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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

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Jacob's Trouble Pt 3

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Isaiah 25

- With Isaiah 25 we are 37% of the way through the book.
- One of the intentions of this study is to confirm or falsify the theory that the renovation of the earth (and its systems) is in time for the Kingdom—not after it.
- We believe that there should be no contradiction/ambiguity/uncertainty between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- So far so good! Nothing to challenge the (proposed) chronology, yet!

Moving into Chapter 25

- In chapter 25 (the second chapter of the Old Testament apocalypse) the Tribulation chapter (24) is fresh on the mind of the (reader) Prophet as he moves to describing the conditions in the Kingdom.
- There is no reason (given) to place some of these (6) features into the “Eternal State.” Therefore, it need not be claimed that the text/events goes back and forth between the 1000 years and the Eternal State.

Certainty!

- We have great confidence and a certainty about what the Bible teaches in every theological subdivision.
- For example: We are moving through one of these on Sunday night. There are no ambiguities and the Bible is clear on Theology Proper (Doctrine of God).
- What a blessing to have the sure word made more sure by the exposition of the text that gives us a very clear and unambiguous picture of God.

Alphabetical wiki

- Angelology – The study of angels
- Bibliology – The study of the Bible
- Christology – The study of Christ
- Ecclesiology – The study of the church
- Eschatology – The study of the end times[5]
- Hamartiology – The study of sin
- Paterology — The study of God the Father
- Pneumatology – The study of the Holy Spirit
- Soteriology – The study of salvation
- Theological anthropology – The study of the nature of humanity.
- Theology proper – The study of the character of God

Uncertainty!

- After moving through nine of the ten divisions of Christian Theology we come to Eschatology and the commentators become bashful as the sun and Moon before the Glory of God, and claim that Eschatology is a complicated subject that few things can be unequivocally established.
- It is the nature of Eschatology to have many questions unanswered—that is how it is!

All Bogus Claims Hurt!

- **But that claim is biblically bogus. Why would the prophetic be the great enigma of the Bible when Jesus Himself is called the Spirit of Prophecy, Rev 19:10.**
- **We must quickly add that there has been too much speculation about what's going to happen, an attempt to apply the prophetic to our historical setting. There have been too many blunders to count. The most bogus claim of Hal Lindsay date setting attempt in the Great Late Planet Earth. Then Edgar C. Whisenant's 88 reason why the Rapture will be in 1988. Opps!**

All Bogus Claims Hurt!

- **We (even IHCC), teachers have made the Ten Nation European alliance (Common Market) a prophetic “fulfillment” or baby steps towards the Anti-Christ’s ten nation empire, the 8th of Revelation—but the alliance went way beyond ten—**
- **The Roman Empire, extended into the Middle East. This was not considered since it was not “western.”**
- **The point is that we made mistakes trying to match the news papers with the Bible.**

- When I suggest that there ought to be the same level of certainty in Eschatology as in Theology Proper, I do not mean our daily assessment—resetting the Rapture index by reading the media of our day.
- What I mean is, that Eschatology must be established in the Scripture without any attempt to reconcile it to the present.
- Of course we all “speculate.” I do it, will do it. We are to be wise and discerning but we must be open to surprises that no one can see coming.

The Ambiguity?

- What is left to ambiguity?
- The chronology of the certain critical events of prophecy.
- These uncertainties are related to the timing of the recreation of the earth and the “extent” of it.
- I believe it is possible to remove these uncertainties by building the biblical case.

Partial Certainty

- **Not in question—**

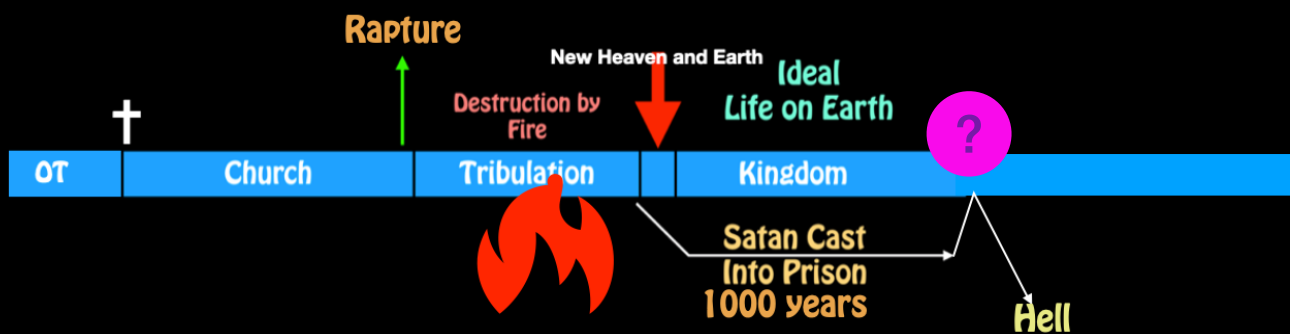
1. Is Church/Israel separation,
2. Rapture,
3. The seven year Tribulation,
4. The 2nd Advent,
5. The “millennial kingdom.”

If these have certainly

Why not this?

- But not the **timing and extent** of the New Heaven and Earth—it includes the New Jerusalem.

The Proposed Certainty



But not the timing and extent of the New Heaven and Earth includes the New Jerusalem.

What Can be Known

- ★ But not the timing and extent of the New Heaven and Earth includes the New Jerusalem comes down to earth.
- ★ **What is at stake with this uncertainty?**
- ★ **The quality (conditions) of the Kingdom.**
- ★ **Can the quality of the Kingdom give us the right answer?**
- ★ **When does perfection arrive on earth. Jesus prayed that God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. So at some point God's "will"—will rule the earth in perfection. In the Kingdom or in the "Eternal State?"**



Clues for the Detectives in Isaiah 24-27

As Assumption—extra Stuff

- This question is hard to answer because the Eternal State with a “different quality” has been assumed.
- There is time beyond the 1000 yrs. (eternal kingdom) but what conditions are new? There are none explicitly stated.
- However two are often offered for the Eternal State:
 - 1. End of death—2. End of sinning and sinners—

Isaiah 24-27



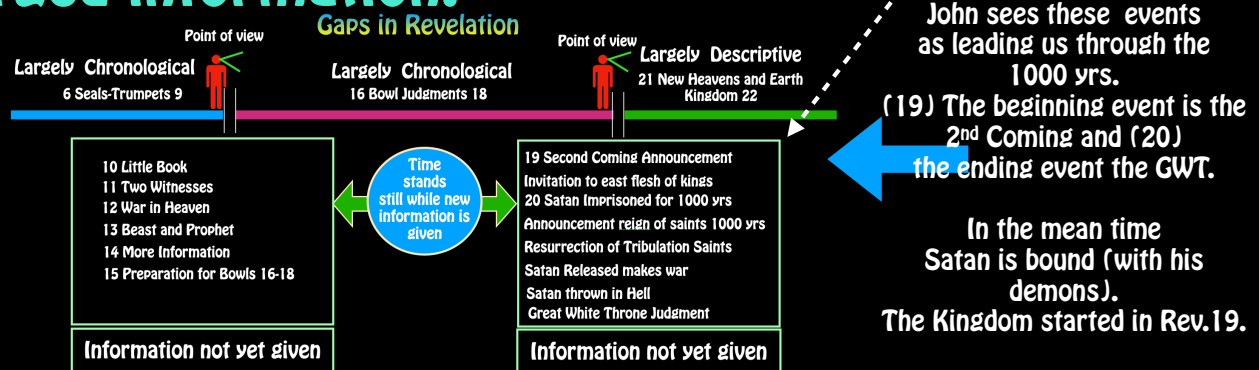
- We now approach the text knowing what to look for.
- What are the good things in the Kingdom? Make a list.
- What are the bad things in the Kingdom? Make a list.

Hold the **M** **Common!**

We are looking for clarity!

here we left off last week.

- We skimmed over the final section (24:21-22) last week because of time.
- But we have an incredible prophecy here that (as far as I know) is not repeated until John repeats it in Rev 20 the chapter of enlarged information.



From Last Week

- The idea that Satan is temporarily bound is revealed in Isaiah—1st time.
- That idea alone is startling.
 - The Devil is the prince of the power of the air.
 - That is how he is known since the Garden event.
 - Satan has been allowed “free access” and is allowed to confuse the world about God and His creation.

From Last Week

- There are no periods in history or peoples in any geography who have been exempt from his wiles.
- Short statements like these (21-22) are easily run over with a skip and a hop.
- There are many things in the Bible that strike us as strange and we quickly move on.
- Yet these verses are important as they are unique.
- The truth is not repeated until John writes Rev. 20.

From Last Week

- And then we have this—those who have an anti-Jewish bias— the meaning of these verses die in the Old Testament and have no connection to Revelation.
- What God promised the Jews has long been spend (so it goes).

From Last Week

- Now reflect on Jesse's list of God's attributes His holiness, righteousness, faithful, truthfulness, goodness, mercy. grace— but God changed his mind? Or never intended, or by sleight of hand did not keep His promise to the descendants of Abram—Jacob.
- How is it possible that anyone could set aside the clear statements of God through scholarly intervention.
- We are dumbfounded that those who do that are counted with the faithful! But God is faithful even when His children are not.
- But the rewards for the destruction of God's Word caused by these insiders is unimaginable.

Pergamum!

- Is it possible that the church at Pergamum represents the compromised church of Covenant Theology?
- Have they not compromised a large section of the Word to **get along with the skeptical scholars who in their first impulse mean to destroy the Word of God? (Destroy the literal sense).**
- You have been faithful but I have this against you—you compromised My Word. Think about this!



Returning to Isaiah 24:21-22

The Demonic Incarceration

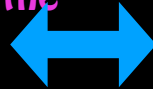
- “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut the door behind him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.” (Revelation 20:1–3, NASB95)

Compare Sections

Jacob's Trouble

“So it will happen in that day, That the Lord will punish the host of heaven on high, And the earth on low. They will be gathered together Like prisoners in the dungeon, And will be confined in prison; And after many days they will be punished.” (Isaiah 24:21–22, NASB95)

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- and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer,
- (Revelation 20:1–3)



And the kings of the earth on earth. They will be gathered together Like prisoners in the dungeon, And will be confined in prison; (Isaiah 24:21–22)

Jacob's Trouble

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- after these things he must be released for a short time.”
(Revelation 20:1–3)

And after many days

they will be punished.”
(Isaiah 24:21–22)

- **... and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.” (Revelation 20:7–9,)**

Jacob's Trouble

**There is no
parallel
information
in Isaiah 24**

Jacob's Trouble

- “And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”
(Revelation 20:10)



And after many days they will be punished.”
(Isaiah 24:21–25)

Matching Points

- 1. The Lord lays hold on the demonic (Devil is head)
- 2. The Lord put them (him) in a prison—confines
- The Lord does not punish (here)
- 3. The Lord releases Satan (demonic)
- 4. The Lord punishes Satan (demonic) in Hell.

Probabilities

- Some may say that it just coincidentally fits Rev 20. But the improbability of 4+ things happening in one place increases rapidly.
- Josh McDowell figures the probability of eight events recorded in one life (Christ)— chose a marked \$ of 10^{17} (2' deep silver dollars over all Texas).



Concluding

- So we must conclude that Rev. 20 is an expanded expression of Isaiah 24:21-22.
- All four matching points are satisfied—negatively there are no unsolved issues raised by Isaiah 24 or Revelation 20.

Connection Chapter 24-25

- “**Then** the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed, **For the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, And His glory will be before His elders.**” (Isaiah 24:23) (doxy follows)
- “O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.” (Isaiah 25:1)

Why Glory? Reflection! v 2 Slipping back to 24 “this world” v 3

- Past: “For You have made a city into a heap, A fortified city into a ruin;
 - A palace of strangers is a city no more, It will never be rebuilt.
all cities or Babylon as a reference.
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- Past cities approaching the Mountain (kingdom) their judgement: “Therefore a strong people (+) will glorify [exalt] You;
 - Cities of ruthless nations (-) will revere [fear] You.” (Isaiah 25:2–3) As Phil. 2:10 “every knee will bow”

Reflection on the Past Portends faithfulness in the Future

- Actions from the past: “For You **have been** a defense for the helpless, A defense for the needy in his distress,
- “**A refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat;**
- The threat from the enemy: “For the breath of the ruthless is like a rain storm against a wall. Like heat in drought, You subdue the uproar of aliens;
- “**Like heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the ruthless is [humbled] silenced.” (Isaiah 25:4–5)**

1. The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide, A shel-ter in the time of storm; Se-
 2. A shade by day, de - fense by night, A shel-ter in the time of storm; No
 3. The rag - ing storms may round us beat, A shel-ter in the time of storm We'll
 4. O rock di - vine, O re - fuge dear, A shel-ter in the time of storm; Be

A Shelter in the Time of Storm

- cure what - ev - er ill be - tide, A shel - ter in the time of storm.
 fears a - larm, no foes a - fright, A shel - ter in the time of storm. Oh,
 ne - ver leave our safe re - treat, A shel - ter in the time of storm.
 Thou our help - er ev - er near, A shel - ter in the time of storm.

Refrain ☹

Vernon J. Charlesworth, Tune by Sankey (Moody's Musician)

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Bouncing Ahead Again
Kingdom **Event 1**
Banquet of 1000 years

- “The Lord of hosts will prepare a **lavish banquet** for all peoples on this **mountain**.”
- A **banquet** of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. (Isaiah 25:6)

There is no reason
to put this
into the Eternal State

“Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ ” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”” (Revelation 19:9-10) “And I heard a voice crying out with a voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God,” (Revelation 19:16-17, NASB95)

Kingdom Event 2 Veil is Lifted for All

- And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations.” (Isaiah 25:7)
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- “but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil (of understanding) is taken away.” (2 Corinthians 3:16)

““But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and they will be My God, and I will be their God, and they will be My people.”

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““I will be merciful to their iniquity, and I will not remember their sin.” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”” (Jeremiah 31:33–34)

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For Believers

- We know that the veil is lifted for the believer but now the veil is lifted from the unrighteous (all people)
- Appropriate to the time
- There is no reason to put this into the Eternal State
- The reason cannot be blamed on God who had veiled them..
- Now with full understanding they still find reason to revolt at the end of the 1000 yrs.

Kingdom **Event 3**
Physical Death for the Righteous
Ends in the Kingdom

- “He will **swallow up death for all time**, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.” (Isaiah 25:8, NASB95)

Eternal State of the Righteous
(Physical Death)

There is no reason
to put this
into the Eternal State

Shall I redeem them from
death? And where are
your shepherds? Where are
your flocks? Where are
your herds? Where are
your flocks? Where are
your flocks?

Compassion will be hidden
from My sight.” (Hosea
13:14) See 1 Cor. 15:55

Kingdom Event 4

- 4. Tears and Sorrow cease,
- 5. Reproach of Jews ends (all believers)

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Kingdom Event 4

- 4. Tears and Sorrow cease,
- 5. Reproach of Jews ends (all believers)
Repeated in Revelation

● “and He will **wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will be no more mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”**
(Revelation 21:4, NASB95)

There is no reason to put this into the Eternal State

Kingdom Events 4, 5 are Confirmed

Repeated at the end of
Isaiah—the same truth
is expressed.

According the Isaiah 65:17
this is after the NHE and
Lord rejoices in Jerusalem
where the light of the
sun and moon are
diminished as the glory of
the Lord outshines then
Isaiah 24:23

- ““I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there shall no longer be heard in it weeping. For I will be to them a Father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow. I will multiply the fruit of the seed, I will increase the number of men, and they shall be as a flock before Me, as the flock of Israel, which I have purchased, saith the Lord. For the youth will be as an old man, and the old man as a youth, and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be thought accursed.” (Isaiah 65:19–20, NASB95)

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Kingdom Event 6 Jews are converted

- “And it will be said in that day, “Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”” (Isaiah 25:9)

““Come, let us return to the Lord. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. “He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day; that we may live in His presence. For the north is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth.”” (Hosea 6:1–3)

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Dealing with Enemy Nations

Moab is only one example

Moab the Example in Judgment

- “For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain, And Moab will be trodden down in his place As straw is trodden down in the water of a manure pile. And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it As a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim, But the Lord will lay low his pride together with the trickery of his hands. The unassailable fortifications of your walls He will bring down, Lay low and cast to the ground, even to the dust.” (Isaiah 25:10–12, NASB95)

Isaiah 24-25

- **We have in these chapter some astounding claims about the future that are telegraphed to other prophets that are also seen in the New Testament.**

There are Six Kingdom Events

- Preamble: Satan and demons are bound
- 1. Event: A lavish banquet.
- 2. Event: Veil is lifted
- 3. Event: Demons are no longer a threat.
- 4. Event: Sorrow end.
- 5. Event: Reproach ends (similar to #4)
- 6. The Jews are converted

**While the righteous enjoy all these benefits
The unrighteous will be tormented by them.**

Conclusion

- In my quest to confirm or falsify the order of events they have been **confirmed in this chapter.**





Thus far—