

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) Mar 01.....Is 1-5.....Meet Divine Expectations
 2) Mar 08.....Is 6.....Honor the Lord
 3) Mar 15.....Is 7-23.....Act on Revealed Truth
 4) Mar 22.....Is 24-35.....Follow the Lord's Will
 5) Mar 29.....Is 36-39.....Stay Spiritually Alert
 6) Apr 05.....Is 49-53.....The Invitation is Inclusive
 7) Apr 12.....Mat 27-27.....The Lord is Alive (EASTER)
 8) Apr 19.....Is 40-48.....The Lord is at Work
 9) Apr 26.....Is 54.....The Lord is Compassionate
 10) May 03.....Is 55-66.....The Invitation is Inclusive
 11) May 10.....Mic 1-2.....Rebellion – a Path to Ruin
 12) May 17.....Mic 3.....Corruption – a Path to Nowhere
 13) May 24.....Mic 4-6.....Hope- a Path to Fulfillment
 14) May 31.....Mic 7.....Commitment – a Path to Effectiveness

INTRODUCTION

- God conveys to Isaiah and to the Jewish nation that He tried everything to get Israel to behave itself and quit sinning
- ...or the end result would be destruction
- But Israel doesn't get it?

Passage	Comments
Isaiah 1:21-31	<p>More Bad News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v21. The people of Jerusalem left their first love for justice and righteousness by prostituting themselves through idolatry • v23. They also forsook orphans and widows • vv25-26. God promises to fix what is broke, but it won't be pain free • Many times the only remedy available for God to restore justice and righteousness is to annihilate a wicked society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The wicked will not learn righteousness even when treated with kindness or gifts Is 26:10 ♦ ...and the wicked err from birthPsalms 58:3
2:1-22	<p>Now, the Good News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last days, God will accomplish His will (possibly the Millennium Reign of Christ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v2. The House of the Lord (Temple) will be rebuilt ♦ v4. No more wars. Defense contractors will build John Deere tractors ♦ v7. The land of Israel will be filled with Gold • v12. But first comes the "Day of Reckoning" (possibly the Tribulation period) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ vv13-17. Nations will be humbled and God exalted ♦ vv19-21. Men will hide in caves.....Rev 6:15,16 • v22. Good perspective on life – There is no reason to put one's trust in Man or even be scared of Man since Man is weak and insignificant..... Ps 56:11
3:1-26	<p>National Downfall Begins with Disrespect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah returns to his time frame, but the lessons are for all generations • vv1-3. God can disrupt a nation's food supply, their military, and their entire economy • vv4-6. God can put inexperienced people (youth) in positions of key leadership → which leads to rash decisions, oppression of the weak, and turmoil between the young & the old (e.g., Nazi Germany) • vv8-9. The crux of the problem is not monetary policies or political wrangling, but hatred of God

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	<p>as they openly display their sins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v12. "Their oppressors are children and women rule over them" – This conveys experienced rulers have been removed and replaced with unqualified and inexperienced leaders (God's hand is on this) • vv14,15. God judges a nation when they oppress the poor • vv16-17. Sexual sins leads to diseases • vv25,26. The end result of forsaking God is national devastation
4:1-6	<p>The Branch of the Lord to the Rescue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Seven women will cling to one man conveys war has decimated the male population • vv2-6. This promise of protection for the remnant is strictly for the Jews during Isaiah's time, and possibly alludes to Jerusalem in the end times
5:1-30	<p>Woe to Those Who Seek Pleasure over God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This chapter commences a new subject, and is in itself a prophecy in poetic form, having no connection with the preceding or the following chapter • v4. God laments. He tried everything to get Judah to repent – "What more was there to do...?" • vv5-6. The only recourse is near-total destruction • vv8,11,12. Wealth, wine and entertainment consume people's time instead of seeking God • v13. End result – God's people go into exile due to lack of knowledge – or willful ignorance • vv20-23. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil" – how appropriate for our age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - But what woes come on those who call evil good, who oppress the righteous, and who live wickedly? - Ps 73:17-19. God sets the wicked on "slippery slopes" and they will be destroyed 'in a heartbeat' • vv26-30. God whistles for a distant nation, and it comes speedily – possibly the Roman empire who eventually destroyed the Babylonian empire

TODAY'S APPLICATION

- What Israel should've done was to humble themselves, repent of their sinful past and start to follow God's directives again
- Same with us – we need to confess, repent and seek God

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

Ps 56:11. In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Rev 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 us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

