



KING OF THE WORLD

Studies in Isaiah

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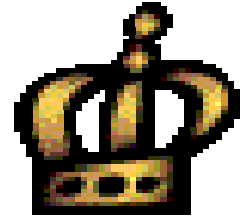
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All Over But the Shouting

Introduction to Isaiah 24-35



**As the King of the world
God deserves all our loyalty.**

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

For centuries in England decisions in assemblies were made with simple voice votes. These assemblies became known as “shoutings”, and when the outcome was known before the vote, it was all over but the “shouting”. This applies to God’s plan for the future; He will judge His enemies and save His people, but in the meanwhile we must go through the day-to-day process. In Isaiah 24-35 we see this very thing: the earth and its inhabitants will be punished, Judah’s enemies will be judged and God’s people will be disciplined. Eventually, though God will save His people, bringing glory to Himself in the process as all nations turn to Him. Knowing this in advance should enable us to endure hardship as we look forward to a glorious future. In the first section, Isaiah 24-27, the encourage-

ment is given to glorify the Lord from east to west for the faithful execution of His plan to judge the nations. He promises a lavish banquet for His people in the end, and will take away their dread of death. All He asks is for the faithfulness of His people and their desire to seek His glory and fame. One day this will happen as God gathers all nations to Himself. Unfortunately, Judah did not respond appropriately as Isaiah 28-31 shows. Rather than waiting on the Lord, they polluted themselves with drunkenness, foolish pacts, ruthlessness, evil alliances with Egypt, and superficial worship. The result would be God’s discipline, first by the inability to understand His truth, and then by God’s outright opposition to their human efforts. Their only hope would be to repent, and rest

in God; if they would quietly trust in God they would be saved. God longed to be gracious to them. In Isaiah 32-35 we see that He would direct their steps, give them a righteous King, judge their enemies thoroughly, and provide great prosperity. The land and the people would blossom profusely and all the ransomed of the Lord would return with joy. In the day Isaiah prophesied this all seemed impossible, but because God had already planned this from long ago, it would certainly occur. It was all over but the shouting.

Daily Study Questions for Isaiah 24-35

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.thehospitalchurch.com/small groups/ABFs/leader resources](http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/small_groups/ABFs/leader_resources))

1. Read Isaiah 24:1-5, 19-23. What will God do one day to the earth (v1, 3, 19-20) and its people (v2, 4, 21-22)? Why (v5)?	
2. In Is 25 what has God planned for the ruthless and for the needy (v1-5)? What will he do for all who have waited on His salvation (v6-9)?	
3. From 26 what is the mindset of the righteous (v1-4, 7-8) and what do they understand (v11-12, 13, 18, 19)? How does this provide hope?	

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Isaiah 24-35 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From 26:20-27:13 in the day of God's judgment what will He do to His enemies (26:20-27:1, 10-11) and His people (27:2-6, 12-13)?

5. Based on 28:1-17 how had God's people acted (v1, 7-8, 14-15)? How would He respond (v2, 5-6, 9-13, 16-17)? Apply.

6. Using 29 why would God discipline His people (v13-14, 15-16)? What will they do in the end (v18-19, 23-24)?

7. Looking at 30-31 with whom did Judah want to make an alliance (30:1-4, 31:1), and what should they have done (30:2, 15, 31:1)? What did God want to do (30:18-22)?

8. In 32 what good things would happen in the future (v1-5, 15-20), and what would be the first sign of this (v15)? How can we apply this?

9. According to 33 what will be the results of God's judgment (v1, 5, 10-12, 17-21) and how should we respond (v2, 6, 13-16, 22)?

10. From 34 how bad will God's judgment be (v2-6, 8-11)? Who will get the benefit (v16-17)?

11. Based on 35 what will happen to the land of Israel one day (v1-2, 6b-9) and to God's people (v4-6, 10)? What should this lead to (v3)?

12. Think about God's judgment and God's blessing in these chapters. What motivates both of them?

Scripture to Remember

"In repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength."

Isaiah 30:15 (NAS)

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Life Group Questions—Let's Get Real About Suffering

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. What type of suffering do you dread most—physical, mental/emotional, or relational? What is your typical approach to dealing with it?
2. Look at 1 Pet 4:1. How did Christ "enlist" His suffering? Think of some ways you could do that in your life.
3. Share some experiences in which you have seen suffering protect you, direct you, and/or perfect you.
4. Discuss why fervent love, hospitality, and serving one another are so vital to making suffering a good thing in our lives. Specifically, how can you engage in these?
5. Talk about how we can show the glory of God in our walk with Christ, in our bodies, in our activities, and in our suffering. How would your life be different if you adopted this purpose this week?
6. Bring up anything else important to you from Sunday's message if there is time.