

ISAIAH Lesson 7

Chapters 25 – 27

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I. THANKSGIVING FOR DIVINE MERCY, chapter 25

- A. Isaiah praises God for His past judgments: victory over foes, 25:1-5
 - 1. Isaiah's praise to God for judgment now passed: reverence, praise.
 - 2. The recognition that God is a strength, refuge, and shadow.

- B. God shares His victories with His people, 25:6-12
 - 1. God's people will share His victories, and He casts away their adversaries.
 - 2. God will destroy the "veil" (*see 60:2-3; Ephesians 4:8; 2 Corinthians 3:14-16*).
 - 3. Compare v. 8 with *Ezek. 37:12-14; Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:54; Revelation 20:4-6*

II. GLORY TO GOD FOR HIS RIGHTEOUS DEEDS, chapter 26

- A. God's people praise Him, 26:1-14
 - 1. "*strong city*" – not a particular city, but the place where God dwells (prophetic).
 - 2. Trust in God: His people will see their need for Him, though other nations won't.
 - 3. Unrighteous nations will not rise from their desolation.
 - 4. "*night*" – a time of affliction, judgment (*see 21:11; Amos 5:8*).

- B. God's people acknowledge Him, 26:15-19
 - 1. God's true people will increase and turn to God in time of chastening.
 - 2. Israel pictured as in a tomb of captivity (*cf. Ezek. 37:12-14; Dan. 12:1-2; Hos. 13:14*).
 - 3. In the midst of failure, hope and encouragement comes as God gives victory!

III. OVERTHROW OF WORLD POWER & INGATHERING OF ISRAEL, c. 27

- A. God's care of His vineyard, 27:1-6
 - 1. "*leviathan the piercing serpent..that crooked serpent*" = nations with false religion.
 - 2. "*dragon*" = Satan (*see Revelation 12:9*).

- B. Israel needs chastisement, 27:7-11
 - 1. Israel will be chastised, but not destroyed (as other nations).
 - 2. Israel had been without understanding; God's wrath would increase such (note v. 9).
 - 3. Jerusalem had been polluted by idolatry; she must be purged (cleansed).

- C. Deliverance / restoration is promised, 27:12-13
 - 1. God judges the nations, and His people experience redemption.
 - 2. "beat off" = a metaphor to describe separation (like "wheat" and "chaff").
 - 3. "trumpet" – to call an assembly for war or gather for worship (*see Leviticus 25:8; Numbers 10:10; 1 Kings 1:34; 1 Corinthians 14:8*).
 - 4. Note **Hebrews 12:22-24** with *verse 13*.