

# *Judgment and Restoration*

Isaiah Chapters 23 and 24

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**Introduction:** We have been surveying the prophecies concerning nations that surround Judah. Tyre is the last nation to be prophesied over in this section of Isaiah. After the judgment of God upon Judah, she will be restored at the appearing of her Messiah. This breaks forth into several chapters of praise and glory to God. In each of chapters 23 and 24 there are lessons for us even today to put into practice.

## I. God will not share His glory with another (Chapter 23) - The Fate of Tyre

- A. The rich history of Tyre, offspring of Sidon of Phoenicia
  - 1. The ships of Tyre traded along the northern Mediterranean Sea to Spain and then England (Britannia). These merchants sailed back along the northern coast of Africa and finished their trading in Egypt. This was a 3 year trade cycle ending back in Tyre, amassing the wealth of all the cities
- B. Tyre not only did not give glory to God, but didn't even acknowledge Him
- C. Woe to us if we fail to acknowledge God from whom all blessings flow

Hymn # 625 – *The Doxology*

## II. Judgment Coming to Israel (Chapter 24)

- A. The Hebrew word, *eret*, can refer to the earth, world, or land. It is difficult to say which in Isaiah 24
  - 1. If it is the world, then the covenant refers to the post-fall covenant
  - 2. If it refers to the land of Israel, then the covenant is the Abrahamic Covenant and the chapter refers to God's judgment upon Israel in the last days
- B. Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week and the final judgment of Israel (Daniel 7-9; especially chapter 9)
  - 1. It is in the growing awareness of the evil nature of the anti-christ that Israel breaks its treaty and through the wrath of the anti-christ experiences the judgment of God
- C. Israel will look on Him whom they have pierced and at last believe
  - 1. Judgment and war against Israel and Judah (Zechariah chapter 12)
  - 2. Judah will look on Him whom they have pierced (Zechariah 12: 10-14 and Zechariah 14: 20-21)
  - 3. Israel and Judah will be born in one day (Isaiah 6: 8-9)
- D. God can do the miraculous and fulfill His promise to Israel

**Conclusion:** From chapter 23 we are reminded that God is the source of ALL of our blessings. We must take care to recognize Him and to give Him praise and thanksgiving for all that He does for us. Secondly, in chapter 24, we are reminded that Christ will return, this time in glory and power and will establish His millennial Kingdom. It is the blessed hope for which we wait.