

The Lord's Judgment of the Whole Earth ~ Part 3

Yesha'yahu 25:1-12

In my last post, we continued exploring **The Lord's Judgment of the Whole Earth ~ Part 2** in **Yesha'yahu 24:13-23**. In this post, we move on to **The Lord's Judgment of the Whole Earth ~ Part 3** in **Yesha'yahu 25:1-12**.

¹ Adonai, you are my God. I exalt you; I praise your name. For you have accomplished marvels, [fulfilled] ancient plans faithfully and truly.

Yesha'yahu is the first-person speaker (I) who praises God for His plan that includes judgment. His judgment is an example of perfect faithfulness because His covenant promised that punishment would follow rebellion.

² For you have made a city a heap of stones, turned a fortified city into rubble, made the foreigners' fortress a city that will never be rebuilt.

The **city** described in this and the following verses is the same as the **city of chaos** of **Yesha'yahu 24:10**. It is not a specific place but a city that represents human evil.

³ Therefore mighty peoples glorify you; the city of ruthless nations fears you.

Because of God's judgment of sin, even **nations** who are violent will fear Him. Those who survive the **Tribulation** will, at last, realize **Yeshua** is Lord, and they'll be saved. Here, they burst forth into praise because praise is the language of the kingdom.

I wonder when Iran, Russia, and China will be able to fulfill this prophecy?

⁴ For you have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in distress, shelter from the storm, shade from the heat - for the blast from the ruthless was like a storm that could destroy a wall. ⁵ Like desert heat, you subdue the foreigners' uproar; like heat subdued by a cloud's shadow, the song of the ruthless dies away.

The poor and the needy are the antitheses of the powerful and proud inhabitants of the city that God has judged. God is their protection, not city walls or weapons. God's protection of the humble poor is illustrated by the image of refuge from the rain and a shade from the heat. Violent people are the rain and the heat from which God protects the vulnerable.

⁶ On this mountain, Adonai-Tzva'ot will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and superb wines, delicious, rich food and superb, elegant wines.

Feasting follows victory, and the **Adonai-Tzva'ot** prepares a beautiful feast for His people. The mountain refers to the mountain of God's presence **Tziyon** (Yerushalayim).

⁷ On this mountain He will destroy the veil which covers the face of all peoples, the veil enshrouding all the nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever. Adonai Elohim will wipe away the tears from every face, and He will remove from all the earth the disgrace His people suffer. For Adonai has spoken.

In the **Tanakh**, death is occasionally personified (see Hosea13:14). Here it is **Adonai Elohim** who swallows death, and the setting is political (nations) not agricultural. It is the ruthless, devouring empire that threatens destruction to the countries who are being destroyed so that the death masks are removed from those who have been so close to extinction.

⁹ On that day they will say, "See! This is our God! We waited for him to save us. This is Adonai; we put our hope in him. We are full of joy, so glad he saved us!"

As we have learned in previous posts, ***on that day*** refers to a future date. ***Save us*** indicates rescue from powerful, evil enemies.

¹⁰ For on this mountain the hand of Adonai will rest. But Mo'av will be trampled down where they are, like straw trampled into a pile of manure.

The mountain is where God will make His presence known - **Tziyon**. Up to this point, the nations have been referred to generically. Now **Mo'av** (modern-day Jordan), a small country east of the Dead Sea, becomes the subject of the prophecy. **Mo'av** is a prime example of the sinful pride of the nations.

¹¹ They will spread out their hands in Mo'av, like a swimmer using his hands to tread water; but their pride will be humbled and sunk, no matter how clever the strokes of their hands.

Continuing the image from the previous verse, **Yesha'yahu** described **Mo'av** is just treading water.

¹² Your high, fortified walls He will level, strike to the ground, lay in the dust. ~ Isaiah 25:1-12 (CJB)

As **Sha'ul** says, now we see through a glass darkly (1 Corinthians 13:12), but when we see **Yeshua** face to face, we'll say, "*We have waited for Him - and here He is. This is our God!*" How I look forward to moving into the kingdom and into eternity! How our hearts crave eternity. Don't give up, dear saints. Don't live for this planet. Keep your hearts and minds on things above. We're almost there! Come, **Lord Yeshua!!**

In my next post, we will continue to explore **The Lord's Judgment of the Whole Earth ~ Pat 4** in **Yesha'yahu 26**.