood of the Messiah.

the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

CHASTISEMENT BEFORE BLESSING

6 Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is there any* end of their chariots:

8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

2:4a

Ezek. 21:27;
Rev. 5:5

2:4b

Fulfillment
Pending

2:10-21

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7

3:1-8

2 Kings 24:14;
Jer. 38:5, 19

14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up, and upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness 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.

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

20 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;

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 ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

3 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.

2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

4 And I will give children *to be* their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour:



A Future Messianic Kingdom – 2:1–11



Isaiah described a time in the future when “the LORD alone shall be exalted.” Such a day has not yet come about, which leads many to believe that this scripture points forward to the messianic kingdom, when Jesus will rule the earth from Jerusalem.

All nations will stream to the Lord’s temple in this kingdom (Isa. 2:2), which will no longer be controlled by Gentiles (Isa. 52:1). Jesus will make decisions and settle disputes; there will be universal peace, even among animals (Isa. 2:4; 11:6–9; 65:25). People will have healthy babies and will live long lives (Isa. 65:20, 23).

the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and *let* this ruin *be* under thy hand:

7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous, that *it shall be* well *with him*: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be* ill *with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

12 *As for* my people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses.

15 What mean ye *that* ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched

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FULFILLMENTS**

3:16-26
2 Kings 24:14;
Jer. 38:5, 19

forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of *their* tinkling ornaments *about their feet*, and *their* cauls, and *their* round tires like the moon,

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

24 And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she *being* desolate shall sit upon the ground.

**THE VISION OF THE
FUTURE KINGDOM**

4 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

❁ **The Faces of the Poor – 3:13–15** ❁

God, as Judge, accuses the people of exploiting the poor for their own selfish gain. Their houses were full of evidence. Not only were they not loving the needy, they were actively oppressing them.

In Matthew 25, Jesus taught that when He returns, He will sit on His throne with all the nations before Him, and He will separate the sheep from the goats. He will say to the sheep, "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. . . Naked, and ye clothed me" (v. 35–36). Of course the people will ask Him when this happened. And Jesus will answer, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (v. 40).

God will judge people in part by how they share their resources. Believers are not supposed to gain wealth at others' expense (Prov. 14:31; 17:5; 21:13; 22:16; 28:27); they are supposed to share their blessings (Deut. 15:10; Prov. 19:17; 22:9; Jer. 22:16; Acts 20:35; Heb. 13:16).

2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that be that is left* in Zion, and *be that* remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, *even* every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory *shall be* a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

PARABLE OF JEHOVAH'S VINEYARD

5 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

4:2

Amos 9:13-14

4:3-4

Rev. 3:5; 13:8;
20:12-15; 21:27

4:5-6

Col. 2:9;
1 John 3:2

5:5-6

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7

5:9-10

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7

5:13a

Dan. 1:2-3;
2 Kings 24:13-
14; 25:9, 11,
13-15

5:13b-17

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 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 judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

THE SIX WOES UPON ISRAEL

8 Woe unto them that join house to house, *that lay* field to field, till *there be* no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

9 In mine ears *said* the LORD of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, *even* a great and fair, without inhabitant.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that they may follow* strong drink; that continue until night, *till wine inflame* them!

12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge: and their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:



The Branch – 4:2-6



Picture King David's family tree, and Jesus as the promised Branch that would save the world. The metaphor is not unique to Isaiah (Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12). The Holy Spirit will rest on the Branch, and He will bear fruit (Isa. 11:1-2; Matt. 3:16).

Jesus transfers a lesser version of the title to believers, who can bear fruit if they are branches connected to the vine, Jesus (John 15:4-8).

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19 That say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it!*

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28 Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

5:24

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7

5:26-30

Isa. 36:1-2, 6

6:1

Ps. 141:2; Luke 1:10; John 1:14;
Eph. 2:20-22;
Heb. 8:5; 9:8-9;
Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4;
21:13

6:9-10

John 12:37-40;
Rom. 1:28;
11:7-8

29 Their roaring *shall be* like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if *one* look unto the land, behold darkness *and* sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

ISAIAH'S TRANSFORMING VISION

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

THE CLEANSING FIRE

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

ISAIAH'S NEW COMMISSION

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

☀️ God's Vineyard – 5:1–30 ☀️

Isaiah used a vineyard as a metaphor for Israel and Judah. Though God had done everything possible to make His vineyard healthy, it was producing worthless grapes. So, Isaiah prophesied that the vineyard would become a dry wasteland, full of briars and thorns. This prophecy was fulfilled when Babylon invaded Judah and carried most of her people away.



Prophecy in Isaiah

Isaiah lived in Jerusalem and prophesied during one of the most difficult periods in Israel's history, from around 740 to 680 BC. Many commentators consider him to be the greatest of the writing prophets.

Isaiah's ministry spanned the rule of four kings: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Though he was sent primarily to warn the southern kingdom of Judah, he also had an important message for the northern kingdom. Disaster was coming if God's people did not return to the Lord:

Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. Isaiah 28:1–4

Isaiah's message went unheeded, and the northern kingdom of Israel was conquered by Assyria in 722 BC. This led to the first mass dispersion of the Hebrew people.

Isaiah's writing contains an almost palpable passion. His message to Judah about the coming judgment and his call to repentance reveal a single, unwavering objective: to expose the corruption that had overrun the southern nation. Isaiah relayed God's disappointment and begged the people to return to the Lord with pure hearts so they might be cleansed. Only repentance would prevent Judah from receiving God's judgment.

Interwoven with Isaiah's message of judgment and upheaval was a message of salvation. A Messiah would one day rule with justice and righteousness (Isa. 9:7; 32:1); He would bring peace and safety to Israel (Isa. 11:6–9).

Some of the best-known passages anticipating Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection are contained in Isaiah's prophetic oracles. For example, Isaiah 7:14 reads: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Isaiah 40:3 tells of a messenger who would precede the Messiah, preparing the way for His arrival: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." This prophecy was fulfilled by the life of John the Baptist.

Isaiah 53 gives a detailed account of the Messiah's suffering and death, including His burial "with the rich in his death" (v. 9). This detail was fulfilled when Joseph of Arimathaea buried Jesus in his family tomb (Matt. 27:57–60).

For Christians, Isaiah was undoubtedly writing about Jesus. Isaiah's cry was for His people to repent, turn to God for forgiveness and healing, and obey Him with their whole hearts.

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people. Isaiah 2:4

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13 But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast *their leaves*: so the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

UNDER THE REIGN OF AHAZ

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

6:11-13

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7

7:3

Ezra 1-2

7:4

2 Kings 17:6-7,
22-23

7:7-8a

2 Kings 17:6-7,
22-23

7:8b

2 Kings 17:24-40;
Ezra 4:2

7:9a

2 Kings 17:6-7,
22-23

7:9b

2 Chron. 28:5-11

7:13-14a

Matt. 1:25;
Luke 1:34-35;
3:23-31, 34-35

7:14b

Matt. 1:21-23

7:14c

Zech. 12:10;
John 12:45

7:15

Luke 2:40, 52

of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:

7 Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

IMMANUEL, THE VIRGIN'S SON

10 Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.



A Virgin with Child – 7:10–17



Ahaz refused to choose a sign, so God chose for him: a virgin would birth a son named Immanuel. Scholars disagree as to how this prophecy has been fulfilled. Most agree that it was fulfilled with the birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:23).

Others reason there must have been a dual fulfillment, as this was a sign for Ahaz and would have been accomplished in his lifetime. The ambiguity lies in the Hebrew word *'almah*, which means “young woman of marriageable age.” There is argument whether the definition of “virgin” is inherent or only implied. If it is only implied, then it is likely that a young woman had a son during Ahaz’s time, and that this was a dual prophecy, also pointing forward to Christ.

In the New Testament (Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:27), the Greek word translated to “virgin” is *parthenos*, which unambiguously means “virgin.”

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

PREDICTION OF AN IMPENDING INVASION

17 The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; *even* the king of Assyria.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, *namely*, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk *that* they shall give he shall eat butter: for

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

7:16a
2 Kings 17:6-7, 22-23

7:16b
2 Kings 24:14; Ps. 137:1-9; Dan. 1:1-7

7:17-18
Isa. 36:1-2, 6

7:19-25
Isa. 37:30; 2:2

8:1-4
2 Kings 17:6-7, 22-23

butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall *even* be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25 And *on* all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

PREDICTION OF THE ASSYRIAN INVASION

8 Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken

❁ **The Assyrians – 8:5-10** ❁

As a river dangerously overflows its banks during a flood, so Assyria was overflowing its borders to conquer adjacent lands. Eventually, Assyria controlled the eastern shores of the Mediterranean eastward to well beyond the Tigris.

God used the Assyrians to carry out His justice against His children (Isa. 10:5). The empire squashed the northern kingdom and carried her people away captive (2 Kgs. 15:19-20, 29; 17:3-41). Then they attacked Judah as well (2 Kgs. 18:13-37), but God protected Jerusalem, killing 185,000 of their men (2 Kgs. 19:32-37).



away before the king of Assyria.

5 The LORD spake also unto me again, saying,

6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

11 For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them* to whom this people shall say, A confederacy;



Spotlight: Testimony

Isaiah 8:20

"To the law and to the testimony." We will hear a lot in our lives, and not all of it will be true. This is obvious. It is less obvious, though, when someone claims to tell God's truth but does not.

We must show discernment. We will hear false testimonies from false prophets. Then we must go to the Word. The Bible is our plumb line, our absolute authority. We must measure anything we hear against it. If we hear a prophecy, a testimony, or a teaching that is not in line with the Word of God, then we know it is not authentic. We can protect ourselves from being tricked by the enemy simply by studying and knowing the Word.

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

8:7-8

Isa. 36:1-2, 6

8:9-10

Matt. 27:12-14;
Mark 14:61;
Luke 23:1-25

8:14-15

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7;
Matt. 21:43-34

8:18

Ps. 141:2;
Luke 1:10;
John 1:14;
Eph. 2:20-22;
Heb. 8:5; 9:8-9;
Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4;
21:13

8:21-22

2 Kings 17:6-7,
22-23

9:1-2a

Matt. 4:12-17

9:1-2b

Luke 2:28-32

neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. 13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and *let him be* your fear, and *let him be* your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22 And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to darkness.

A DIVINE CHILD ISRAEL'S ONLY HOPE

9 Nevertheless the dimness *shall not be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, *and* not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and as men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden,

and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5 For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

THE UNAVAILING CHASTISEMENT

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

9:4

Rev. 16:16;
19:19-21

9:5

Fulfillment
Pending

9:6a

Luke 2:11

9:6b

Luke 1:35

9:6c

John 7:46

9:6d

John 10:30

9:6e

Rev. 1:8

9:6f

Col. 1:20

9:7

Matt. 1:1

9:7b

Fulfillment
Pending

9:11

2 Kings 17:6-7,
22-23

9:12

2 Chron. 28:5-11

9:14-17

2 Kings 17:6-7,
22-23;
Isa. 37:30; 40:2

sycomores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars.

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.

16 For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and *they that are* led of them *are* destroyed.

17 Therefore the LORD shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: *and they together shall be* against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

10 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed;

2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless!

3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from far?



Spotlight: Authority

Isaiah 9:7

This prophecy points so obviously to Jesus Christ—no earthly king has accomplished, or could accomplish, such a government as this. Only God Himself could establish a kingdom with complete peace and perfect justice that lasts forever.

Jesus' government continues to increase today, as more and more people join His kingdom. If Jesus' authority can grow over the earth, it can also grow in our hearts. The more we surrender to His authority, to His perfect peace and justice, the more we will help His kingdom to grow. The zeal of God will perform this. Our zeal can help.

to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

GOD'S ROD ON SAMARIA

5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

8 For he saith, *Are* not my princes altogether kings?

9 *Is* not Calno as Carchemish? *is* not Hamath as Arpad? *is* not Samaria as Damascus?

10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant *man*:

14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

10:3

2 Kings 17:6-7, 22-23;
Isa. 37:30; 40:2

10:5-6

Isa. 36:1-2, 6

10:12

2 Kings 19:35

10:15

Isa. 36:1-2, 6

10:16-19

2 Kings 19:35

10:20-22a

Fulfillment Pending

10:22b-23

2 Kings 24:14;
Ps. 137:1-9;
Dan. 1:1-7

10:24-27

2 Kings 19:35

mouth, or peeped.

15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake *itself* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up *itself*; *as if it were* no wood.

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day;

18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write

them.

THE VISION OF THE JEWISH REMNANT

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

23 For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation



The King of Assyria – 10:12



God allowed the Assyrians to be victorious for His own purposes (Isa. 10:5), but their success made them arrogant. Even worse, they mocked and taunted God. Hezekiah prayed, and Isaiah prophesied that God would deliver Jerusalem and punish Assyria (2 Kgs. 19:32–33). That night, God did as Isaiah had promised and slayed 185,000 Assyrian troops. The king of Assyria returned to Nineveh (the capital of Assyria). Later, when he was worshipping his god Nisroch, he was murdered by his own sons (2 Kgs. 19:37).

shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

THE APPROACH OF THE GENTILE HOSTS

28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:

29 They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.

30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.

31 Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature *shall be* hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

THE DAVIDIC KINGDOM

11 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,

PROPHECY FULFILLMENTS

10:28-32

Fulfillment Pending

10:33-34

2 Kings 19:35

11:1

Luke 2:7; 3:23-

32:

John 1:46

11:2

Matt. 3:16-17;

Luke 2:40; 4:21;

John 3:34

11:2d

Matt. 7:28-29

11:2e

Matt. 8:27

11:2f

John 7:29

11:2g

Heb. 5:7

11:3a

Luke 2:46-47

11:3b

John 7:24

11:4a

Mark 12:41-44

11:4b

2 Thess. 2:8

11:6-9

Fulfillment Pending

11:10a

Luke 3:23-32

11:10b

Acts 13:47-48

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fating together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 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.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

Stay Upon the Lord – 10:20

The people of Judah, fearful of Assyria, tried to negotiate with the enemy to procure their security. Isaiah wrote that the day would come when the remnant (see note on Isa. 1) would rely only on God. They would no longer be impressed or intimidated by the power of the enemy. They would no longer depend on the enemy that enslaved them but would learn to depend instead on the God who set them free.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.

16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

**PROPHECY
FULFILLMENTS**

11:13
Fulfillment
Pending

11:14
Rev. 16:16;
19:19-21

11:15
Rev. 16:12

11:16
Fulfillment
Pending

12:1-6
Fulfillment
Pending

13:1-9
Fulfillment
Pending

**THE WORSHIP
OF THE KINGDOM**

12 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also *is* become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

THE BURDEN OF BABYLON

13 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.



Spotlight: Kinship

Isaiah 11:9

This prophecy has not yet been fulfilled. Though many people know *about* Jesus, fewer actually *know* Him. But one day, they will.

Have you ever met someone new and then discovered that he or she was a brother or sister in Christ? Didn't your heart fill up then with an excitement and a joy? You suddenly recognized a divine kinship with this person, even if he or she was a stranger just moments earlier!

Now imagine experiencing this feeling everywhere you go, with every face you meet. Imagine taking a walk and seeing no one who is lost. Imagine a group conversation where every word is honoring to God! This, my brothers and sisters, is what we have to look forward to!