

ISAIAH

Overview of Chapters 22-27

The Nation	The Burden	The Result
The Valley of Vision: Jerusalem (22)	Jerusalem confronted Assyria with confidence but not in God. God has withdrawn his presence and his protection. Judah has no defense.	God's presence was there when Sennacherib invaded but withdrawn by the time Nebuchadnezzar invaded (Ezekiel 11:22-25). The arm of flesh failed them once more and they were carried into captivity.
Tyre (23)	Tyre was a city full of riches and excitement. It will be totally transformed into something different.	Tyre's pride would be its downfall because Jehovah had purposed it. His plan included profaning and defiling the pride of man that seeks his own glory. Tyre lost its colonies and would have no more. It had been untouched, like a virgin, but now it resembles one ravished and defiled.
The Earth	Bane & Blessing	Punishment & Promise
World Judgment - Desolation of the Earth and the World City. (24)	The earth is polluted because of its transgressing the law. The whole earth will be made waste, turned upside down, and its inhabitants scattered.	The world cries out for its loss. The waste city is broken down, its mirth is gone, and the city is left desolate. The devastation is complete. Rejoicing arises from the recognition that God's hand controls world affairs, but Isaiah declares that the rejoicing is premature. More judgment is to come.
The Earth's experience, continued. (25)	Still speaking of spiritual forces rather than actual cities or nations, with Christ upon his throne, Isaiah exalts God's name for the mighty things he has done.	God has defeated the earth's nations and cities and has left them as monuments to man's folly. To the poor and needy he has become a refuge from the storm and a shade from the heat. He has prepared a great feast in Mt. Zion. He has replaced darkness with light. Moab will seek to avoid destruction, but it will fail.

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The Earth	Bane & Blessing	Punishment & Promise
Judah boasts of its impregnable city with open gates so that the righteous nations may enter. (26)	The favor bestowed on the wicked does not lead to repentance. God's people confess, having been led astray by idols, and they come to rely upon God.	Judah's affliction brought it to its knees in prayer. They recognized that their own efforts were futile, producing neither salvation nor deliverance. Isaiah proclaims that a spiritual resurrection is coming when the dead shall live. God calls upon his people to seek shelter in him.
The overthrow of world power and ingathering of Israel. (27)	God will punish the "monster(s)" and plant and care for a new vineyard, his wrath having been satisfied.	The punishment of his people will be "in measure." The captivity was necessitated by their refusal to heed his calls to repentance. The captivity will act as an expiation of the iniquity of Jacob. There will be an ingathering of outcasts and the sound of the trumpet will call the nations to come to Mt. Zion to worship God.



The Plain of Sharon: A coastal plain in Israel, between the Yarkon and Tanninim rivers.

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