

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Isaiah 23:1-14 - Judgement on Tyre**

Tyre and Sidon were two prominent cities of the people called the Phoenicians. These folks were the last of the Canaanites. They also were the great trading nation of their day. They went as far as Spain and Britain. Tyre was very rich. They were renowned for commerce and merchants. They had a commercial alliance with the Egyptians, as we see here in verse three. Everybody was doing well financially, so it was a happy place. It was a powerful and honoured place.

Despite all these advantages, we see Tyre destroyed. Its harbours are destroyed in verse 1 and 11. The ships are coming in from a commercial voyage, and they land at Cyprus and they hear there's nothing to go home to. The harbour's destroyed, their homes are laid waste. What has become of their wealth? What has become of their wives? What has become of their children? All is gone.

Why did this happen? Look here in verse 8. Jehovah of hosts has purposed it. Not merely allowed it. He has purposed it. He has planned it. He has decreed it. And why? Humans with their sinful hearts, humans with their proud hearts, are always looking for ways to exalt themselves and to defy the king of heaven. Time after time, God has been tearing down the pride of sinful people, sinful nations, and sinful cultures. God abhors these sorts of things, and He'll do something about them. He is a God not only of love and mercy, not only of grace and kindness; He's the God of truth, righteousness, holiness, and justice. His destruction of the wicked, his abasing of the proud, show these attributes, and it glorifies Him. His judgment is what we deserve. His kindness is what many receive due to God's wisdom in bringing all His attributes together and showing them in and through the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, sin and its just consequences are dealt with. Sin is not excused. Sin is not swept under some grand, infinite rug. It is dealt with justly and righteously. The holiness of God is therefore vindicated, and His chosen ones and His eternal, gracious purposes are all established in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### **Questions**

1. What was Tyre like before destruction?
2. Why did God bring this judgement?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that our nation would repent of its pride before the Lord.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

**Praise: Psalm 119: Part 7 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Isaiah 23:15-18 - Restored**

What is described in this chapter is a destruction brought about by the Babylonians. Now, in Isaiah's own time, the Assyrians tried to attack Tyre. They made some progress, but ultimately had to break things off, just as they did at Jerusalem. But in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonians were able to attack and prevail over Tyre. It was, according to the ancient histories, long and difficult. Now, as we've seen before, at the time Isaiah wrote, the Babylonians were politically and militarily nothing. They were under the boot heel, we might say, of the Assyrians. But God raises the humble for his good and holy ends. And God throws down the mighty through the means of the ones who had been humble and lowly.

In verses 15-18 we see Tyre's restoration in a couple of stages. After judgment great grace comes about after 70 years. It is God who brings about this restoration in His providence. In verses 16-17, Tyre works hard to get back to normal. But it looks as though Tyre has continued in its pride and in its immorality. It was later destroyed again by Alexander the Great. But God in his mercy to sinners, raised it up yet again. And here in this last verse is the prophecy that Tyre would eventually seek Jehovah, and great blessing would come about. We see that its gain would no longer go to feed the so-called good life. No, rather its gain would be used for God's glory, to support and maintain godliness. In Acts 21:3-4, we can see that churches were there for a long time until that area was destroyed by Arabs. May it be that ultimately all of us devote ourselves not to pleasure, not to gain, not to riches and power, but to honouring and glorifying Jehovah.

## **Questions**

1. Who destroyed Tyre?
2. How does Tyre change?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would use the good things God gives us for His glory.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

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## **Wednesday - Isaiah 24:1-12 - Devestation**

The Hebrew word that we have translated here in verse 1 as earth or world - a very common use of it is to mean the land, meaning the land of promise. In this chapter, everything centres upon the destruction coming to unfaithful Judah and Jerusalem. We see here the devastation that God is about to bring upon them through His tool of Babylon.

In verses 1-12 we see the desolation of judgment. At the very beginning, in verse 1, the earth is made empty. We can see how he does this in verse 1, 3, and 6. The people are scattered and destroyed. A second thing we want to notice here is that this involves everybody. Common people, common members of the people of God, and their leaders as well. No matter who you are, if you live in these lands, God's judgment will come upon you. The people are humbled and despondent. In verse 4; we see that the world languishes and withers. The picture here is of people who are wilting because they've not been watered by hope. Their merriment is turned to despair. In verses 10-12, which is looking to Jerusalem in particular, the city is broken down. Every house is shut up so that none may go in. At least one commentator that I read said that this may well be a picture of the rubble. The rubble is so deep in places folks can't even get in the front door.

Why does all this happen? Simply -- sin. Not only the sins of individual people, but the sins of the societies and especially of those people who were set in the midst of the nations to be a light to them. Instead of being a light to them, they ended up being an example of newly invented sin (Ezekiel 16 and 23). Sin is the cause of this. There is a God, and He does judge sin. That was the case in Isaiah's day. That is the case in our day. God judges individuals. He lays judgment upon families. He judges the church and brings it to discipline. Jesus himself, in John 15, talks about being the vine, and the branches that bear no fruit are cut off are punished, are destroyed. And even the godly ones are pruned.

### **Questions**

1. What kind of devastation is described?
2. Why does this happen?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that God would bring society around us to repentance.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

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## Thursday - Isaiah 24:13-15 - The Singing Remnant

Christ is king over societies and nations. Now, here is something to think about: Why do we have a wretched economy? Why do we have floods and droughts? Why do we have wars? Why do we have new diseases? It's judgment from Jehovah. Many of these things that are happening to us are because of our sin as a nation. And unless God gives us, as a culture, as a nation, as a people, repentance, there's further trouble ahead. And so it is with the Church of Jesus Christ, with many denominations becoming unfaithful that once were gospel lights and are now falling off into terrible error. And there are other churches that are full of dead orthodoxy. May God deliver the Church of Jesus Christ from all this.

It can be tempting to be despondent, but we must not be. For in verses 13-15 we have comfort for the godly. The picture we have here in verse 13 is that there is a remnant left, a remnant preserved. The true people of God will be like a few olives left, a few grapes left. But by God's grace, and by that alone, the remnant perseveres. God will keep them. God will hold them, God will use them. And they shall not fail (John 6:37-39; Romans 8:31). We who are in Jesus because of God's grace, because Jesus saved us to the uttermost by his life, death, and resurrection, are safe. Though difficulty may hit us, God will not use it to cast us away. He does not use it to bring us to devastation, but to make us stronger and more godly. The remnant shall lift up their voice, we read in verse 14. They shall sing of the majesty of the Lord, just like Paul and Silas did in the Philippian jail (Acts 16). The people of God are blessed in the midst of all this devastation to see God's glory, to be thrilled with God's glory, and to tell others of God's glory, which leads to verse 15. We read here earlier in this chapter how people are just scattered away. That's literally what happened under the Babylonians. And it is later what happened with the Christians (Acts 8:1-4). But God uses it for His glory and their good. As they go to the east, and they go to the west, and they go to the faraway countries, they witness to the glory, the splendour, the beauty of the living and true God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent.

### Questions

1. How is God judging the nations?
2. How does God use the scattering of the people for good?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would witness to Christ wherever you are.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

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## Friday - Isaiah 24:16-23 - Results of Judgement

In this first portion of verse 16, we see consolation for the godly. At this point they are small, but through them others come to saving knowledge of the truth. But there is also fearful destruction on the wicked, as we see here at the second half of verse 16 to verse 22.

For the ungodly, God's judgments bring further sin, further hardening, complete dishonesty, and hatred between men. They throw God aside, but this brings them no safety. God brings in a horrifying flood of wrath and judgment. Isaiah feels badly for them, because what will happen is terrible. For the wicked, there is no escaping the judgment of God. Men would be chased by one disaster after another. All the grand structures, the grand plans, the grand doings of wicked men fall like a poorly put together hut. No matter how powerful earthly rulers seem to be, no matter how many clever advisors they have, no matter how many riches, no matter how grand their armies are, God deals with them and judges them. They may think that they have all things attended to. They may think that they have all the loose ends tied up. They may think that they can deal with anything that any people will try to throw at them. They may think this, but destruction is what comes.

It's not altogether clear if we are, by this part of the chapter, still looking at the destruction that came through Babylon. More likely it is God is showing things that would happen in Jerusalem under Rome in AD70. And there may be a touch of what is yet to come, even in our day. But whenever it was or yet might be, God alone gets the glory as we see here in verse 23. God shows Himself as the only ruler of all things. Others may assert themselves to be great kings, but He alone is ruler of all. King Jesus brings all under his reign. And King Jesus delivers you and me and uses us to bring others to know Him through the preached gospel. This is the result then of judgment: All things brought under Jesus Christ, all glory going to God, all His people delivered and saved.

### Questions

1. What judgement does God bring on the people?
2. What is the conclusion of this chapter?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God will glorify Himself.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

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## **Saturday - Isaiah 25:1-5 - Thanks and Praise**

How precious it is to us to be able to say along with Isaiah, "O LORD, you are my God." You have taken me to yourself. You've chosen me to be yours in the counsel of eternity. You've given your Son to die, that I might live, that I may be with you forever. God's name is a reflection of His holy character. So when we say that we praise the name of Jehovah, we mean that we are praising Him for who He is. We give Him thanks for the wonderful things He has done. All of God's counsel is truth and right, and it cannot be changed because all his counsel comes from Him who is holy and wise in His purposes and character and who is eternally holy and wise.

Believers from other nations give thanks and praise in verses 2-3 as they are liberated from that which exalts or tries to exalt itself on high. God smashes down that which tries to exalt itself over against Him, that attempts to remove Him from the throne and place man, or particular men on that throne, that seeks to exalt sin and sinners, and that rejects God's anointed Christ. God allows it to build up and up and up for a time, so that all the more easily it may be crushed. God does his work in the hearts of men, but not merely in the hearts of men. He also does his works publicly, so that all can see, the godly can see it, and to their dismay, the wicked do, too. The kingdoms of the earth are becoming, in verse three here, the kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

Look at these difficulties in verses 4-5. The people of God must endure difficulties sometimes because they are the common lot of mankind. But God protects us, and builds us, and blesses us through them. Sometimes these afflictions come because of hatred from the wicked: Hatred of those who cannot touch God, who cannot touch His Christ, but can touch and do touch His people. Whatever the cause, these are difficulties through which the godly often go. But God delivers them in His best time. The poor are given strength, strength by Jesus Christ to conquer the world. We are needy. But we get all of the riches in glory through Jesus Christ. The wicked rage against us, and Satan himself storms. But Jesus Christ is our rock, and in Him there is complete rest. There is complete salvation.

### **Question**

1. What can we praise God for?
2. What does God do in our difficulties?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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