

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  
 Able'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)

The Garden in Heaven - The People of God

Salvation thru JESUS

2 In that day,  
 "A pleasant vineyard, sing of it!  
 3 I, the LORD, am its keeper;  
 every moment I water it.  
 Lest anyone punish it,  
 I keep it night and day;  
 4 I have no wrath.  
 Would that I had thorns and briars to battle!  
 I would march against them,  
 I would burn them up together.  
 5 Or let them lay hold of my protection,  
 let them make peace with me,  
 let them make peace with me."

6 In days to come Jacob shall take root,  
 Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots  
 and fill the whole world with fruit.

7 Has he struck them as he struck those who struck  
 them?  
 Or have they been slain as their slayers were  
 slain?

8 Measure by measure, by exile you contended with  
 them;  
 he removed them with his fierce breath in the  
 day of the east wind.

9 Therefore by this the guilt of Jacob will be  
 atoned for,  
 and this will be the full fruit of the removal of  
 his sin:

2 The End Time has passed and the "pleasant vineyard" has replaced the vineyard of chapter 5. There the vineyard produces no grapes and is laid waste. Here God waters it. His people have returned. In the previous verse the enemy is punished. Here his people represented by

3 the vineyard are kept or protected day and night.  
 4 There is no sin to repulse God. (Rev. 21:27) God is clear if there was any evil he would deal with it, they would be eliminated.  
 5 God will give everyone a chance. All should call on God while the con. God speaks of the time where men can still repent, the time of judgment will remove all such opportunities.

6 Moving from eternity Israel BEGINS to show Jacob is restored. Here the view of the nation as a garden that begins to grow. blossoms are before fruit, this is an image of a new start. Everything dead has been pruned.

7-8 God holds all equally accountable. His people do not get a free pass when it comes to sin. God's people may even find God is doubly hard when they, who use His name sin. See Isaiah 4:2.

9 THE PURPOSE OF PUNISHMENT HERE IS TO CALL THE PEOPLE back to God. When the people returned to following God they will again harvest the fruit of RIGHTEOUSNESS.

when he makes all the stones of the altars  
like chalkstones crushed to pieces,  
no Asherim or incense altars will remain  
standing.

- 10 For the fortified city is solitary,  
a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the  
wilderness;  
there the calf grazes;  
there it lies down and strips its branches.
- 11 When its boughs are dry, they are broken;  
women come and make a fire of them.  
For this is a people without discernment;  
therefore he who made them will not have  
compassion on them;  
he who formed them will show them no favor.

Final  
Judgment  
shown as  
a great  
ingathering

12 In that day from the river Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt  
the LORD will thresh out the grain, and you will be gleaned one  
by one, O people of Israel. 13 And in that day a great trumpet  
will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria  
and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come  
and worship the LORD on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

Judgment on Ephraim and Jerusalem

28 Ah, the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim,  
and the fading flower of its glorious beauty,  
which is on the head of the rich valley of those  
overcome with wine!

- 2 Behold, the Lord has one who is mighty and strong;  
like a storm of hail, a destroying tempest,

Ah = Woe

96 Even as God's vineyard is restored. The nation is cleansed of all  
unclean worship. Idols are replaced with the living God. As with  
so much of Isaiah placing this in time is extremely difficult as in  
this chapter moves from the time beyond time vs. 1-5, to a  
Time when the nation is restored and again worship God vs. 6.  
To looking back at why Jacob was Punished so harshly vs. 7-8.

- 10 Following where this verse lies it continues that part of this  
punishment to bring the people back "the fortified City" or Jerusalem  
is deserted and forsaken. Wild animals live among its ruins.
- 11 Everything is dead and only good for firewood for women to gather  
and burn. Because of their hard hearts and bad decisions God has  
brought the full force against them.
- 9-11 is showing why they end up needing God's rescuing  
and restoration.
- 12 No matter where they are the people of Israel will not be able  
to escape God's Justice & Judgment. This is also a picture  
of final Judgment when "every knee will bow".
- 13 THE TRUMPET of the horn will sound. 1 Thess  
Here is the final call to all to appear before God.

- 1 Ephraim is the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The crown which is  
it's capital city of Samaria. It sat on a high hill overlooking a valley  
filled with vineyards. Drunkards show their lack of self-control.  
They are consumed by sinful habits. Samaria is as a flower that is  
starting to wilt only a shadow of its former self.
2. Behold draws attention to one, either a nation or a person He  
is preparing to use to bring judgment on the N. Kingdom. Young N. 2p266  
points out that God "has at His disposal the armies of men. He is sovereign  
to protect His people, but He is also sovereign to punish them as well."  
This is compared to a storm that cannot be stopped. A hail storm  
destroys everything, another image of something being unstoppable.