

Isaiah 24

The Cleaning of the Earth

1. 24:1-4 – The Earth Emptied

- a. Section theme is the time of restitution (24-27) and refreshing (25-35) - Acts 3:19-21
 - i. Ch. 24-27 speak to the restoration of God's kingdom on earth 24:24
 - ii. This section speaks plainly about the subject of Revelation
- b. 'earth' is mentioned 15x – 1,3,4,5,6,11,12,16,17,18,19,20,21
 - i. It alternates talking about the land and the people - Bullinger
- c. 1-4 – The LORD empties the earth like a bucket. → judgment comes
 - i. Affecting everyone = no respect of persons (Jew & Gentile)
 - ii. Utterly ~def. the full extent; utmost; complete; total; final. Jer 30:7, Mt 24:21

2. 24:5-12 – The Effects of the Curse

- a. 5 – the earth defiled by man – Gen 3:17-18, Rom 5:12
 - i. Why? Transgressed laws, changed ordinance, broken covenant. Rom 3:9
- a. “*everlasting covenant*” - a covenant of peace on earth for ever - Gen 9:16, Lk 2:14
 - i. Gen 17:7, 13, 19; “of rest” - Lev 24:8; “of peace” – Num 25:13; “sure” – 2 Sam 23:5/Isa 55:3; “of the land” - Ps 105:10; “in the kingdom” – Isa 61:8; “one heart, one way” - Jer 32:40/Acts 4:32; resurrection – Eze 37:26
 - ii. Everlasting gospel will be preached before his wrath - Rev 14:6-7
- b. 6 - “*burned*” = purged with fire 2Pe 3:7; - “*few men left*” = a remnant. Isa 4:3-4
- c. 7-12 – No more joy or gladness – Desolate ~def. 2. A place deprived of inhabitants, or otherwise wasted, ravaged and ruined. Gloomy, sad, destitute.

3. 24:13-16 – A Remnant Will Rejoice

- a. A remnant will rejoice in singing with gladness - Is 6:9-13, 17:6
 - i. Despite the trouble, they were glad and praising God – Acts 2:17-20, 2:46-47
- b. Songs by the remnant – Isa 51:11, 52:8-9, Rev 14:3, 15:3, Rev 11:13
- c. They shall sing for the majesty of the LORD – Isa 2:19-21, 26:1

4. 24:16-23 – Signs of Those Times

- a. 16-19 – 1) Fear upon all men, 2) earthquakes 3) judgment – Rev 6:12
- b. 19 – “*utterly broken*” Isa 13:13, Eze 38:19-20, Nah 1:5, Hag 2:6, Heb 12:26
- c. 20 – “*reel to and fro*” – an earthquake: at least three major ones in Revelation
- d. “*transgression ... heavy*” – judgment for transgression – Mt 23:35-36, Dan 9:24
- e. 21-23 – A day of 1) punishment of high ones, 2) put them in a pit, 3) LORD's reign
 - i. Punishment of high ones – (7th trumpet) Rev 10:7, 11:15-18, 12:7-9
 - ii. They are shut up in the pit (hell) until later (lake of fire) – Rev 19:19, 20:14
 - iii. The day of His reign: for ever and ever – Isa 66:19-20, Rev 19:6, 20:4-6, 22:5