

Isaiah 23-24  
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Bringing crowns and wealth to many – using \$\$ to influence others (Luke 16:8-9, 13-15)  
Brought low – all who are renown will be humbled (I Peter 5:5-6)  
Babylon used as a tool in God's hand (Revelation 17:16-17)

Wasted & devastated – the whole earth (Is. 24:1-13)

Determined by God – for all people  
Defiled by its people (Leviticus 18:24-28 / Romans 8:19-22)  
Drinking & partying will be replaced by gloom (James 4:4-10)

Worshipping God – for His righteous judgment (Is. 24:14-16a) – (Revelation 16:5-7; 19:1-2)

Woe to me – the cry of one surrounded by wickedness (Is. 16b-22)

Treachery (Psalm 28:3)  
Terror (Lamentations 1:12)  
Total destruction (Isaiah 6:11-13)  
Treated as their sins deserve (II Thessalonians 1:5-10 / Psalm 103:8-14)

Watch for His coming! (Is. 24:23)

His brightness outshines the sun (Matthew 24:27-30)  
His Reign shall be forever (Revelation 11:15)  
His City, the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:22-24)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 23-24

Why is it impossible to serve both God and money? (Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 / I Timothy 6:5-11)

What does it mean to humble ourselves before God? Before others? (Philippians 2:1-6)

Why does a righteous person experience such heart ache when surrounded by wickedness?  
(II Peter 2:7-8 / Isaiah 6:5 / Psalm 73:16-22)

Watch and be ready for His return! This is a frequent message in the Scriptures. How do we do this – practically speaking? (Colossians 3:1-6 / II Corinthians 4:16-18 / Ephesians 4:22-24; 5:18 / Luke 19:12-13 / II Timothy 4:5 / I Peter 4:10 / Ephesians 2:10 / I Corinthians 15:58 / I John 3:1-3 / II Timothy 4:8 / Revelation 22:20)

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Living in luxury (Luke 16:25 / James 5:1-5) – **to Whom does everything belong? (Ps 24:1)**  
Led into far off lands – **What is happening to the people in Ukraine?**

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Brought low – all who are renown will be humbled (I Peter 5:5-6) – **humble yourself 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Babylon used as a tool in God's hand (Revelation 17:16-17) – **God uses the wicked**

Wasted & devastated – the whole earth (Is. 24:1-13)

Determined by God – for all people – **we are called out of this world (John 15:19)**  
Defiled by its people (Leviticus 18:24-28 / Romans 8:19-22) – **sin impacts everything**  
Drinking & partying will be replaced by gloom (James 4:4-10) – **it is no laughing matter**

Worshipping God – for His righteous judgment (Is. 24:14-16a) – (Revelation 16:5-7; 19:1-2)

**Tribulation saints rejoicing that God is pouring out His judgment**

Woe to me – the cry of one surrounded by wickedness (Is. 16b-22)

Treachery (Psalm 28:3) – **betrayed by those you trust (Psalm 109:1-5)**

Terror (Lamentations 1:12) – **overwhelmed by sins results**

Total destruction (Isaiah 6:11-13) – **knowing this is motivation to share His truth**

Treated as their sins deserve (II Thessalonians 1:5-10 / Psalm 103:8-14)

**A scary thought if you do not know God**

Watch for His coming! (Is. 24:23)

His brightness outshines the sun (Matthew 24:27-30) – **He is Light (I John 1:5)**

His Reign shall be forever (Revelation 11:15) – **never to be overthrown**

His City, the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:22-24) – **where we shall dwell with Him forever! (Revelation 21:2-5)**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 23-24

Why is it impossible to serve both God and money? (Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 / I Timothy 6:5-11)  
***No amount of money can ever satisfy, but God is sufficient to meet all my needs (Matthew 6:33 / Philippians 4:9) The enticement of money leads to sinful thinking and choices that can ruin our lives and the lives of others. Someone had said, "If you love God you will use money and serve people, but if you love money you will use people and serve money."***

What does it mean to humble ourselves before God? Before others? (Philippians 2:1-6)  
***When we recognize that all we have is the result of God's grace, we have no reason to be boastful about ourselves. (I Corinthians 4:7) On the contrary, we willingly submit our lives to God, acknowledging our sin before Him, and gladly offering up our lives to His control. When we see all the blessings God has freely given us, we are motivated to share those things with others. Like Jesus, we choose to put others first.***

Why does a righteous person experience such heart ache when surrounded by wickedness?  
(II Peter 2:7-8 / Isaiah 6:5 / Psalm 73:16-22)  
***Like Lot, we can be tormented in our souls by all the wickedness we see and experience.  
Like Isaiah, we can recognize the wickedness of our culture within ourselves.  
Like Asaph, we can become embittered by the injustice and take our eyes off of God.***

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***We start by aligning our minds and hearts to seek the things that are above (II Corinthians 4:16-18) and to change our spiritual clothing (Ephesians 4:22-24; 5:18) (note: spending time each day in prayer and in the word is essential)***

***We then put to work the gifts and talents God has given us (Luke 19:12-13) – looking for every opportunity to be about His business – doing the work He prepared in advance for us to do (II Timothy 4:5 / I Peter 4:10 / Ephesians 2:10 / I Corinthians 15:58)***

***Finally, we need to recognize that His return can be any time. We must develop a longing in our hearts to see Jesus face to face. (II Timothy 4:8 / I John 3:1-3 / Revelation 22:20)***