

# Isaiah Chapters 26-27 - A Song of Salvation; Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment; The Restoration of Israel!

## OBSERVATION

## APPLICATION

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### ROCK OF AGES – Augustus Toplady, sung by Ernie Ford

*1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood  
From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure*

*2. Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know, These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and  
Thou alone. In my hand no price I bring; Simply to the cross I cling*

*3. While I draw this fleeting breath When mine eyes shall close in death. When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold  
beyond Thy Throne. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let me hide myself in Thee.*

“**Rock of Ages**” is a Christian hymn written by Augustus M. Toplady, with music by Thomas Hastings. This very personal hymn uses pronouns such as *I* and *me* rather than *we* and *our*, focusing on individual salvation. Legend says that Toplady wrote the hymn during a stormy incident in England. While traveling along the gorge in Burrington Combe, he was caught in a fierce storm and took shelter in a gap in the gorge, where he wrote the original lyrics. Some disagree on whether the event actually occurred; nevertheless, the rock is now marked with a plaque that reads: “Rock of Ages: This rock derives its name from the well-known hymn written about 1762 by the Rev A M Toplady who was inspired whilst sheltering in this cleft during a storm.”

### GENERAL OUTLINE OF ISAIAH: Referred to as the “Fifth Gospel” since the third century!

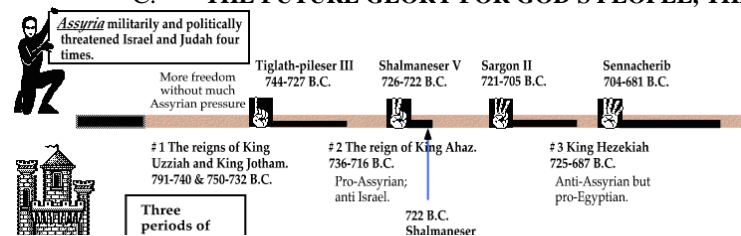
*Possible date of kings reign” - Uzziah, - 792-740; Jotham, - 750-736; Ahaz, - 735-720 Northern Kingdom of Israel falls to Assyria in 722BC; Hezekiah, - 715-699/686; Manasseh – 687-642*

*Isaiah’s time of prophecy - About a minimum of 40 years and possibly more than 60 years!*

*In the tenth year of Nabopolassar (616 BC) the Babylonians defeated the Assyrian army.*

*Cyrus takes Babylon. In October (539 BC), the Persian king Cyrus took Babylon.*

- I. **THE ASSYRIAN PERIOD - CONFLICT AND VICTORY (Isa 1-39)**
  - A. **PROPHECIES CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM (Isa 1-12)**
  - B. **PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE NATIONS (Isa 13-27)**
  - C. **DELIVERANCE FOUND NOT IN EGYPT, BUT IN THE LORD (Isa 28-35)**
  - D. **HISTORICAL INTERLUDE (Isa 36-39)**
- II. **THE BABYLONIAN PERIOD - HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES (Isa 40-66)**
  - A. **THE ONE TRUE GOD VERSUS IDOLS (Isa 40-48)**
  - B. **LORD’S SERVANT WILL BRING SALVATION THROUGH SUFFERING (Isa 49-57)**
  - C. **THE FUTURE GLORY FOR GOD’S PEOPLE, THE NEW ZION (Isa 58-66)**



### Isaiah – Bible Timeline

739 BC	Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption	<a href="#">Isaiah 1 - 5</a>
739 BC	Isaiah's Vision and Commission	<a href="#">Isaiah 6</a>
735 BC	Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel	<a href="#">Isaiah 7</a>
734 BC	Uriah/Zechariah Verification	<a href="#">Isaiah 8</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a Child Is Born	<a href="#">Isaiah 9</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgments Upon Israel	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:8</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgment on Assyria	<a href="#">Isaiah 10</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies The Root of Jesse	<a href="#">Isaiah 11</a>
730 BC	Isaiah's Joyful Thanksgiving	<a href="#">Isaiah 12</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies against the Nations	<a href="#">Isaiah 13 - 22</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Valley of Vision	<a href="#">Isaiah 22</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Burden of Tyre	<a href="#">Isaiah 23</a>
725 BC	Devastation on the Earth	<a href="#">Isaiah 24</a>
725 BC	<b>Isaiah's Songs of Praise</b>	<a href="#">Isaiah 25 - 27</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Further Warnings	<a href="#">Isaiah 28 - 32</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a King Shall Reign	<a href="#">Isaiah 32</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares God's Judgments	<a href="#">Isaiah 33, 34</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares the Joyful Will Flourish in Zion	<a href="#">Isaiah 35</a>
712 BC	Hezekiah's Illness and Healing	<a href="#">2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38</a>
711 BC	Hezekiah Shows Treasures	<a href="#">2 Kings 20:12, Isaiah 39</a>
711 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Captivity and Restoration	<a href="#">Isaiah 40 - 66</a>
701 BC	Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem	<a href="#">2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chron. 32</a>
701 BC	Hezekiah's Prayer	<a href="#">2 Kings 19, Isaiah 37</a>

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### APPLICATION

#### You Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Isa 26:1 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks.

Isa 26:2 Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

Isa 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Isa 26:4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength (Rock of Ages).

#### Chapter 26 – Now we get to the worship.

v. 1 The city of God and the city of Man. The strength of God’s city. *In that day*: The context from *Isaiah 24, 25* points to **the day of the Messiah’s ultimate triumph, the day when the Messiah reigns over Israel, and over all the world.** *In that day*, there will be a lot of joyful singing, such as this *song* that **will be sung in the land of Judah. We have a strong city**: Since cities came into being after the Fall, man has never known a truly godly city, the City of God on earth. *In that day*, all will know the strength and glory of the city of God. Speaking in Augustine’s terms, Isaiah writes about the City of God when he says **we have a strong city**. The **strong city** is the Kingdom of God, the city of man is the world system. God’s supreme ideal is no escape from all community and a private communion with nature the Kingdom of God will be realized in **a strong city**. **God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks**: The city of God, from beginning to end, is all about **salvation**. Even the **walls** and the **bulwarks** of the city are saved!

v. 2 **Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter it**: The city of God, with all its strength and salvation, is only for the **righteous**, and those who keep **the truth**. In the same principle, the New Jerusalem is a city filled with glory, which excludes the unrighteous (Rev 21:22-27). We should make a distinction between the Kingdom of the Messiah, the millennial reign of Jesus (described here in *Isaiah 26*), and the coming of the New Jerusalem (which comes when this earth passes away, Rev 21:1-2). The cities are similar, because they are both from the LORD, but they come at different times in God’s plan of the ages.

vs. 3-4 The LORD is our source of strength. **You will keep him in perfect peace (shalom, shalom – with intensity!)**: What a promise! **Perfect peace!** God promises that we can have **perfect peace**, and even **be kept** in a place of **perfect peace**. There is the **peace with God**, which one has as soon as they are born again. No longer fighting with God, but now at peace with Him. But there is also the **peace of God**. Many people have peace with God, but they don’t have the peace of God. Their life is still in a turmoil, a lot of anxiety, lot of fear. An uncertainty, and you see people who are Christians, it’s not really questioning the fact that they are born again or a child of God. But it is possible to be born again, and be a child of God, and not have the peace of God. The **peace of God comes when you rest your case fully in His hands**. When you say, “Well Lord it’s in your hands.” And you just look at Him. **You don’t look at the situations anymore**. You don’t look at the problems. **You look at the Lord. Now it’s an amazing thing, when I look at my problems in the light of my strength, and then I look at my problems in the light of His strength**. Very small things can overwhelm me if I think I’ve got to handle it. I’ll tell you when you figure, **“Lord, take care of it”, there’s nothing that God can’t handle that I am facing**. If I keep my eyes on Him, then I have that peace, that perfect peace! **Whose mind is stayed on You**: This is the place of **perfect peace**, and the source of it. When we keep our minds **stayed** - settled upon, established upon - the LORD Himself, then we can be kept in this **perfect peace**. To be kept in this **perfect peace**, it is a matter of our **mind**.

v. 1 **In the Kingdom Age, the land of Judah will sing this song. For us believers, the Kingdom has already come, spiritually speaking. Are we singing this song?**

v. 2 **Open the gates – In that day, Jerusalem will be the home of the righteous! Isaiah envisions the future Jerusalem, where only righteous Israel may enter. The redeemed remnant from other (Gentile) nations will come periodically to worship. (Zec 14:16). And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. What a day that will be!**

vs. 3-4 **We are told in *Php 4:7-8* and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Then, we are told we have freedom to think on whatever things are good – (We have the freedom to choose what we think on for 24 hours/day!) [8] Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. There is a perfect peace that the LORD will keep is in. What sustains your mind? What do you lay your mind upon? What upholds your mind? What does your mind stand fast upon? What is your mind established upon? What does your mind lean upon? To have this perfect peace, your mind cannot occasionally come to the LORD; it has to be stayed on Him.**

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### APPLICATION

#### *You Keep Him in Perfect Peace*

*Isa 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.*

*Isa 26:4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength (Rock of Ages).*

*Isa 26:5 For He brings down those who dwell on high. The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust.*

*Isa 26:6 The foot shall tread it down—The feet of the poor And the steps of the needy."*

*vs. 3-4 (Continued)* This isn't so much a matter of our spirit or of our soul or of our heart. It is a matter of our *mind*. We are to love the LORD our God with all of our *mind* (*Mat 22:37*). We are transformed by the *renewing of your mind* (*Rom 12:2*). We can have the *mind of Christ* (*1Co 2:16, Php 2:5*). We are not to set our *mind on earthly things* (*Php 3:19*), but to *set our mind on things above* (*Col 3:2*). The Christian life is not an unthinking life of *just doing, or experiencing*, but it is also about *thinking*, and where we set our *mind* is essential in our walk before the LORD. To be kept in this *perfect peace*, our mind must be *stayed*. The Hebrew word *sawmak* comes from the root “to prop,” and has the idea “to **lean upon or take hold** of . . . **bear up, establish, uphold**.” In other places the same word is translated *sustained, upheld, to stand fast*. To be kept in this *perfect peace*, our *mind* must be *stayed on the LORD*. If our mind is *stayed* on ourselves, or our problems, or the problem people in our lives, or on anything else, we can't have this *perfect peace*. ***Because He trusts in You***: This is another way of expressing the idea of keeping our minds *stayed on Him*. Almost always, you keep your mind *stayed on* whatever you are trusting. When we trust the LORD, we keep our mind *stayed on Him*. *Pro 3:5* expresses this same idea: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding*. The word for *lean* in *Pro 3:5* comes from the same root as the word *stayed* in *Isa 26:3*. When we *trust in the LORD*, we do not *lean on our own understanding*. **To lean on the LORD is to trust Him**. To be *sustained* by the LORD is to trust Him. **To be established by the LORD is to trust Him**. To *upheld* by the LORD is to trust Him. The battle for trust in our lives begins in our minds. **If we trust the LORD, it will show in our actions, but it will begin in our mind.**

*v. 4 Trust in the LORD forever*: Because of the promise of *Isa 26:3*, we are exhorted to *trust in the LORD forever* - and therefore to receive the blessing of the promise, *perfect peace!* ***For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength***: If the LORD calls us to rely on Him completely with our mind, He appeals to our mind with a rational reason why we should trust the LORD - because He is *everlasting strength*. It isn't that the LORD **has everlasting strength**, He is *everlasting strength*

*vs. 5-6* The destiny of the city of man. ***He brings down those who dwell on high, the lofty city***: The *city* of man is *lofty*, and its exalted ones *dwell on high*. But the LORD will bring them *down* nonetheless. The city of man, the world system, is nothing to the LORD; ***He lays it low***. The city of man, the world system, is all about power and prestige, built on the backs of the weak and the poor. But when God brings the city of man *down to the dust*, He will turn all that around, and ***the feet of the poor*** shall *tread it down*. Jesus told us oppose the power and prestige thinking of this world and to live with the thinking of His Kingdom right now. (*Mat 20:25-28*) ***But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. [26] Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. [27] And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— [28] just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."***

*vs. 3-4* In the Kingdom Age there will be no wickedness or Godlessness to distract us from focusing on the LORD all the time! It will be virtually effortless to keep our minds stayed on Him and to trust on Him! There will be no violence or sexually explicit movies, all the ungodly things we have to fight against on a daily basis. It's going to be wonderful! Perfect peace as a result!

*vs. 5-6* Whatever and whomever, The Lord wants to bring down, all pride, all people, will be brought down, no matter how great or how small. Jesus expressed the same principle in The Sermon on the Mount, *Mat 5:5* : ***Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. The feet of the poor And the steps of the needy will be exalted!***

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### APPLICATION

**Isa 26:7 The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just.**

**Isa 26:8 Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You.**

**Isa 26:9 With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.**

**Isa 26:10 Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the LORD.**

**Isa 26:11 LORD, when Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed For their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them.**

**vs. 7-9** The way of the upright. *The way of the just is uprightness*: In the Kingdom of God, His *just* people walk in a *way* - the *way of uprightness*. Isaiah accurately gives the sense of order in this; the LORD makes His people **just by a relationship of faith and trust in Him**, then **they walk in the way of . . . uprightness**. Why do they walk in *uprightness*? Because they serve the LORD God, who is *Most Upright* Himself. As they trust the LORD, are declared just by the LORD, they walk in His own way. *You weigh the path of the just*: The LORD looks at His righteous ones (**the just**) and He evaluates their path. The LORD cares about the walk of His just ones! *The desire of our soul is for Your name*: In the Kingdom of God, His just people love Him and *desire* Him. The *desire* is displayed in *waiting*: **O LORD, we have waited for You**. When you **desire** something, or someone, you will wait for them, and do it gladly because of your **desire**. The desire is displayed in *seeking*: **With my soul I have desired You in the night, yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early**.

When you **desire** something, or someone, , both *early* and at *night*. The way of the upright will be vindicated; one day, *the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness*. Right now you see, evil causes can triumph through corrupt judicial systems. Men can get by with evil. Thus, they don't really learn righteousness. The whole idea of the judicial system is, is to cause people to live right lives, to do the right things. But when the judicial system breaks down, then you have chaos! Because people can get by with evil. But when God judges, it will be righteous, and the people will really learn what righteousness is, when God's judgments are in the earth.

**vs. 10-11** The way of the *wicked*. The *wicked* are ungrateful for God's goodness: **Let grace be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness**. That's the problem, the justices today showing favor to the *wicked*, thus people are not really learning what righteousness is. Thus is the condition of our land today. People dealing unjustly, forgetting God, leaving God out, blaspheming God, upholding every rotten cause. The wicked end in disaster: **And will not behold the majesty of the LORD . . . they will see and be ashamed . . . the fire of Your enemies shall devour them**.

**vs. 7-9** In the Kingdom Age, only righteous living will be rewarded and tolerated. Wickedness and unrighteousness will be very swiftly and completely judged. The inhabitants of the earth are going to learn and practiced righteousness! All we will ever learn during that Age is just spiritual righteousness! Nothing of wickedness or idolatry or sin! On that day we will see the unjust made right! What a contrast – how wonderful!

**vs. 10-11** Everyone who tries to resist this righteousness, to resist what Christ is doing, the world that He wants, they will be exposed and they will be defeated. There will be no effect of resistance to goodness, during that Age! No drug lords or dictators or gang leaders!

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Isa 26:12 LORD, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us.

Isa 26:13 O LORD our God, masters besides You Have had dominion over us; But by You only we make mention of Your name.

Isa 26:14 They are dead, they will not live; They are deceased, they will not rise. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And made all their memory to perish.

Isa 26:15 You have increased the nation, O LORD. You have increased the nation; You are glorified: You have expanded all the borders of the land.

Isa 26:16 LORD, in trouble they have visited You, They poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them.

Isa 26:17 As a woman with child Is in pain and cries out in her pangs, When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O LORD.

Isa 26:18 We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

Isa 26:19 Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

vs. 12-18 Promises made to a humble heart. The day is coming when God will bring His true judgment on the earth. “LORD, You will establish peace for us!” I love that! God wants you to live in peace, He wants you to know His peace. “You have also done all our works in us.” I love that! God is working in you, both to will, and to do. He’s wrought His work in you. That work of righteousness He is doing in you. Eph 2:8-10 : *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.* Even our good works are works that He has *done . . . in us.* Masters besides You have had dominion over us; but by You only we make mention of Your name: The humble heart repents of past idolatry, and rejoices in the present freedom in the LORD. The Hebrew word for *dominion* is *baal*, which can mean *master* or *husband*. Of course, *Baal* was also the chief god of the native Canaanites, and a seductive idol for Israel. In this prayer, Judah essentially says, *O LORD our God, masters besides you have “Baal-ed” us.* LORD, in trouble they have visited You, They poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them. That is so typical in times of trouble, we call upon the Lord, we pour out our prayers. When, when God sees fit to chasten us, to draw us back to Himself. We have been with child, we have been in pain; we have, as it were, brought forth wind: The humble heart knows the futility of working apart from the direction and blessing of God. You have increased the nation: The humble heart knows the LORD is responsible for increase and blessing. LORD, in trouble they have visited You: The humble heart relies on the LORD in times of distress and futility.

v. 19 We have been in pain, but it seems like nothing is come of it. The Lord gives to him a glorious promise of the resurrection. Your dead shall live: (Daniel 12:2). Old Testament had a shadowy understanding of the life to come, because the secrets of the life to come have *now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2Ti 1:10)*. But here is a confident expectation of resurrection and glory for the LORD’s righteous ones. So this glorious promise, “Your dead shall live.” “*He that liveth and believeth in me*”, or “*he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*” “My dead body shall they arise”, or “with my dead body they will arise.” And thus, “Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; from down there! **Wake up! Sing!**” I imagine that’s what He said when He arrived. You know He came in and He said, “Hey wake up, let’s sing! Victory!” “For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. And it did!

vs. 12-18 Israel is finally going to know peace during the Kingdom Age. They will not know peace until then. No president or European leader or anybody will come along and bring peace to the Middle East. It is going to happen when the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Himself returns at His Second Coming and establishes peace in that Land. Their past hopes in others to bring peace have only brought disappointment, vividly described here, like a woman in a painful birth of a child and she only *brought forth wind!* It produced nothing! But in the Kingdom Age, He will not disappoint them, He will bring them peace!

v. 19 The promise that Isaiah makes to those that have died in his time. He makes the promise that the righteous dead will be bodily resurrected one day. When resurrected they will come into a new world that is very different from the one that they left when they died, speaking of the glory of this New Age!

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### APPLICATION

**Isa 26:20** *Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past.*

**Isa 26:21** *For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.*

**Isa 27:1** *In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.*

**vs. 20-21** Now these last two verses seem to be unconnected with the rest of the text. They take us out to a point in the future, when God’s judgment is going to fall upon the earth in the period known as the Great Tribulation. It is referred to here as “the *indignation*”, which is an Old Testament term for the Great Tribulation period. The promise of refuge in the time of great indignation. ***Come, my people, enter your chambers***: Isaiah, speaking for the LORD, prophesies a time when God’s people are invited to come and find refuge ***until the indignation is past***. The refuge is secure. God’s people are secure in *chambers*, with the *doors shut behind* them. They are hidden securely (*Hide yourself*). The *indignation* God’s people are hidden from is from the LORD Himself: ***the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity***. This is not persecution from the wicked, but judgment from the LORD. This is not a local judgment, but something the LORD brings upon the *inhabitants of the earth* in general. The devastation of the indignation of the LORD is seen all over the earth: ***The earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain***. When is this time when God’s people are carried away, securely hidden, from a time of great indignation the LORD brings upon the earth? It can refer to the deliverance of the Jewish people from the fury of the Antichrist described in **Rev 12:6,13-16**. But it is more likely that it speaks of the refuge, the safety, the security of God’s people when they are caught up together with the Lord in the air (**1Th 4:16-17**) and escape the horrific indignation of the Lord that He pours out upon the world in the Great Tribulation (**Mat 24:21-22, Rev 9:15-21**), which will immediately precede the second coming of Jesus Christ (**Mat 24:29-30**). Seen this way, this is a powerful passage supporting the teaching of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, which says that Jesus Christ will remove His people from this earth before the time of Great Tribulation coming upon the earth immediately before His ultimate return.

**v. 1** In His Kingdom, God blesses Israel. ***In that day***: This brings us back to the theme of Isaiah 24 through 27 in general, the day when the Kingdom of the Messiah ultimately triumphs and rules. ***The LORD, with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent***: The ultimate triumph of the LORD in the day of the Messiah is expressed in victory over Leviathan the fleeing serpent. While there is an illustrative element here, Isaiah may be more literal than many would like to admit. If Satan could manifest himself as a serpent to Eve in the Garden of Eden, why not also manifest himself as a dreadful sea-dragon? What do we know about *Leviathan* from this passage? We know that Leviathan is identified with a *serpent*. We know that Leviathan is resisting God (***fleeing . . . twisting; twisting*** has the idea of coiling, as if it were ready to strike). We know that Leviathan is connected with the *sea*. And we know that Leviathan’s destiny is to be destroyed by the LORD. What do we know about *Leviathan* from other passages of Scripture? Leviathan is referred to in passages like **Job 3:8, Job 41, Psa 74:14, and Psa 104:26**. These passages reinforce the idea of Leviathan as a mighty, serpent-like creature, connected with the sea, who resists God and will be crushed by the LORD.

**vs. 20-21** An invitation to God’s people - ***Shut your doors behind you, hide yourselves...until the indignation is past!*** Isaiah makes this promise on behalf of the LORD that the Kingdom Age is going to be preceded by severe judgment upon the earth. God’s people are called to enter into this place of safety until that judgment season is past.

Two possible scenarios, possibly are: 1) **The Rapture of the Church being taken out before His indignation is poured out.** 2) It could also refer to those Jews who flee **Jerusalem from the antichrist at the half-way mark of the Tribulation period,** divinely and supernaturally intervene and give them protection, making their way to Petra and then be protected by the LORD during the remainder of the Tribulation. **Rev 12:6**

**v. 1** Basically, Isaiah prophesies the ultimate defeat of Satan when the Kingdom of the Messiah conquers all (***He will slay the reptile***). **Rev 20:2** ***He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; (Rev. 19:19-20:3)***

## Isaiah Chapters 26-27 - A Song of Salvation; Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment; The Restoration of Israel!

### OBSERVATION

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### APPLICATION

*Isa 27:2 In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of red wine!*  
*Isa 27:3 I, the LORD, keep it, I water it every moment; Lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day.*  
*Isa 27:4 Fury is not in Me. Who would set briars and thorns Against Me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.*  
*Isa 27:5 Or let him take hold of My strength, That he may make peace with Me; And he shall make peace with Me."*

*Isa 27:6 Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.*

*Isa 27:7 Has He struck Israel as He struck those who struck him? Or has He been slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by Him?*  
*Isa 27:8 In measure, by sending it away, You contended with it. He removes it by His rough wind In the day of the east wind.*  
*Isa 27:9 Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered; And this is all the fruit of taking away his sin: When he makes all the stones of the altar Like chalkstones that are beaten to dust, Wooden images and incense altars shall not stand*

*vs. 2-5* In the Kingdom of the LORD, Israel blossoms. *A vineyard of red wine! I, the LORD, keep it:* In the days of the Kingdom of the Messiah, the LORD keeps the vineyard of Israel with special care. He waters it (*I will water it every moment*), He protects it (*lest any hurt it*), He guards it constantly (*I keep it night and day*) against all enemies, forcing them to *make peace* with Him and His vineyard. *Let him take hold of My strength:* We can only be fruitful when take hold of the strength of the LORD. As long as we hold on to our own strength, what we really have is weakness. *Isa 27:5* is a neglected OT promise of forgiveness to the penitent. In *Isa 27:4* the God of battles is marching against the briars and the thorns with a flaming torch in his hand. He is about to set fire to this rank undergrowth, but before doing so he proclaims the alternative of peace. The result is blessing for the LORD's vineyard: *Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.* This will be ultimately fulfilled in the Kingdom of the Messiah, but if we yield to the care of the LORD right now, He will care for us as His precious vineyard right now, and we will enjoy the blessings of that care (*Joh 15:1-8*).

*v. 6* *fill the face of the world with fruit.* This is happening right now. Israel has become a leading producer and exporter of fruit throughout the world.

*vs. 7-9* In the Kingdom of the LORD, Israel receives mercy. *Has He struck Israel as He struck those who struck him?* The LORD shows His mercy to Israel, in that even though the LORD struck Israel when Israel went astray, He did not strike Israel as severely as He did the other nations that went astray. *The iniquity of Jacob will be covered:* The LORD shows His mercy to Israel in that He covers their sin. This is ultimately fulfilled in the Kingdom of the Messiah, when *all Israel will be saved (Rom 11:26)*. *When He makes all the stones of the altar like chalkstones that are beaten to dust:* The LORD shows His mercy to Israel in that He destroys their idolatrous altars and images, forcing them to worship the LORD only.

*vs. 2-5* Here the LORD declares that He is going to watch over His people, even during the time He is judging them and chastening them. Though the Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans have come against them to destroy them, as well as then antichrist the Tribulation period. Yet, why do the Jews continue to exist? It is because God has allowed different nations to judge the Jews for their idolatry and immorality, for their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah, He has never given up on them.

*v. 6* The State of Israel in its pre-1967 borders was 8,019 square miles or 20,770 square kilometers, just barely bigger than New Jersey. What an amazing prophecy! *fill the face of the world with fruit*, from such a small country! How wonderful is our God!

*vs. 7-9* *Psa 78:38* *But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath; God chastens Israel but only allows His judgment to go only so far and does not allow them to cease to exist as a people or His promises to them related to the land.*

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*Isa 27:10 Yet the fortified city will be desolate, The habitation forsaken and left like a wilderness; There the calf will feed, and there it will lie down And consume its branches.*

*Isa 27:11 When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off; The women come and set them on fire. For it is a people of no understanding; Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them, And He who formed them will show them no favor.*

*Isa 27:12 And it shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will thresh, From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.*

*Isa 27:13 So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.*

*vs. 10-11* In the Kingdom of the LORD, the city of man lies desolate. *The fortified city will be desolate*: The city of man, representing the world system, will be made desolate by the judgment of the LORD. Knowing this, why would we put our hope, our confidence, or our expectation in the world system? The city of man, the world system, will be made so desolate that it will resemble a *wilderness* with bare *branches*, useful only for *fire*. “In Isaiah 10:33-34, God goes into battle against the great trees, lopping the boughs from them with his axe. Here the undergrowth feels the shriveling heat of his anger. *He who formed them will show them no favor*: This is the terrible judgment against the city of man, against the world system. We want the *favor* of the LORD, we long for His *favor*. But the world system, the citizens of the city of man, will be shown *no favor*.

*vs. 12-13* In the Kingdom of the LORD, He is worshipped in Jerusalem. The LORD will be worshipped by His own regathered people: *You will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel*. They will come from the nations (*Assyria . . . Egypt*), and they will come to *worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem. And shall worship the Lord* - Their temple shall be rebuilt; their city shall be restored; and in the place where their fathers worshipped shall they also again adore the living God. This closes the prophecy which was in (Is. 24:23; 25:6-7, 10); and the design of the whole is to comfort the Jews with the assurance, that though they were to be made captive in a distant land, yet they would be again restored to the land of their fathers, and again worship God there. (Mt. 24:31; Zech. 14:16; Heb. 12:22)

*vs. 10-11* When Israel is defeated and taken into captivity, such as by the Babylonians, it’s going to appear to be pretty much forsaken, but God isn’t through with them yet.

*vs. 12-13* In that Kingdom Age, God will bring the Jews and really all worshippers of Him, bringing them out of all the different parts of the world, in order to come and worship Him there in Jerusalem. Isaiah talks about Assyria, Egypt, Israel, and Jerusalem. These are literal places. Israel is going to be literally restored. If you have a high view of the inspiration of Scripture, then believe what God says. This prophecy has never been fulfilled in the past. Its fulfillment is yet future. When God moves the Jews into the land, God will move them. When they come, they will worship Him. Just as He called you and me, He will call them.