

A PICTURE OF JUDGMENT

Isaiah 24

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Isaiah 24:1–2 (NKJV)

Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, Distorts its surface And scatters abroad its inhabitants. **2** And it shall be: As with the people, so with the priest; As with the servant, so with his master; As with the maid, so with her mistress; As with the buyer, so with the seller; As with the lender, so with the borrower; As with the creditor, so with the debtor.

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Isaiah 24:4–6 (NKJV)

The earth mourns and fades away, The world languishes and fades away; The haughty people of the earth languish. **5** The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant. **6** Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men are left.

Blessing and Rejoicing

Psalm 104:14–15 - He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the service of man, That he may bring forth food from the earth, **15** And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make his face shine, And bread which strengthens man's heart.

Ecclesiastes 9:7–8 - Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works. **8** Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

Psalm 81:1–2 - Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. **2** Raise a song and strike the timbrel, The pleasant harp with the lute.

Isaiah 24:7–13 (NKJV)

The new wine fails, the vine languishes, All the merry-hearted sigh. **8** The mirth of the tambourine ceases, The noise of the jubilant ends, The joy of the harp ceases. **9** They shall not drink wine with a song; Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. **10** The city of confusion is broken down; Every house is shut up, so that none may go in. **11** There is a cry for wine in the streets, All joy is darkened, The mirth of the land is gone. **12** In the city desolation is left, And the gate is stricken with destruction. **13** When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, Like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.

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They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; For the majesty of the LORD They shall cry aloud from the sea. **15** Therefore glorify the LORD in the dawning light, The name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. **16** From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: “Glory to the righteous!”

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16 From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!" But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."

Revelation 6:9–10 (NKJV)

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. **10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

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Isaiah 24:17–20 (NKJV)

Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. **18** And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken. **19** The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly. **20** The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

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Isaiah 24:21–22 (NKJV)

It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth. **22** They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished.

Those on High

Ephesians 6:12 - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

2 Peter 2:4 - For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

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Isaiah 24:23 (NKJV)

23 Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun
ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His
elders, gloriously.

The Elders and Others

Revelation 5:9–11 - And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **10** And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” **11** Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

Revelation 20:10–15 (NKJV)

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. **11** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books

Revelation 20:10–15 (NKJV)

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. **14** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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Sorrow to Joy

Isaiah 25:8 - He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all
faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away
from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

Revelation 21:4 - And God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes; there shall be no more
death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no
more pain, for the former things have passed
away."

2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 (NKJV)

since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, **7** and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **8** in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10** when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Acts 2:38–41 (NKJV)

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” **40** And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” **41** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.