

Isaiah – The Latter Day Triumph Study Notes

Day 1: Interpreting Our Times by the Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-2a (NKJV)

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains...

Reflection

When we look out at the world right now, it is terribly easy to become discouraged. We see nations rebelling against God, the culture actively rejecting His law, and false religions covering the earth like a shadow. But we do not judge the truth of our future by looking at current conditions. We do not interpret the Bible through the lens of our daily news. We look to the word of the Lord, and we interpret our experience in view of Scripture.

Isaiah saw a glorious vision of the ultimate triumph of the kingdom of God. He tells us exactly when it will happen: in the latter days. What do we mean by this? The New Testament makes it abundantly clear that we are living in these last days right now. They began when Jesus Christ came to earth, truly died on the cross, rose again, and sent His Spirit. They will end when He returns.

Our theology must be anchored here, not in the pessimism of the present age. If you are currently judging the success of Christ's kingdom by your own experience and the news rather than the plain teaching of Scripture, it is time to repent of that unbelief. We stand on the greatest story that has ever been told, and that story ends in victory.

Prayer

Father, we thank Thee for Thy holy word. When our eyes are tempted to linger on the rebellion of this world, turn our gaze back to Thy promises. Keep us from the sin of cynicism. Give us the faith to believe that Thy kingdom is established and advancing, even when the daily news claims otherwise. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 2: The Exaltation of True Worship

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:2 (NKJV)

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

Reflection

Between His first and second coming, Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling over history. And what is He doing? He is exalting the mountain of the Lord's house. In the ancient world, temples were built on mountains to signify authority and prominence. God is promising here that true worship of Him, through the church of Jesus Christ, will ultimately triumph over all false religions.

In God's order, in God's way, He will not share His glory with another. The hills of man-made philosophies and the high places of cultural idols will be brought low. Christ is currently reigning over the earth, and He is strong enough to keep every promise He has made.

We must not view the church as a retreating army simply trying to hold the line until the end. We are a people of godly destiny. The exaltation of the Lord's house is an active, ongoing reality in history. Knowing the inevitable victory of the church changes the way we view everything we do.

Prayer

Lord God, we praise Thee that Thy house will be established above every other authority. We ask that true worship would be offered to You in every place, starting in our own home. Exalt the name of Jesus Christ in our community and tear down the idols that men have built. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 3: The Miracle of the Upward Flow

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:2c-3a (NKJV)

...And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths."

Reflection

Notice carefully that the nations will flow to this mountain. Rivers naturally flow down, but God is going to do a miracle. He will make the river of humanity flow upward to His house. Men are rebels by nature, running away from God, seeking their own autonomy and their own destruction. But in His absolute sovereignty, He turns their hearts.

The Great Commission is not the great frustration. It is the great victory. Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth, and He commands us to disciple the nations. As we proclaim the gospel, the Spirit of God works a miracle in the hostile hearts of men. They do not come reluctantly; they come inviting others, saying, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord."

This is the center of the gospel message. God takes dead stones and makes them children of Abraham. He takes enemies and makes them worshipers who genuinely desire to be taught His ways and walk in His paths.

Prayer

Gracious Father, we are amazed by Thy saving power. We confess that we once ran from Thee, but in Thy mercy, Thou hast drawn us up to Thy mountain. We pray for the lost around us. Do the miracle of turning their hearts, that they might flow toward Christ and desire to walk in His holy paths. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 4: The Law and the Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:3b (NKJV)

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Reflection

We are heavily taught today that pluralism—treating all religions and all truth claims as equally valid—will bring peace to society. But pluralism is an impossible situation. It is just a transition zone. True peace only comes when there is one God known, one Christ worshiped, and one word that is law.

Out of Zion goes forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. The nations will be converted because the truth of God will be proclaimed. They will turn from their idols to serve the living God because His standard is perfect and righteous. We cannot expect the blessings of God's kingdom while rejecting the laws of God's kingdom.

When we hold fast to the word of the Lord, we are not being narrow-minded; we are being faithful. We are aligning ourselves with the only truth that can actually save and govern humanity. The church must not be ashamed of God's law, because it is the very instrument God uses to correct the nations.

Prayer

Almighty God, thank Thee for giving us Thy law and Thy word. Forgive us for the times we have been intimidated by a culture that despises Thy truth. Give us the courage to speak Thy word boldly. May Thy law go forth from our churches and bring the nations into joyful submission to King Jesus. In His name, Amen.

Day 5: True Peace and Daily Faithfulness

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:4-5 (NKJV)

He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Reflection

When Christ is supremely worshiped and obeyed, the result is peace. Men will beat their weapons of war into farming tools. True, lasting peace is not achieved by political treaties or human philosophy. It is achieved by the righteous judgment and rebuke of the Lord over the nations.

Because we know this is how history ends, our labor today is not in vain. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform exactly what He has promised. This reality must anchor your soul. Whether you are preaching a sermon, sweeping a floor, laboring at a desk, or raising children, your faithful obedience matters.

You are part of a people of destiny. Let us walk in the light of this glorious truth. When things look frightening in the world, remember that Jesus will win in the end. He is currently ruling as King over the whole earth, and our daily duties are acts of worship that participate in His unfolding triumph.

Prayer

Father, strengthen our weary hands and raise our eyes above what we see in the world to the glories that are coming. Make us to see that our daily labor in Christ is never wasted. Energize us to serve our Lord and Savior with faithfulness today, trusting that He is bringing true peace to the earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.