

Handout: Isaiah Lesson 10

In Isaiah’s vision in chapter 24, he saw the devastation of the earth (24:1-23) and God’s victory over His enemies (25:1-12), that now leads to the hymn of deliverance sung by the faithful remnant of God’s covenant people (26:1-21). The word “Glory” in the last verse of Chapter 24 announced the theme of Chapter 25. Chapter 25 began with the faithful remnant that had been spared in the great Tribulation offering praise to God (25:1-5). The hymn is expressed in the first person singular to emphasize the unity of the people of God speaking as if with one voice. They sing a hymn of praise for two reasons:

1. The Lord God has demonstrated His faithfulness (25:1-3).
2. The Lord God has protected His people (25:4-5).

The rest of the chapter describes the glorious era Yahweh will usher in. God’s restoration and blessings includes three aspects:

1. God will establish fellowship with His covenant people 25:6-7).
2. God will comfort His people (25:8-9).
3. God will remove His people’s enemies (25:10-12).

Isaiah’s vision shifts from the faithful remnants’ praise to their petition in 26:7-21. The people’s prayer of petition contains three elements:

1. The contrast between the faithful righteous and the wicked (26:7-11).
2. A description of God’s past dealings with His covenant people (26:12-18).
3. God’s coming deliverance and wrath (26:19-21).

As in Isaiah 5:1-7, Israel is depicted as Yahweh’s vineyard in 27:1-6:

Isaiah 5:1-7	Isaiah 27:1-6
Vineyard owner: God	Vineyard owner: God
Location: Fertile hillside	Location: Unnamed
Owner’s care: He tilled the soil, cleared out stones, planted choice vines, built a watchtower, and cut out a winepress.	Owner’s care: He is its guardian; he waters it and protects it day and night. There is no wall, but He eliminates brambles and thorn-bushes while chastising the vineyard when necessary.
Vineyard’s yield: It is not fruitful; it yields wild grapes.	Vineyard’s yield: It is abundantly fruitful—its “fruit” fills whole earth.
God’s response: Calls for Judah to judge between God and His vineyard. It is His judgment that He will tear down His vineyard, expose it to briars and thrones, and withholds rain.	God’s response: He takes pleasure in His vineyard and calls for all to make peace with Him.

In the chapter 5 passage, despite Yahweh’s care of His “vineyard” that was Israel, it proved to be unfruitful and was exposed to God’s judgment. In the second “vineyard” description in chapter 27, the vineyard received God’s protection and was chastised when necessary. The result is that the vineyard responded to God’s invitation to make peace with Him, and the promise is that Judah, God’s “vineyard” will be fruitful and will produce a harvest that will cover the entire world. Michal E. Hunt Copyright © 2015 www.AgapeBibleStudy.com