

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 26:7-27:13 (NIVUK)

⁷ The path of the righteous is level;
 you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth.

⁸ Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws,^a
 we wait for you;
 your name and renown
 are the desire of our hearts.

⁹ My soul yearns for you in the night;
 in the morning my spirit longs for you.

When your judgments come upon the earth,
 the people of the world learn righteousness.

¹⁰ But when grace is shown to the wicked,
 they do not learn righteousness;
 even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil
 and do not regard the majesty of the LORD.

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

Let them see your zeal for your people and be put to shame;
 let the fire reserved for your enemies consume them.

¹² LORD, you establish peace for us;
 all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

¹³ LORD our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us,
 but your name alone do we honour.

¹⁴ They are now dead, they live no more;
 their spirits do not rise.

You punished them and brought them to ruin;
 you wiped out all memory of them.

¹⁵ You have enlarged the nation, LORD;
 you have enlarged the nation.

You have gained glory for yourself;
 you have extended all the borders of the land.

¹⁶ LORD, they came to you in their distress;
 when you disciplined them,
 they could barely whisper a prayer.^b

^a Or *judgments*

^b The meaning of the Hebrew for this clause is uncertain.

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1. Suffering will be destroyed (26:7-21)

- Judah, 'We are suffering, God! Please bring justice!' (26:7-14)

- Isaiah, 'Please!' (26:15-16)



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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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- Judah, "...lest our pain be futile!"
(26:17-18)
 - ¹⁷ As a pregnant woman about to give birth
writhes and cries out in her pain,
so were we in your presence, LORD.
 - ¹⁸ We were with child, we writhed in labour,
but we gave birth to wind.
We have not brought salvation to the earth,
and the people of the world have not come to life^c.
- God, "I will raise the dead..."
(26:19)
 - ¹⁹ But your dead will live, LORD;^d
their bodies will rise –
let those who dwell in the dust
wake up and shout for joy –
your dew is like the dew of the morning;
the earth will give birth to her dead.
- "...and punish those oppressors!"
(26:20-21)
 - ²⁰ Go, my people, enter your rooms
and shut the doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while
until his wrath has passed by.
 - ²¹ See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling
to punish the people of the earth for their sins.
The earth will disclose the blood shed on it;
the earth will conceal its slain no longer.

2. Evil will be destroyed (27:1-13)

- God will destroy Satan (27:1)
 - 27** In that day,
the LORD will punish with his sword –
his fierce, great and powerful sword –
Leviathan the gliding serpent,
Leviathan the coiling serpent;
he will slay the monster of the sea.

^c *Come to life* is more literally translated *fallen* (see e.g. ESV, CSB).

The NIV interpretation *come to life* might come from inferring *fallen from the womb* (e.g. NASB opts for *born*).

^d *LORD* is supplied by the NIV – it does not appear in Hebrew.

Other translations such as CSB, ESV, NASB do not supply *LORD*.

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

² In that day –

‘Sing about a fruitful vineyard:

³ I, the LORD, watch over it;

I water it continually.

I guard it day and night

so that no one may harm it.

⁴ I am not angry.

If only there were briars and thorns confronting me!

I would march against them in battle;

I would set them all on fire.

⁵ Or else let them come to me for refuge;

let them make peace with me,

yes, let them make peace with me.’

⁶ In days to come Jacob will take root,

Israel will bud and blossom

and fill all the world with fruit.

⁷ Has the LORD struck her

as he struck down those who struck her?

Has she been killed

as those were killed who killed her?

⁸ By warfare^e and exile you contend with her –

with his fierce blast he drives her out,

as on a day the east wind blows.

⁹ By this, then, will Jacob’s guilt be atoned for,

and this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin:

when he makes all the altar stones

to be like limestone crushed to pieces,

no Asherah poles^f or incense altars

will be left standing.

- a peaceful life without evil

(27:2-6)

cf. Isaiah 5:1-7
vineyard with bad grapes

- former evil was punished
through exile... (27:7-8)

- ...but future opportunities for
evil will be prevented (27:9)

^e See Septuagint; the meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain.

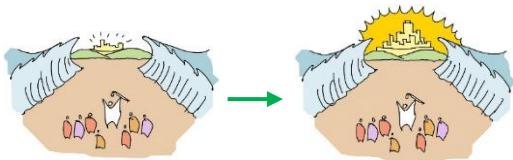
^f That is, wooden symbols of the goddess Asherah

<u>Isaiah 1-5</u> Introduction How can one be spared judgement and live happily ever after?	<u>Isaiah 6-39</u> New Creation God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	<u>Isaiah 40-55</u> New relationship God will restore his people from exile to a permanent relationship	<u>Isaiah 56-66</u> Who God will choose the humble and reject the proud
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- God destroys evil nations...
(27:10-11)

¹⁰ The fortified city stands desolate,
an abandoned settlement, forsaken like the wilderness;
there the calves graze,
there they lie down;
they strip its branches bare.
¹¹ When its twigs are dry, they are broken off
and women come and make fires with them.
For this is a people without understanding;
so their Maker has no compassion on them,
and their Creator shows them no favour.

- ...and rescues his people!
(27:12-13)



¹² In that day the LORD will thresh from the flowing Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, Israel, will be gathered up one by one. ¹³ And in that day a great trumpet will sound. Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

For reflection

Diagnostic

1. To what extent do you actively reflect on God dismantling this creation on judgement day? Why?

Devotional

2. Are there parts of Isaiah 26-27 that struck you? Are there parts you need God's help to hear?
3. To what extent do you feel equipped to re-read Isaiah 13-27 devotionally in the future?
4. What aspects of suffering and evil do you most look forward to God destroying?