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| <b>Isaiah 6-39</b><br>God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation | <b>Ch 6-12</b><br>God will rule with goodness and power, replacing human kings | <b>Ch 13-27</b><br>God will destroy evil and dismantle this creation | <b>Ch 28-35</b><br>God will instantly reverse bad and sad situations to become happy and glad | <b>Ch 36-39</b><br>Human kings cannot enable long-term happiness |
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## Isaiah 24:1-26:6 (NIVUK)

Sunday 2 November 2025

**24** See, the LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants –  
<sup>2</sup> it will be the same  
 for priest as for people,  
 for the master as for his servant,  
 for the mistress as for her servant,  
 for seller as for buyer,  
 for borrower as for lender,  
 for debtor as for creditor.

### 1. The earth will be destroyed (24:1-23)

- affects everyone (24:1-2)

<sup>3</sup> The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered.

- complete destruction of the planet (24:3-4)

The LORD has spoken this word.

<sup>4</sup> The earth dries up and withers,  
 the world languishes and withers,  
 the heavens languish with the earth.

<sup>5</sup> The earth is defiled by its people;  
 they have disobeyed the laws,  
 violated the statutes

- punished for sin (24:5-6)

and broken the everlasting covenant.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore a curse consumes the earth;  
 its people must bear their guilt.

Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up,  
 and very few are left.

<sup>7</sup> The new wine dries up and the vine withers;  
 all the merry-makers groan.

- life & joy will become desolation (24:7-13)

<sup>8</sup> The joyful tambourines are stilled,  
 the noise of the revellers has stopped,  
 the joyful harp is silent.

<sup>9</sup> No longer do they drink wine with a song;  
 the beer is bitter to its drinkers.

<sup>10</sup> The ruined city lies desolate;  
 the entrance to every house is barred.

<sup>11</sup> In the streets they cry out for wine;  
 all joy turns to gloom,  
 all joyful sounds are banished from the earth.

<sup>12</sup> The city is left in ruins,  
 its gate is battered to pieces.

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| <b><u>Isaiah 13-27</u></b><br>God will destroy<br>evil and dismantle<br>this creation | <u>13:1-14:23</u><br>Babylon<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>14:24-27</u><br>Assyria<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>14:28-32</u><br>Philistia<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>15:1-16:14</u><br>Moab<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>17:1-14</u><br>Israel-Syria<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>18:1-7</u><br>Cush<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>19:1-25</u><br>Egypt<br>will be<br>destroyed |
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- a good outcome for some  
(24:14-16a)

- no escape for others  
(24:16b-18b)

- complete destruction of the  
planet (24:18c-20)

- heavenly and earthly rulers all  
held to account (24:21-22)

<sup>13</sup> So will it be on the earth  
and among the nations,  
as when an olive tree is beaten,  
or as when gleanings are left after the grape harvest.

<sup>14</sup> They raise their voices, they shout for joy;  
from the west they acclaim the LORD's majesty.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore in the east give glory to the LORD;  
exalt the name of the LORD, the God of Israel,  
in the islands<sup>a</sup> of the sea.

<sup>16</sup> From the ends of the earth we hear singing:  
'Glory to the Righteous One.'

But I said, 'I waste away, I waste away!  
Woe to me!

The treacherous betray!  
With treachery the treacherous betray!'

<sup>17</sup> Terror and pit and snare await you,  
people of the earth.

<sup>18</sup> Whoever flees at the sound of terror  
will fall into a pit;  
whoever climbs out of the pit  
will be caught in a snare.

The floodgates of the heavens are opened,  
the foundations of the earth shake.

<sup>19</sup> The earth is broken up,  
the earth is split asunder,  
the earth is violently shaken.

<sup>20</sup> The earth reels like a drunkard,  
it sways like a hut in the wind;  
so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion  
that it falls – never to rise again.

<sup>21</sup> In that day the LORD will punish  
the powers in the heavens above  
and the kings on the earth below.

<sup>22</sup> They will be herded together  
like prisoners bound in a dungeon;  
they will be shut up in prison  
and be punished<sup>b</sup> after many days.

<sup>a</sup> The CSB, ESV, NASB translations opt for *coastland*.

<sup>b</sup> Or *released*

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| <u>20:1-6</u><br>Egypt & Cush<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>21:1-17</u><br>Babylon<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>22:1-25</u><br>Judah<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>23:1-18</u><br>Phoenicia<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>24:1-23</u><br>The earth<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>25:1-26:6</u><br>Death<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>26:7-21</u><br>Suffering<br>will be<br>destroyed | <u>27:1-13</u><br>Evil<br>will be<br>destroyed |
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For a 2-minute video that summarises Isaiah 13-27: [youtu.be/32ctQxMqJbA](https://youtu.be/32ctQxMqJbA)

<sup>23</sup> The moon will be dismayed,  
the sun ashamed;  
for the LORD Almighty will reign  
on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,  
and before its elders – with great glory.

- God's glorious future rule  
(24:23)

**25** LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you and praise your name,  
for in perfect faithfulness  
you have done wonderful things,  
things planned long ago.

<sup>2</sup> You have made the city a heap of rubble,  
the fortified town a ruin,  
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will honour you;  
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

<sup>4</sup> You have been a refuge for the poor,  
a refuge for the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the storm  
and a shade from the heat.

For the breath of the ruthless  
is like a storm driving against a wall

<sup>5</sup> and like the heat of the desert.

You silence the uproar of foreigners;  
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,  
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine –  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death for ever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;

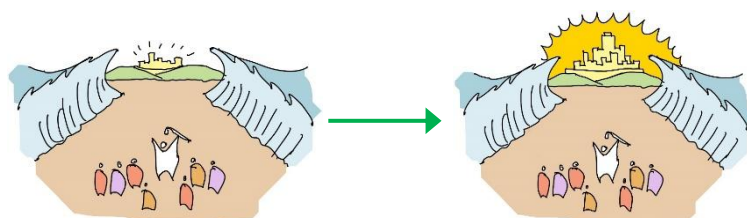
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

## 2. Death will be destroyed (25:1-26:6)

- Praise: God defeats an  
oppressive enemy (25:1-5)

- Feast: celebrate the swallowing  
up of death! (25:6-12)



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| <u>Isaiah 1-5</u><br><b>Introduction</b><br>How can one be spared judgement and live happily ever after? | <u>Isaiah 6-39</u><br><b>New Creation</b><br>God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation | <u>Isaiah 40-55</u><br><b>New relationship</b><br>God will restore his people from exile to a permanent relationship | <u>Isaiah 56-66</u><br><b>Who</b><br>God will choose the humble and reject the proud |
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#### Moab

In the first Exodus, Moab was the 'final frontier' or 'final enemy'

<sup>9</sup> In that day they will say,  
'Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'

<sup>10</sup> The hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain;  
but Moab will be trampled in their land  
as straw is trampled down in the manure.

<sup>11</sup> They will stretch out their hands in it,  
as swimmers stretch out their hands to swim.  
God will bring down their pride  
despite the cleverness<sup>c</sup> of their hands.

<sup>12</sup> He will bring down your high fortified walls  
and lay them low;  
he will bring them down to the ground,  
to the very dust.

**26** In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:  
We have a strong city;  
God makes salvation  
its walls and ramparts.

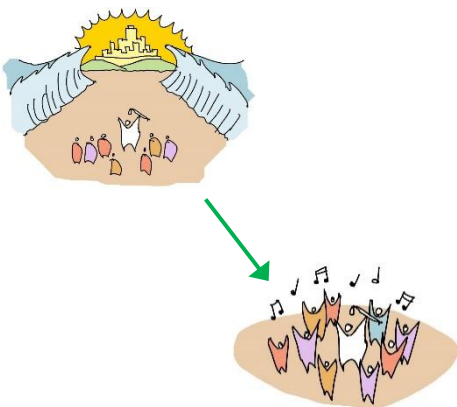
<sup>2</sup> Open the gates  
that the righteous nation may enter,  
the nation that keeps faith.

<sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace  
those whose minds are steadfast,  
because they trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> Trust in the LORD for ever,  
for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

<sup>5</sup> He humbles those who dwell on high,  
he lays the lofty city low;  
he levels it to the ground  
and casts it down to the dust.

<sup>6</sup> Feet trample it down –  
the feet of the oppressed,  
the footsteps of the poor.



- Sing: 'trust YHWH forever!'  
(26:1-6)

<sup>c</sup> The meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain.

Next Sunday (9 November):

- Isaiah 26:7-27:13
- Non-match day