WEEK #13
Isaiah 24 - Are You Ready?

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Isaiah 24:19
Hi Everyone!

Last week’s Isaiah chapters were all about God’s judgment on the enemies of Israel. Our chapter for this coming week? One chapter – chapter 24 – and it’s all about God’s “day” of judgment on the whole world!!!!

Yep! This is a whole chapter on the last seven years of our world as we know it – what is commonly known as “The Tribulation”. We’re going to compare Chapter 24 with some verses from the book of Revelation, too – no way we can discuss this chapter without comparing to John’s visions in Revelation, right?

Here’s a little timeline which will give us a framework for what we will see in Chapter 24:

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Some of you already know that as I have read and studied scripture I see the rapture placed somewhere after the middle of the 7 year period – I know many of you see it at the beginning, or even before the start of the Tribulation - either way, it doesn't change the fact that there is a huge miracle which is going to happen once God’s judgment begins to descend on the world!

Enjoy Isaiah this week – we're going to realize that there will be blessing even in the midst of the Tribulation!

*Kathleen*
In Chapter 24 Isaiah is specifically talking about the **BIG DAY OF THE LORD**. The one still in our future. The Tribulation.

This day is coming. Are you ready? The earth itself will be torn apart in this day. Everyone in the world will be affected by this Day. Every culture. Every language. Every social strata.

1. Isaiah 24:1&2 Who will be affected by the coming judgment?

2. Isaiah 24:3 How much of the earth will be affected?

3. Isaiah 24:4 Who especially will be overwhelmed by this judgment?

4. Isaiah 24:5 Why is this going to happen?
5. Isaiah 24:6 Is the earth totally destroyed during this coming judgment?

6. Isaiah 24:7-11 In your Bible, circle every word which describes how people feel during this time.

7. Isaiah 24:12, 13 What illustration does Isaiah use to help us see what this time will feel like?

8. Isaiah 24:14&15 & 16a Amazingly, what will be the one of the results of this “shaking”?

9. Isaiah 24:16b-20 What else suffers during this time, not just people?

10. Isaiah 24: 21&22 What two groups of beings will be especially singled out for judgment during this time?

11. Isaiah 24:23 What will be the end result of this time of judgment?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

12. As you read chapter 24, what is your reaction? How do you feel? Should you be getting ready…or should you just wait and see?
Isaiah 24 – Are You Ready?
Kathleen’s Answers and Comments

Memory Verse: Isaiah 24:19
“The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly “

In Chapter 24 Isaiah is specifically talking about the BIG DAY OF THE LORD – the judgment from God which is still in our future. Lots of people call this time the Tribulation. It will last seven years.

That day of judgment is coming. Are you ready? The earth itself will be torn apart in this day. Everyone in the world will be affected by this Day. Every culture. Every language. Every social strata.

1. Isaiah 24:1&2  Who will be affected by the Tribulation?

Not one person on earth will be left out.

- **Revelation 6:15-16** “And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on hide us from of Him who sits throne and the wrath of Lamb!’”

- **Revelation 13:16&17** “He causes all, both great, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. “

- **Revelation 14:9-11** “Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of his indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”
2. **Isaiah 24:3**  How much of the earth will be affected?

The entire earth will groan under the judgment of God in the Tribulation. Look at all the things which will happen to the earth, mentioned in the book of Revelation:

Earthquakes, Cosmic disturbances, Vegetation burned up, Seas contaminated, Water supplies poisoned, Sun, moon and stars darkened, Locusts which kill, Armies which kill, Drought, Waters turned to blood, Plagues, Fire raining down from heaven with blood mingled in, Sores on men, Sea becomes blood, Rivers turned to blood, Sun overheats the earth, Darkness and pain, Rivers dried up, Islands and mountains moved, Huge hail.

In fact, because the Tribulation will finally set the earth free from the curse of sin, the earth actually eagerly awaits this time!

- **Romans 8:19-22** “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”

3. **Isaiah 24:4**  Who especially will be overwhelmed by this judgment?

The proud will be overwhelmed by this judgment. The ones who believed in themselves, and would not dream of letting go of their sins.

- **Revelation 9:20&21** “But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

4. **Isaiah 24:5**  Why is this going to happen?

One simple word answers why this day will have to happen: sin.

- **Genesis 2:15-17** “Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’

- **Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

5. **Isaiah 24:6**  Is the earth totally destroyed during this coming judgment?

Thankfully, no. The earth, though damaged, remains. A few people on earth are left - those who have believed in Jesus and somehow made it through the 7 years alive. In
addition to that, we know, from the Old Testament prophet Zechariah, that a small remnant of Jewish people come to faith in their Messiah just before He returns, and are on the earth, waiting to greet Him at His arrival.

- **Zechariah 13:8-9** “And it shall come to pass in all the land,’ says the Lord, ‘That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say ‘This is my people’; and each one will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’ “

Read all of Zechariah chapters 12, 13 and 14 to see this incredible picture of the practically unbelievable miracle of belief! Picture this: after judgment from God is literally dumped on planet earth for nearly 7 years, the survivors of a whole people group fall to their knees in repentance before Jesus - the One, True God they had rejected.

6. **Isaiah 24:7-11** In your Bible, circle every word which describes how people will feel during this time.

7. **Isaiah 24:12, 13** What illustration does Isaiah use to help us see what this time will feel like?

Isaiah describes this time as The shaking of a tree, with the fruit dropping to the ground. Like there is no hope left. No future harvest to look forward to.

- **Revelation 18:21-23** “Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, ‘Thus with violence the great city of Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore.”

8. **Isaiah 24:14&15 & 16a** Amazingly, what will be the one of the results of this “shaking”?

Wow! Repentance!!!! Belief!!!! This miraculous time of belief is described not only in the Zechariah passages we already mentioned, but also in the last phrase of Revelation 11:13, just after the two witnesses are killed, and then miraculously raised from the dead:

- **Revelation 11:11-13** “Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here.’ And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.”
9. Isaiah 24:16b-20  What else suffers during the Tribulation, not just people?

The earth itself is heavily damaged during this time. Now, we know Jesus, returning on His white horse, will heal the earth — and it will be strong and vibrant for 1,000 years. But at the end of that 1,000 years, after the one last rebellion described in Revelation 20:7-9, the earth is no longer of use to Jesus. It will fall, and not rise again, as Isaiah says here in 24:20 — because the New Heaven and the New Earth will take its place.

- **Isaiah 24:20** “The earth shall reel to and from like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut; its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again.”
- **Revelation 20:7-9** “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, God and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."
- **Revelation 21:1** “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away…”

10. Isaiah 24: 21&22  What two groups of beings/people will be especially singled out for judgment?

An evil angel and two evil rulers:

- **Revelation 19:19-20** “And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”
- **Revelation 20:10** “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. Isaiah 24:23  What will be the end result of this time of judgment?

When the judgment and the miracles of the seven years of Tribulation are completed, Jesus returns. He will be so bright and beautiful and so full of light, that the sun and the moon will hide their faces in shame, so to speak. For they never could ever have given off as much light as Jesus! In fact, even after that 1,000 years is finished on this earth, there will be no need of sun or moon at all! For Jesus Himself will be the only light source necessary:

- **Revelation 21:23** “The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.”