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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

5. In the Last Days – Isaiah 2:1-4

Intro: Chapter 1 introduces the entire Book of Prophecy with a summary summons of Judah to the Judgment Seat. Chapter 2-4 is the first prophecy concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

- I. The Word – vs. 1 – revealed by vision to Isaiah
 - A. Last Days – 2:2-4
 - B. Religious Condition in Jerusalem – 2:5-21
 - C. Social Conditions in Jerusalem – 3:1-4:1
 - D. The New Jerusalem – 4:2-6
- II. The Last Days – vs. 2 – Micah 4:1-3 (Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah), Mic. 3:12 quoted in Jeremiah 26:18
 - A. It Shall Come to Pass
 1. Jewish History
 - a. Past and Present = “The Days”
 - b. Chronicles in Hebrew, lit. “Words of the Days”
 - c. Latter Days/Last Days – the end of days, the farthest of days – Psa. 139:9; Job 8:7; Prov. 5:11
 2. The Last Days and the Messiah – culmination of history – first to second advent of Christ – Heb. 1:2; 9:26; 1 Cor. 10:1-11; Acts 2:17; 2 Peter 3:2-4
 - B. The Mountain of the Lord’s House – Zion
 1. The Mountains and Their Gods
 - a. Mount Moriah – Temple Mount – Psa. 48:1-2; 68:15-16; Gen. 22:2; 2 Chron. 3:1
 - b. Mount Olympus – highest mountain in Greece, home of the Greek gods
 - c. Mount Meru – five peak mountain that is the center of the physical and spiritual universe in Hinduism and Buddhism
 - d. Mount Zaphon – the highest mountain in Syria, home of Baal – mentioned in Isaiah and Psalm 89:12
 2. Zion Established – a permanent duration as “top” mountain
 3. Zion Exalted – all that is high will sink before it – Psa. 76:2; 78:68
 4. Zion and Election – people from all nations will flow to it – Jer. 3:14-15; 51:44
 - a. A supernatural magnetism as “rivers” of people flow uphill to it – John 12:32
 - b. If the Jews would not appreciate what they had in God, the Gentiles (nations) certainly would – Mal. 1:11; Rom. 9:30-33; 11:11-12

C. The Triumph of the Lord's House – Rev. 15:3-4 (the worship of the Lord will triumph over all other forms of worship)

1. A local Deity becomes the center of worldwide attention
2. A reverse of Babel – confusion and dispersion
3. A city of Peace – unification
4. This is the Church – John 4:22; Luke 2:32; Eph. 2:11-13 – founded during the last days between the first and second advent of Christ

III. The Pillar and Ground of Truth – vs. 3

A. Will Flow, Will Go (vs. 2, 3)

B. True Conversion – Calvin's Quote

C. The House of God

1. Where truth is found – 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Thess. 2:13; Col. 1:5-6
2. Where truth is taught – John 14:16-17; 16:13
3. Where truth heard and obeyed bears fruit – righteousness
4. Law and Word – Psa. 19:7-11

IV. Peace – vs. 4 – Eph. 2:11-22

A. Brought Near from Afar (vs. 11-13)

B. He is Our Peace (vs. 14-18)

C. We are His People (vs. 19-22)

D. Prophecy Fulfilled, Now and Not Yet – EJ Young Quote – Rev. 20:1-6

True conversion is manifest in bringing others to the truth. “Nothing could be more inconsistent with the nature of faith than that deadness which would lead a man to disregard his brethren and to keep the light of knowledge choked up in his own breast.” – John Calvin

“In so far as men learn of the Lord and are taught by Him they will seek to apply in their lives the principles of His government. Consequently, even at the present day, in so far as men believe the gospel and seek to practice it in their lives, this prophecy finds fulfillment. At the same time it must be remembered that sin is still present, and it will not be until the complete removal of sin at the Second Coming of the Lord that this prophecy will be realized in its completeness.” – EJ Young