

## The Prophecies of Isaiah <sup>98</sup>

### Lesson 40

At this point in Isaiah's message, the Lord is about to arrive in Jerusalem to destroy all His enemies gathered in the valley of Armageddon. He has just administered judgment on the Edomites for their sins against Israel; His garments are newly stained with Edomite blood. Part 5 of the third section of vision 22 speaks of the Lord's lovingkindness for Israel.

### Section 3

#### Part 5

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#### **ISAIAH – LOVINGKINDNESS OF THE LORD**

**Isaiah 63:7** I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has granted us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has granted them according to His compassion, And according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

The Lord will be arriving in Jerusalem to fulfill His promise to Israel because of His lovingkindness. At that time, Israel will finally understand the full meaning of the Lord's promise and covenant with her.

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#### **THE LORD – ISRAEL'S SAVIOR**

**Isaiah 63:8** For He said, "Surely, they are My people, Sons who will not deal falsely." So He became their Savior. <sup>9</sup> In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them; And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old.

Israel will finally allow the Lord to be her Savior. In the past, all the troubles of Israel have afflicted the Lord. The Lord continued to fight for Israel when she sinned because He had promised to care for her. Throughout the Old Testament, the Lord intervened on Israel's behalf; He appeared as her Defender in the form of the Angel of His Presence.

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#### **ISRAEL – GRIEVED THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Isaiah 63:10** But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore, He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them.

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Throughout her history, Israel grieved the Holy Spirit. Therefore, at times, He purposefully gathered enemies to fight Israel.

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**ISRAEL – WHERE IS HE WHO**

**Isaiah 63:11** Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses. Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them, <sup>12</sup> Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup> Who led them through the depths? Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble; <sup>14</sup> As the cattle which go down into the valley, The Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So didst Thou lead Thy people, To make for Thyself a glorious name. <sup>15</sup> Look down from heaven, and see from Thy holy and glorious habitation; Where are Thy zeal and Thy mighty deeds? The stirrings of Thy heart and Thy compassion are restrained toward me.

At the end of Israel's time of Tribulation, she will begin to look for the Lord who sent the Holy Spirit to protect her when she left Egypt as she headed into the wilderness to meet the Lord at Mount Sinai. As the Holy Spirit led them in the wilderness, the Lord waited for them on the mountain.

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**ISRAEL – FATHER AND LORD**

**Isaiah 63:16** For Thou art our Father, though Abraham does not know us, And Israel does not recognize us. Thou, O LORD, art our Father, Our Redeemer from of old is Thy name.

Abraham was the grandfather of Jacob and the grandfather of Jacob's offspring; however, he was not a Jew of the nation of Israel. Abraham had already died when the Lord changed Jacob's name to Israel; therefore, Abraham never knew the Jews of the nation of Israel. At the end of the tribulation, the converted Jews will not act or worship as their nation did just days before they turned to the Lord who paid her ransom on the Cross to become her Redeemer at His Second Coming.

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**ISRAEL – ASKS LORD TO RETURN TRIBES**

**Isaiah 63:17** Why, O LORD, dost Thou cause us to stray from Thy ways, And harden our heart from fearing Thee? Return for the sake of Thy servants, the tribes of Thy heritage. <sup>18</sup> Thy holy people possessed Thy sanctuary for a little while, Our adversaries have trodden *it* down. <sup>19</sup> We have become *like* those over whom Thou hast never ruled, *Like* those who were not called by Thy name.

When this vision is delivered in 710 BC, Solomon's Temple is still standing in Jerusalem. It will not be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar for 136 years. However, this passage is referring Solomon's Temple or Zerubbabel's Temple that was destroyed in 70 AD; it is speaking about the takeover of the Temple in the last days by the leader of the Revived Western Roman Empire. The conglomeration of nations which joined forces to fight Israel will tread on the capital city and take over the Holy Sanctuary from a people who do not know the Lord.

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**ISRAEL – ASKS LORD TO COME FROM HEAVEN**

**Isaiah 64:1** Oh, that Thou wouldst rend the heavens *and* come down, That the mountains might quake at Thy presence-- <sup>2</sup> As fire kindles the brushwood, *as* fire

causes water to boil-- To make Thy name known to Thine adversaries, *That* the nations may tremble at Thy presence!

In those last days of Israel's Tribulation, she will beg for the Lord to tear open the veil of heaven and come to earth to make the mountains quake, burn it with fire and make the adversarial nations tremble at His coming.

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**ISRAEL – FOR MOUNTAINS TO QUAKE**

**Isaiah 64:3** When Thou didst awesome things which we did not expect, Thou didst come down, the mountains quaked at Thy presence. <sup>4</sup> For from of old they have not heard nor perceived by ear, Neither has the eye seen a God besides Thee, Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

The Lord will come just as Israel asks and the glory of His presence as well as His mighty deeds will far outshine all His promised actions seen by Israel.

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**ISRAEL – ANGER OF THE LORD**

**Isaiah 64:5** Thou dost meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness, Who remembers Thee in Thy ways. Behold, Thou wast angry, for we sinned, *We continued* in them a long time; And shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup> For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

When the Lord arrives, He will become the Savior and Redeemer of the righteous. As stated in all the theology in God's Word, the best of the best are not good enough to be called the righteous. The lovingkindness of the Lord will make that determination based on one standard, calling on the name of the Lord.

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**ISRAEL – NO ONE CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD**

**Isaiah 64:7** And there is no one who calls on Thy name, Who arouses himself to take hold of Thee; For Thou hast hidden Thy face from us, And hast delivered us into the power of our iniquities.

Who calls upon the name of the Lord? In the past, the nation of Israel refused to call upon the name of the Lord and He turned His face away from her. Israel's own sin engulfed her just as all sin, if not mastered by righteousness, engulfs its victim. By the time of Israel's Tribulation, no actions in her history deserve the salvation of the Lord.

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**ISRAEL – POTTER AND THE CLAY**

**Isaiah 64:8** But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father, We are the clay, and Thou our potter; And all of us are the work of Thy hand.

The Father is the potter and Israel is the clay. He can make Israel into whatever He wishes and it is His desire that Israel is the nation above every other nation. As the clay, Israel has no say over her outcome. One hundred and twenty years after the delivery of this vision, Jeremiah will repeat this same theme as he adds to the prophecy of Israel's future.

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**ISRAEL – DO NOT BE ANGRY BEYOND MEASURE**

**Isaiah 64:9** Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD, Neither remember iniquity forever; Behold, look now, all of us are Thy people.

As the time of tribulation comes to an end, the converted Israel will beg the Lord not to remember her sins. He will not remember her sins; her trust in Him will blot out her sin and He will see her as His people.

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### **ISRAEL – HOLY CITIES GONE**

**Isaiah 64:10** Thy holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. <sup>11</sup> Our holy and beautiful house, Where our fathers praised Thee, Has been burned by fire; And all our precious things have become a ruin. <sup>12</sup> Wilt Thou restrain Thyself at these things, O LORD? Wilt Thou keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?

When the Lord arrives in Jerusalem at His Second Coming, the city will be in ruins. During the Tribulation, the city will suffer great loss as it is attacked and half the people on the city are killed. Later, just before the Lord's return, the city will be attacked again and during the rage, an earthquake will occur, splitting the city into thirds. Two thirds of the people will die in that event. Israel will cry out for the Lord to pour out His vengeance on her enemies.

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### **THE LORD – SOUGHT AND FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK**

**Isaiah 65:1** "I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask *for Me*; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here am I, here am I,' To a nation which did not call on My name. <sup>2</sup> " I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk *in* the way which is not good, following their own thoughts, <sup>3</sup> A people who continually provoke Me to My face, Offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup> Who sit among graves, and spend the night in secret places; Who eat swine's flesh, And the broth of unclean meat is *in* their pots. <sup>5</sup> "Who say, ' Keep to yourself, do not come near me, For I am holier than you!' These are smoke in My nostrils, A fire that burns all the day.

Although Israel, the chosen nation, does not accept the Lord when He comes to be her Savior, He will allow her a second chance before His Second Coming. Repeatedly, He says to Israel through the centuries, "Here am I, here am I." It is the same nation that refused to follow the commands of the Lord, a people who refused to follow his instructions in every area of life, a people who refused to allow the Lord to come near. Rather, the smoke of her burnt offerings to false gods continue to fill the Lord's nostrils.

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### **THE LORD – WILL NOT KEEP SILENT**

**Isaiah 65:6** "Behold, it is written before Me, I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will even repay into their bosom, <sup>7</sup> Both their own iniquities and the iniquities of their fathers together," says the LORD. "Because they have burned incense on the mountains, And scorned Me on the hills, Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom."

None of Israel's sins are hidden from the Lord; they are all set down in the record books. The sins of all the generations of Israel are written for all eternity in the book of remembrance and a penalty must be paid for each sin, all of which will be heaped in piles upon their chests.

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### **THE LORD – WILL NOT DESTROY SERVANTS**

**Isaiah 65:8** Thus says the LORD, "As the new wine is found in the cluster, And one says, 'Do not destroy it, for there is benefit in it,' So I will act on behalf of My servants In order not to destroy all of them.

Despite the combined sins of the nation of Israel, the Lord will pick His few from the many just as a the winemaker picks the choice grapes to create the best sweet wine. The Lord will not destroy the entire nation of Israel so He can choose the best people among them.

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#### **THE LORD – OFFSPRING OF JACOB**

**Isaiah 65:9** "And I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, And an heir of My mountains from Judah; Even My chosen ones shall inherit it, And My servants shall dwell there. <sup>10</sup> "And Sharon shall be a pasture land for flocks, And the valley of Achor a resting place for herds, For My people who seek Me.

The Lord's choice people will dwell near His sanctuary. Sharon was on the west coast of Israel between Joppa and Caesarea. It was known for its beautiful rose. Achor was a valley near Jericho known for its plush fields, feeding grounds for flocks of all kinds. The Lord will grant these two choice pieces of land to those who seek Him.



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#### **THE LORD – ISRAEL FORSAKES FOR FORTUNE AND DESTINY**

**Isaiah 65:11** "But you who forsake the LORD, Who forget My holy mountain, Who set a table for Fortune, And who fill *cups* with mixed wine for Destiny, <sup>12</sup> I will destine you for the sword, And all of you shall bow down to the slaughter. Because I called, but you did not answer; I spoke, but you did not hear. And you did evil in My sight, And chose that in which I did not delight."

Fortune and Destiny are the names of two of the false gods that were worshiped in valleys during the years of Manasseh's reign. At the end, the same false gods will reign in the minds of the ungodly and the sword will confer is the penalty. The Lord will try to sway the Israelites who worship at the feet of Fortune and Destiny, but they will not hear His voice.

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#### **THE LORD – SOUGHT AND FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK**

**Isaiah 65:13** Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry. Behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty. Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame. <sup>14</sup> "Behold, My servants shall shout joyfully with a glad heart, But you shall cry out with a heavy heart, And you shall wail with a broken spirit.

Two groups will exist during the tribulation, those who serve the Lord and those who do not. Here, the Lord promises that His servants will be blessed and His enemies will be cursed.

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#### **THE LORD – ISRAEL'S NAME CURSE**

**Isaiah 65:15** "And you will leave your name for a curse to My chosen ones, And the Lord GOD will slay you. But My servants will be called by another name. <sup>16</sup> "Because he who is blessed in the earth Shall be blessed by the God of truth; And he who swears in the earth Shall swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight!

God will slay the cursed and the Lord's servants will receive a new name. All the sin of the servants will be forgotten, covered and hidden from the eyes of the Lord.

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**THE LORD – NEW HEAVEN NEW EARTH**

**Isaiah 65:17** "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing, And her people *for* gladness.

The salvation of Israel is just the beginning of the Lord's plan for his kingdom. With the arrival of the Lord, heaven is changed because He is not there and neither is the bride. The heavens will be altered by the coming of the Lord, His radiance will outshine the sun and the stars. The earth will be under His rule and the old ways of previous governmental empires shall not be used again. Jerusalem will sit on the highest mountain on earth and the Lord's Temple is His home on that mountain.

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**THE LORD – IN JERUSALEM, YOUTH ENDS AT 100**

**Isaiah 65:19** "I will also rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying. <sup>20</sup> "No longer will there be in it an infant ~~who lives but a few days~~, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Shall be ~~thought~~ accursed.

The years of a lifetime will be extended for all mankind. Babies will be born and all will live. At the age of 100, a person will still be considered a youth. Crying will be rare in that day.

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**THE LORD – ENJOY WHAT THEY BUILD**

**Isaiah 65:21** "And they shall build houses and inhabit *them*; They shall also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22a</sup> "They shall not build, and another inhabit, They shall not plant, and another eat;

After the inauguration of the Lord's kingdom, Israel will settle into the Promised Land and begin to establish the new rules of life in the kingdom.

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**THE LORD – LENGTH OF A LIFETIME**

**Isaiah 65:22b** For as the lifetime of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people, And My chosen ones shall wear out the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> "They shall not labor in vain, Or bear *children* for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them.

How long will people live during the days of the kingdom? Just as a tree can live for centuries, so too, will people in the kingdom will live long lives. The only difference concerning life in the kingdom is the length of life; marriages will continue to occur, children will be born, meals will be prepared and all will be blessed by the Lord.

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**THE LORD – ANSWER BEFORE CALL**

**Isaiah 65:24** "It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

The Lord's plans are in place for the future kingdom even in the days of Isaiah and Hezekiah. The Lord is prepared to answer Israel even before she calls. The Lord's ears are open, ready for Israel's call.

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**THE LORD – WOLF, LAMB, LION, OX, SERPENT, NO EVIL OR HARM**

**Isaiah 65:25** "The wolf and the lamb shall graze together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

In the kingdom, the holy mountain of the Lord is special. Evil will not approach the mountain. There, all the natural instincts of the animals will change to reflect the holiness demanded on the mountain. Elsewhere in the world, will a wolf kill a lamb? Yes. Why? Even though the kingdom of the Lord will be different for mankind concerning holiness and sin, the food chain will still be in place for humans and animals. Animals do not sin when they kill to eat. On the mountain of the Lord, animals will not act as they do elsewhere.