

Isaiah 6-39 God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	Ch 6-12 God will rule with goodness and power, replacing human kings	Ch 13-27 God will destroy evil and dismantle this creation	Ch 28-35 God will instantly reverse bad and sad situations to become happy and glad	Ch 36-39 Human kings cannot enable long-term happiness
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Isaiah 22-23 (NIVUK)

22 A prophecy against the Valley of Vision:

What troubles you now,
 that you have all gone up on the roofs,
² you town so full of commotion,
 you city of tumult and revelry?
 Your slain were not killed by the sword,
 nor did they die in battle.
³ All your leaders have fled together;
 they have been captured without using the bow.
 All you who were caught were taken prisoner together,
 having fled while the enemy was still far away.
⁴ Therefore I said, 'Turn away from me;
 let me weep bitterly.
 Do not try to console me
 over the destruction of my people.'
⁵ The Lord, the LORD Almighty, has a day
 of tumult and trampling and terror
 in the Valley of Vision,
 a day of battering down walls
 and of crying out to the mountains.
⁶ Elam takes up the quiver,
 with her charioteers and horses;
 Kir uncovers the shield.
⁷ Your choicest valleys are full of chariots,
 and horsemen are posted at the city gates.
⁸ The Lord stripped away the defences of Judah,
 and you looked in that day
 to the weapons in the Palace of the Forest.
⁹ You saw that the walls of the City of David
 were broken through in many places;
 you stored up water in the Lower Pool.
¹⁰ You counted the buildings in Jerusalem
 and tore down houses to strengthen the wall.
¹¹ You built a reservoir between the two walls
 for the water of the Old Pool,
 but you did not look to the One who made it,
 or have regard for the One who planned it long ago.
¹² The Lord, the LORD Almighty,

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1. Judah will be destroyed (22:1-25)

a. Jerusalem (22:1-14)

- full of partying?! (22:1-2a)

- not full of brave leaders!
 (22:2b-3)

- full of tears! (22:4)

- full of enemy armies! (22:5-7)

- desperate fortifications
 (22:8-11)

- no repentance (22:11b-14)

Isaiah 13-27 God will destroy evil and dismantle this creation	<u>13:1-14:23</u> Babylon will be destroyed	<u>14:24-27</u> Assyria will be destroyed	<u>14:28-32</u> Philistia will be destroyed	<u>15:1-16:14</u> Moab will be destroyed	<u>17:1-14</u> Israel-Syria will be destroyed	<u>18:1-7</u> Cush will be destroyed	<u>19:1-25</u> Egypt will be destroyed
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called you on that day to weep and to wail,
to tear out your hair and put on sackcloth.
¹³ But see, there is joy and revelry,
slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep,
eating of meat and drinking of wine!
'Let us eat and drink,' you say,
'for tomorrow we die!'

¹⁴ The LORD Almighty has revealed this in my hearing: 'Till your
dying day this sin will not be atoned for,' says the Lord, the LORD
Almighty.

¹⁵ This is what the Lord, the LORD Almighty, says:
'Go, say to this steward,
to Shebna the palace administrator:
¹⁶ what are you doing here and who gave you permission
to cut out a grave for yourself here,
hewing your grave on the height
and chiselling your resting-place in the rock?
¹⁷ 'Beware, the Lord is about to take firm hold of you
and hurl you away, you mighty man.
¹⁸ He will roll you up tightly like a ball
and throw you into a large country.
There you will die
and there the chariots you were so proud of
will become a disgrace to your master's house.
¹⁹ I will depose you from your office,
and you will be ousted from your position.

²⁰ 'In that day I will summon my servant, Eliakim son of Hilkiah. ²¹ I
will clothe him with your robe and fasten your sash around him and
hand your authority over to him. He will be a father to those who
live in Jerusalem and to the people of Judah. ²² I will place on his
shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can
shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ²³ I will drive him
like a peg into a firm place; he will become a seat^a of honour for the
house of his father. ²⁴ All the glory of his family will hang on him:
its offspring and offshoots – all its lesser vessels, from the bowls to
all the jars.

Shebna & Eliakim
are senior civil servants (cf. Isa 36:3)

b. Shebna (22:15-19)

- Seeks a great legacy...
(22:15-16)
- ...and God discards him!
(22:17-19)

c. Eliakim (22:20-25)

- God then appoints Eliakim...
(22:20-24)

^a Or *throne*

20:1-6	21:1-17	22:1-25	23:1-18	24:1-23	25:1-26:6	26:7-21	27:1-13
Egypt & Cush will be destroyed	Babylon will be destroyed	Judah will be destroyed	Phoenicia will be destroyed	The earth will be destroyed	Death will be destroyed	Suffering will be destroyed	Evil will be destroyed

For a 2-minute video that summarises Isaiah 13-27:
youtu.be/32ctQxMqJbA

²⁵ ‘In that day,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘the peg driven into the firm place will give way; it will be sheared off and will fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut down.’ The LORD has spoken.

23 A prophecy against Tyre:

Wail, you ships of Tarshish!

For Tyre is destroyed
and left without house or harbour.

From the land of Cyprus
word has come to them.

² Be silent, you people of the island^b
and you merchants of Sidon,
whom the seafarers have enriched.

³ On the great waters
came the grain of the Shihor;
the harvest of the Nile^c
was the revenue of Tyre,
and she became the market-place of the nations.

⁴ Be ashamed, Sidon,
and you fortress of the sea,
for the sea has spoken:
‘I have neither been in labour nor given birth;
I have neither reared sons nor brought up daughters.’

⁵ When word comes to Egypt,
they will be in anguish at the report from Tyre.

⁶ Cross over to Tarshish;
wail, you people of the island.^b

⁷ Is this your city of revelry,
the old, old city,
whose feet have taken her to settle in far-off lands?

⁸ Who planned this against Tyre,
the bestower of crowns,
whose merchants are princes,
whose traders are renowned in the earth?

⁹ The LORD Almighty planned it,
to bring down her pride in all her splendour

Trade ports

Tyre – Phoenicia (main)
Sidon – Phoenicia (2°)
Tarshish – possibly Spain

2. Phoenicia will be destroyed (23:1-18)

- ‘Wail, Tarshish!’ (23:1)

- ‘Be still, Tyre & Sidon!’ (23:2-4)



- Egypt then in anguish (23:5)

- ‘Flee, inhabitants of Tyre!’
(23:6-7)

- ‘YHWH did all this!’ (23:8-9)

^b The CSB, ESV, NASB translations opt for *coastland*.

^c Masoretic Text; Dead Sea Scrolls *Sidon*, / *who cross over the sea*; / *your envoys* ³ *are on the great waters*. / *The grain of the Shihor*, / *the harvest of the Nile*,

Isaiah 1-5 Introduction How can one be spared judgement and live happily ever after?	Isaiah 6-39 New Creation God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	Isaiah 40-55 New relationship God will restore his people from exile to a permanent relationship	Isaiah 56-66 Who God will choose the humble and reject the proud
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- ‘Stay at home, Tarshish!’
(23:10-11)

and to humble all who are renowned on the earth.
¹⁰ Till^d your land as they do along the Nile,
Daughter Tarshish,
for you no longer have a harbour.

- ‘Sidon, there’s no escaping judgement!’ (23:12-13)

¹¹ The LORD has stretched out his hand over the sea
and made its kingdoms tremble.
He has given an order concerning Phoenicia
that her fortresses be destroyed.

- ‘Wail, Tashish!’ (23:14)

¹² He said, ‘No more of your revelling,
Virgin Daughter Sidon, now crushed!
‘Up, cross over to Cyprus;
even there you will find no rest.’

- Epilogue:
a. historical comment (23:15-17)

¹³ Look at the land of the Babylonians,^e
this people that is now of no account!
The Assyrians have made it
a place for desert creatures;
they raised up their siege towers,
they stripped its fortresses bare
and turned it into a ruin.
¹⁴ Wail, you ships of Tarshish;
your fortress is destroyed!

701BC	Assyria laid waste to Tyre
630BC	Assyria’s decline allowed Tyre to resume trading

¹⁵ At that time Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, the span of a king’s life. But at the end of these seventy years, it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the prostitute:

¹⁶ ‘Take up a harp, walk through the city,
you forgotten prostitute;
play the harp well, sing many a song,
so that you will be remembered.’

b. good future for God’s people
(23:18)

Isaiah 60:5
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

¹⁷ At the end of seventy years, the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to her lucrative prostitution and will ply her trade with all the kingdoms on the face of the earth.

¹⁸ Yet her profit and her earnings will be set apart for the LORD; they will not be stored up or hoarded. Her profits will go to those who live before the LORD, for abundant food and fine clothes.

^d Dead Sea Scrolls and some Septuagint manuscripts; MT *Go through*

^e Or *Chaldeans*

Next Sunday (2 November):

- Isaiah 24:1-26:6
- Lord’s Supper & Members’ meeting
- Non-match day