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LITTLE APOCALYPSE OF ISAIAH PART VI

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### THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

Isaiah 25:1–12

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*<sup>9</sup>And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Jehovah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. <sup>10</sup>For in this mountain will the hand of Jehovah rest; and Moab shall be trodden down in his place, even as straw is trodden down in the water of the dung-hill. <sup>11</sup>And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst thereof, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim; but Jehovah will lay low his pride together with the craft of his hands. <sup>12</sup>And the high fortress of thy walls hath he brought down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust (ASV, 1901).*

### INTRODUCTION

This chapter is a psalm of praise wherein Isaiah describes the wonders of the Lord's deliverance of His people. Soon after God in His judgment during the Tribulation, He will wipe out sinful people then the Messiah's glorious kingdom will begin. In poetry Isaiah described the praise that will be ascribed to the Lord in the Kingdom for His marvelous work.

### THE PSALM (SONG) OF PRAISE

Isaiah 25:1

*<sup>1</sup>O Jehovah, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth (ASV, 1901).*

This starts the song of praise for what God has done for the nation Israel. After the national regeneration of the nation of Israel they begin to praise Him as their realization begins of what He has done.

One of the principal reasons for the Great Tribulation is to break the will of the Holy People, the Jews (Daniel 12:7). There are two aspects to this national regeneration and they are the same as for anybody coming into God's Kingdom as a believer.

1. Confession of Sins

Requesting (pleading) for God to save them, which is evidence of belief as the Holy Spirit has entered them. The confessional aspect is given in the three passages of the Old Testament. The first is in the twenty-sixth chapter of the book of Leviticus (Leviticus 26:40-42), which discusses God's blessings and cursings as prophecies pertaining to the Nation Israel. The other two are found in the prophets (Jeremiah 3:11-18; Hosea 5:15).

2. The Nation Israel's leaders will plead for their Messiah to return. This is found in two passages (Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 23:37-39).

When the armies of the Antichrist begin their invasion of Bozrah (Petra) where many Jews are encamped, the campaign of Armageddon is nearing its end. It has only three days left according to Hosea (Hosea 6:1-3).

This section of Hosea follows the Jews confession of their sins in Hosea chapter five. The chapter and verse divisions were not in the original autographs. Verses 1-2 show the Jewish leaders telling the nation to repent and confess their national sins. Verse 3 shows the physical blessings that will be restored to them. Israel's leaders will finally realize then that the entire Tribulation has come upon them due to their turning away from Jehovah and the Lord Jesus. Several communication mediums have previously been given to try and reach them.

1. Scriptures
2. Preaching of the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists during the Tribulation
3. The Two Witnesses during the Tribulation
4. The third sign of Jonah (Luke 11:32)
5. Ministry of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6)

Just as the leaders rejected Jesus they will come to accept Him. The call to the nation is found Hosea 6:1-3. The confession will last for two days. The confessions actual words are given in Isaiah.

Isaiah 53:1-9

*Who hath believed our message? and to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed?  
<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:*

*and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who among them considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth (ASV, 1901).*

They admit that the nation looked upon Jesus as nothing more than an ordinary man, even a criminal who died for His own sins. Now they realize that He was no ordinary man but the perfect Lamb of God, the Christ (Messiah) Himself. They also realize that He died for their (and all of our) sins so that they (we) need not be stricken by God with eternal punishment. The national regeneration will come about by means of the confession in Isaiah. On the third day the entire nation will be saved fulfilling the prophecy the Apostle Paul gave us in Romans eleven.

Romans 11:25-27

*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins (KJV).*

All Israel means just exactly what it says. It means all of those Jews that are living at the time of the national confession. The effects of the Great Tribulation and the final pressure of the armies of the Antichrist will break the power of the Holy People. This will occur finally after more than twenty centuries of national unbelief in Jesus. The pleading of the Jews is the subject of much discussion in the Bible (Zechariah 12:10-13:1; Joel 2:28-32).

The pleading for Messiah to return will include Jews everywhere. The nation's leaders call will be responded to by Jews from across the entire earth. They all plead for the one whom they have pierced. This results in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Israel's mourning for the Messiah and the cleansing of Israel's sins.

Following the regeneration of Israel, the prophet Isaiah describes the situation which will exist when the kingdom is established on the earth.

THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON

Isaiah 25:2-3

*<sup>2</sup>For thou hast made of a city a heap, of a fortified city a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. <sup>3</sup>Therefore shall a strong people glorify thee; a city of terrible nations shall fear thee (ASV, 1901).*

Ancient Babylon will be completely rebuilt and become the Antichrist's political and economic capital of his worldwide empire. (Jeremiah 50:43 & 51:31-32). In addition to the political capital it will also be the economic capital of the world (Zechariah 5:5-11). This is not to be confused with his temporary battle camp as stated in Daniel 11:45. Here Daniel states where the Antichrist will plant his headquarters during the Midtribulation war just before he is killed and brought back to life by Satan himself.

The final destruction of Babylon will make it fit only for wild animals and demons. We can see this in several prophetic books (Isaiah 13:19-22; 14:22-23). This is similar to what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah. Jeremiah was also given a very concise declaration of the total destruction of Babylon.

Jeremiah 50:39-40

*<sup>39</sup>Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. <sup>40</sup>As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof, saith Jehovah, so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein (ASV, 1901).*

The terrible Gentile apostate nations fear what has happened to their precious capital city.

Jeremiah 50:45-46

*<sup>45</sup>Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. <sup>46</sup>At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembleth, and the cry is heard among the nations (ASV, 1901).*

THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS PROTECTION OF THE POOR AND NEEDY

Isaiah 25:4-5

*<sup>4</sup>For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. <sup>5</sup>As the heat in a dry place wilt thou bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the terrible ones shall be brought low (ASV, 1901).*

God has been stronghold for the meek, and for the destitute. These are direct references to Israel when they suffered persecution from the mighty during their exiles. God will be honored because during this time, He acted as a stronghold for His people, protecting them from all that their enemies could do to them. The downpour is an allegorical description of the strength of the tyrannical enemies of the Jews. Just like a torrential rain that bursts forth with a power and force that destroy sturdy structures,

so too do the enemies of the Jews attempt to destroy them. A shade from the scorching heat describes God's protection from what they could have endured during the many years of its exile. Like a scorching heat in the wasteland, God will diminish the agitation of the foreigners. Just as one cannot escape the relentless heat of the desert, which is devoid of shelter, so too, God will also utterly subdue the foreign nations so that they will have no refuge. Additionally, like heat in the dry season causes vegetation to dry out making it ready to be harvested, so too will God cut down the multitude of foreign nations.

The heathen nations will be stricken like unbearable heat as in a dry land where there is no shelter, but Israel will not suffer, for they will be protected as if it is in the shade of a refreshing cool cloud which will be the Lord Himself.

#### THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB AND ISRAEL'S RESURRECTION

Isaiah 25:6–8

*<sup>6</sup>And in this mountain will Jehovah of hosts make unto all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering that covereth all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He hath swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Jehovah hath spoken it (ASV, 1901).*

The marriage supper of the Lamb will take place on the Millennial Mountain.

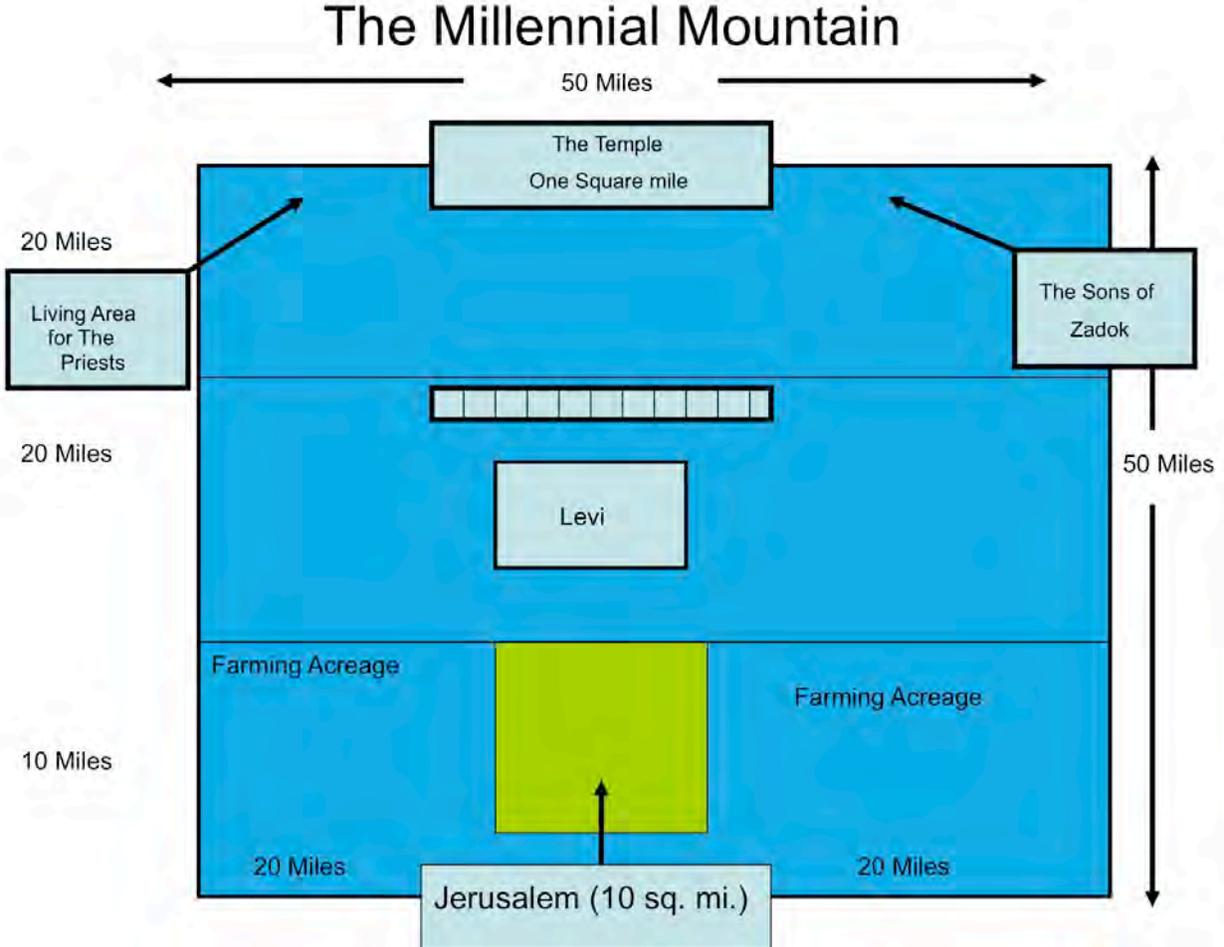
Revelation 19:9

*And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These, are the true sayings of God (KJV).*

In a sense then, there will be a double wedding feast: One for the Church as the Bride of the Messiah and one for Israel as the Wife of Jehovah. Isaiah also connects a feast with the Kingdom and a resurrection of the dead. All Israel will be there including those who were regenerated during the Tribulation, the Old Testament Saints and the Church. It is the event that begins the Messianic kingdom. The Marriage feast of the Lamb is where the Lord Messiah Jesus, welcomes all believers into His Kingdom.

Isaiah 2:2–4

*<sup>2</sup>And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. <sup>3</sup>And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (ASV, 1901).*



God will remove the sin nature from all the Jews and the redeemed who made it through the Tribulation. The nations blindness will be removed which prevented them from perceiving His providence in the world. All peoples of the world will realize exactly who God is and what he has done.

Isaiah 25:9–12

*<sup>9</sup>And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Jehovah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. <sup>10</sup>For in this mountain will the hand of Jehovah rest; and Moab shall be trodden down in his place, even as straw is trodden down in the water of the dung-hill. <sup>11</sup>And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst thereof, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim; but Jehovah will lay low his pride together with the craft of his hands. <sup>12</sup>And the high fortress of thy walls hath he brought down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust (ASV, 1901).*

God's chosen nation, the Jewish people, will offer this praise on the day they witness their great salvation and see how God will remove the disgrace of His people. The Jewish People will then say, *Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Jehovah.* When the long-

awaited redemption finally arrives after many centuries of exile, and the Scriptural prophecies are fulfilled in every detail, the Jewish people will be able to point to God and declare, "It is God Who has brought about our salvation, the One in Whom we placed our hopes and prayers for thousands of Years" This indicates that they will actually see Him in the Messianic kingdom. Man's limited perception of God will have a clarity so that it will be possible for the human to experience face to face our Lord (I Corinthians 13:12). In the Messianic kingdom all immaterial (Spiritual) impediments will be removed, so that nothing will stand between man's spiritual essence allowing the total awareness of God.

The final three verses foretell the final destruction of the unbelievers which will be fulfilled with the coming of Messiah. He will strike down the nations that have gathered against Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:3; 14:2). Also, Moab (central Jordan today), will be crushed for joining forces with the nations attacking Israel. As neighbors of Israel, they will assist the attack. The prophet foretells the humiliating end of Moab by comparing it to dung. Just as straw is spread over manure and is trampled into heaps for fertilizer, so will Moab be crushed because of its pride and haughtiness. At this time, God will break their pride and put an end to their haughtiness. The places of ambush are the tall towers where the Moabites would lie in wait for their enemies. That is, their high and fenced walls, which enclosed their cities. These fortifications will be destroyed by the Lord. Thought to be impregnable, they will be brought down, not being able to stand against His mighty power. Moab will be completely destroyed and crushed into the dust of the earth.

NEXT MESSAGE: THE LITTLE APOCALYPSE PART VII

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