

You Keep Him in Perfect Peace

26 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

1 "We have a strong city;  
he sets up salvation  
as walls and bulwarks.

2 Open the gates,  
that the righteous nation that keeps faith may  
enter in.

3 You keep him in perfect peace  
whose mind is stayed on you,  
because he trusts in you.

4 Trust in the LORD forever,  
for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

5 For he has humbled  
the inhabitants of the height,  
the lofty city.

He lays it low, lays it low to the ground,  
casts it to the dust.

6 The foot tramples it,  
the feet of the poor,  
the steps of the needy."

Prayer

7 The path of the righteous is level; (or straight)  
you make level the way of the  
righteous.

8 In the path of your judgments,  
O LORD, we wait for you;  
your name and remembrance  
are the desire of our soul.

GOD WATCHES  
OVER US ALL  
WE HAVE TO  
TRUST IN  
HIM

1 IN THAT DAY is a time in the future showing how it is all planned and how it will end. Judah means praise or praised. Here it is not the nation but a place planned when THE RIGHTEOUS join in praise to God for His eternal salvation. Salvation is seen as a fortress for the believer protecting them from the enemy. IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER MOAB'S CITIES ARE DESTROYED, WHILE HERE GOD'S CITIES STAND.

2 THE GATES OF THE HOLY CITY ARE OPEN FOR THE SAVED. (YOUNG 11, p. 205) Says the city is empty and waiting the arrival of the Saved. IT is a place w/out fear as the gates are open and only the righteous know the way or may enter. Here is the heavenly Zion of eternal peace.

3 THIS promise to the individual. Jesus spoke of such peace (Jn. 14:27) This is a personal peace over the world. No matter what is happening. THE condition of this peace is dependant upon a relationship w/God. YOU is referring to God and His peace for the believer.

4 Don't lose hope in what He has promised. God is an unmovable Rock. Mat 16:15-18 this rock is the truth that Jesus is the Son of God and the promised Messiah Isaiah is referring to.

5 In contrast to the strong city (of God) in verse 1 here the city of sinners is merely a lofty city. This city is not safe and its walls do not protect and its gates are not open but lays low to the ground. To humble them he reduces their fortress. Since they are trusting in physical strength God reduces them to fear w/out protection.

6 Here those from the "strong city" (verse 1) trample those who are driven from the "lofty city" (verse 5). These the world see as poor and needy are the army of God marching to victory.

7 God smooths out the bumps and removes turns so that the righteous find their way more easily and know the way set before them by God. Have obstacles that hinder the ungodly do not stop His children.

8 Life's path leads to God. Though the righteous & ungodly both arrive at the same place (Judgment) the out come for them is very different. On this path Isaiah places himself with the Judgment in the future. Here the righteous anticipate meeting God while the wicked ignore or deny what is coming. Here is a reflection of Exodus 3:15b "This is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations - see also Ps. 30:4 To know and be with the one whose name is the very pleasure of life is the path to victory and glory.

Prayer

9 My soul yearns for you in the night;  
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.

For when your judgments are in the earth,  
the inhabitants of the world learn  
righteousness.

10 If favor is shown to the wicked,  
he does not learn righteousness;  
in the land of uprightness he deals corruptly  
and does not see the majesty of the LORD.

11 O LORD, your hand is lifted up,  
but they do not see it.

Let them see your zeal for your people, and be  
ashamed.

Let the fire for your adversaries consume them.

12 O LORD, you will ordain peace for us,  
for you have indeed done for us all our works.

13 O LORD our God,  
other lords besides you have ruled over us,  
but your name alone we bring to remembrance.

14 They are dead, they will not live;  
they are shades, they will not arise;  
to that end you have visited them with destruction  
and wiped out all remembrance of them.

15 But you have increased the nation, O LORD,  
you have increased the nation; you are glorified;  
you have enlarged all the borders of the land.

16 O LORD, in distress they sought you;  
they poured out a whispered prayer  
when your discipline was upon them.

9) Isaiah starts out speaking for himself. Day & Night he wants to know God and experience His presence. Isaiah not only yearns for God, he also put personal effort by living to find God and God's will. He then points out that the judgments of God. His intervening in life cause those who do not follow God to be aware of their sins and to at least learn or acknowledge another way.

10) when life is good the wicked do not acknowledge God. They focus on success and happiness while ignoring God. The wicked grow more wicked and unjust because they are blinded by worldly pleasures, personal powers and are blinded to the truth of God and His desires to help them move beyond the physical and discover the deeper life with Him.

11) God raises His hand, or is preparing to act. Yet, the wicked do not see what God is about to do. They are secure in themselves. Isaiah ask God to open their eyes to truth or how much God loves His people. Unless the wicked change they will be consumed.

12) Speaking directly to God, Isaiah again sees a future of peace for the people of God. As with much of Isaiah they see it in the physical while it will be ultimately a spiritual peace separated from sin and the unrighteous. Isaiah sees all that happens to believe as works we do for God.

13) other lords is speaking of earthly rulers who have come and gone. Their names are forgotten only the name of God is forever.

14) Isaiah emphasises they are mere men who have died and will not return. God has dealt with them so thoroughly they are forgotten entirely. God has blotted them out. The verse is not inferring the destruction of their souls, but of their bodies. Jesus was clear that the unrighteous are punished eternally. (Mt 25:46) The wicked are forgotten (vs. 14) while God is remembered (vs. 13).

15) Here is about more than numbers. The vision is of a growing nation, an expansion. It will be more than Judah & ISRAEL. It will also include the Gentiles. The Jewish people have never seen this goal of God. Peter was forced to see it. Acts 10:11 & 34.

16) Shows that discipline brings the people back to God. A whispered prayer is from someone who is afraid to speak but needs help and can only in the quietest voice call on God. It is a prayer like Hannah when she prayed and no one could hear even though her mouth moved. This is prayer deep from the heart heard like a shout in heavens throne room.

17 Like a pregnant woman  
 who writhes and cries out in her pangs  
 when she is near to giving birth,  
 so were we because of you, O LORD;  
 18 we were pregnant, we writhed,  
 but we have given birth to wind.  
 We have accomplished no deliverance in the earth,  
 and the inhabitants of the world have not  
 fallen.

His resurrection is  
 our resurrection. He  
 descended to hades &  
 was resurrected for  
 us. We join him in  
 baptism into new  
 life of holiness  
 see 1 Peter 3:21.

19 Your dead shall live; <sup>together with my dead body</sup> their bodies shall rise.  
 You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing  
 for joy!

For your dew is a dew of light,  
 and the earth will give birth to the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter your chambers,  
 and shut your doors behind you;  
 hide yourselves for a little while  
 until the fury has passed by.

21 For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place  
 to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their  
 iniquity,  
 and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it,  
 and will no more cover its slain.

The Redemption of Israel

**27** In that day the LORD with his hard and great and  
 strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing ser-  
 pent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the  
 dragon that is in the sea.

17 The pain of a pregnant woman is inescapable. It has a  
 cause that cannot be undone. The pain precedes the birth. Isaiah  
 says the people are like the women

18 The pain is inescapable but the nation will show no results. It's  
 pain results in wind. Wind cannot be held, loved or shared.  
 Their pain is useless. When a child is born people rejoice and  
 the mother's pain is replaced with the love of a child. The  
 people thought their pain and suffering would bring freedom  
 and joy. Their suffering was merely a preparation for more  
 suffering. Isaiah describes wind as lools in Isa. 4:29

26(19) Is improperly translated. THE INTERLINEAR BIBLE shows  
 the correct translation & purpose of this verse. His  
 resurrection is our resurrection.

\* only one that translated correctly is the KJV.  
 Isaiah 9:5 also references this burning away or burnt offering.

20 Here they are called my people. They are to enter their chambers  
 and by extension pray and wait for God's anger to pass. Here we see  
 Matthew 6:6 where Jesus instructed us to enter our room, shut the  
 door and pray, and God would answer. This locking oneself away  
 to seek God while avoiding His wrath is a Biblical truth.  
 Here they as a nation are instructed to hide away and  
 seek God's forgiveness, mercy, and guidance. Only God can  
 deliver the people from God.

21 Having taken refuge in God the Lord is going to bring  
 justice and judgment upon the earth. This coming judgment  
 will punish everyone not safe within their rooms with the  
 blood on the doorpost. (Exodus 12:21-28) Here is a picture  
 of the final judgment where all sin symbolized as shed blood  
 soaked up. By the earth will be judged. Starting with  
 Ahol's blood to the last sinful death, all will be judged.

1) Speaking of judgment at the end of time the sword of God  
 Rev. 1:16 the double edge comes from Jesus' mouth. His word & truth  
 will punish Leviathan (Rev 12:3 has many heads), just as the dragon does  
 in Rev - 12:3. The serpent first seen in Genesis 3:1 and finally is dealt  
 with in final judgment in Revelation. All three names are equal with  
 the enemy who God will finally punish at the end of time. Satan is  
 already defeated, (Luke 10:18) and God has prepared hades for him. (Mt 25:41)