Isaiah

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Summary

1.The Holy Chastiser (Chapters 1-35)
- **a. Prophesies around Judah & Jerusalem (1-12)**
- **b. Prophesies concerning surrounding nations (13-23)**
- **c. Prophesies concerning the world (24-35)**

Monday (Read Isaiah 26)

This chapter is a praise for the resurrection, through which the people put their trust in God.

Isaiah is looking forward toward the return of the people from captivity while Babylon and its unique walls fall to the ground (verse 12) thus he utters this praise confirming his trust in God as the one who grants resurrection.

Some scholars go on to say that this praise is also concerning the resurrection from the dead (verse 19). Either way this chapter refers to God as the Savior of His people.

"Lord, You will establish peace for us" Isaiah 26: 12

"And we have learned also to say in our prayers, "O Lord our God, grant us your peace, for you have given us everything," so that if anyone becomes partaker of the peace furnished by God, he will not be lacking any good thing"
St Cyril of Alexandria

Did you know...

The word "Leviathan" is used in the bible five times:
In Job 41:1, Psalm. 74:14 & 104:26; and **Isaiah. 27:1** twice.

Leviathan is a sea monster or a ancient twisted serpent it could also used as an image for the devil.

Tuesday (Read Isaiah 27)

God Himself takes over the leadership of the battle and becomes personally involved in it in order that His beloved vineyard would enjoy His watching over and caring for it. Through caring for the vineyard and hence His people the Lord says " Lest anyone hurt it, I keep it day and night" (verse 3). Here we see how much God cares for His people and from the deadly strikes of sin.

Isaiah goes on to tell about the chastising of God's children (verse 7-9), allowing the affliction for their sins but gathers them again one by one (verse 12) , once again a direct prophecy regarding the return of Judah from captivity.

Wednesday (Read Isaiah 28)

From chapter 28 to 33, Isaiah prophesies reveal the worsening conditions to Judah, Ephraim and the surrounding nations. As they despised God and His words and leaned on human hands.

In chapter 28, God reveals His justice, while He loves His people, God reveals the woes to Israel and Ephraim for their sins. God also glorifies Judah as they remained holy, unlike Israel. (Note: Israel fell into the hands of the Assyrians in 722 BC, while Judah fell into the hands of the Babylonians in 586 BC).

In verses 7-15 Isaiah reveals Israel's sins and exposes them. And it is here, that we hear the famous lines repeated "precept upon precept, line upon line…". It is like prophet is talking to children and repeating the instructions so that they better understand them.

From verses 16 Isaiah prophesies about the need of a Savior (Christ the corner stone), indicating that God will save His children. This section is also read on the 11th hour of Wednesday of the Holy Pascha.

Thursday (Read Isaiah 29)

This chapter mentions the second and third of the 6 woes:

1. Woe to Ariel (1-14)- Ariel refers to the fiery furnace of God and here is symbolic to mean Jerusalem. The Jews preoccupied themselves with the formalities of worship rather than giving God their hearts during the worship. We very much do the same thing as they did- How many times when we pray do we find our minds wandering off thinking of any thing in our lives other than the words we are reading or saying??? The Lord wants us to give Him our hearts…

2. Woe to those who think of themselves as wiser than God

After God's HEART

PRECEPT PRECEPT PRECEPT PRECEPT LINE LINE LINE LINE LINE Here a little, there a little

Friday & Saturday (Read Isaiah 30)

God warns His people against leaning upon Pharaoh and that this will result in their shame and collapse. However as the Lord is merciful, and shows compassion towards His repentant people and for those who wait for Him "He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry, when He hears it, He will answer you" verse 19. This gives us great hope knowing that no matter how badly we make a mistake and how far we stray, we can always return knowing that God will hear our cries of repentance.

This is the road- Now walk in it! Isaiah 30:20-21