

**Title:** “*The Apologetics of Isaiah*”

**Sub-Title:** “*Understanding the Book of Isaiah*”

**Introduction:** The study of the book of Isaiah has as its subject, the Lord Jesus Christ, as seen in Isaiah's theme verse: **Isaiah: 9:6** “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

The theater of the book of Isaiah is the Nation of Israel. The distinction should be made here that Israel is like no other nation, not even America. Israel is a Theocracy. Now politically the world calls Israel the only democracy in the Middle East, but a democracy is a political system established by man. A Theocracy is a country that was established by God. Israel is geographically in the center of the world.

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Winston Churchill was once asked why he believed in God. He answered, “The Jewish people.” The survival of the State of Israel from a human standpoint could only mean one thing, that there must be something divine happening here. Let’s keep this in mind as we step back in time to 760 B.C. and read what was recorded in Isaiah chapter two.

- ***Isaiah 2:1-2*** “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass *in the last days*, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.”

## **I. The Last Days:**

A. The last days began in the First Century church.

1. *Acts 1:9-10* “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;”

2. *Acts 1:11* “Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

B. The last days end with the end of the church age:

1. ***Revelation 4:1*** “After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, *Come up hither*, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.”
  
2. ***I Thessalonians 4:16-17*** “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be *caught up together* with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
  
- a.) Isaiah spoke of the last days which we are now in the last days. We refer to this time as the church age, or age of grace.

- b.) The end of the last days coincide with the end of the church age. This point in God's timeline is when Christ takes all believers to heaven. This even is known as the Rapture.

## II. The Day of the Lord:

### A. The Day of the Lord is a prophecy of His Return.

- 1. I Cor. 1:8 "Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- 2. I Cor. 1:14 "As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus."

3. II Peter 3:12 “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

4. Matt. 24:36 “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”

- ***Isaiah 2: 3*** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

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A. The desire for salvation:

1. Delitzsch stated, “Desire for salvation expresses itself in the objective of their journey; they wish Jehovah to teach them ‘out of His ways,’ –a rich source of instruction with which they desire to be gradually entrusted.”<sup>1</sup>

B. The desire to know God's ways:

1. Delitzsch explained, “Desire for salvation also expresses itself in the resolution with which they set out: they not only wish to learn, but are resolved to act according to what they learn.”

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1. F. Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament: Isaiah*, Vol. VII (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1986), 115.

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- a.) God's people wanted to know the Lord.
  - b.) God's people wanted to have salvation.
  - c.) God's people wanted to live in His ways.
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- ***Isaiah 2:11*** “The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted *in that day.*”
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- A. In the Day of the Lord all men will be humbled.
  - B. In the Day of the Lord, only the Lord will be exalted.



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- C. One reason this may seem like an unlikely prophecy is because of the vastness of pride in our culture, and the scarcity of true humility.
- D. This day of judgement should encourage every believer that every wrong will be made to give account. Every right that has been done will give glory to the Lord of the Universe.
- E. Because the Day of the Lord is fast approaching every believer should work for the Lord as it were the last, as if very well maybe the last day to serve the Lord on Earth.

1. ***II Cor. 5:10*** “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”
  
2. ***Jer. 30:8*** “For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:”
  
3. ***Ezekiel 38:14*** “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?”

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- The Day of the Lord is prophetic event on God's timeline.
- Since many other prophecies have been fulfilled, future prophecies are also deemed to be fulfilled.
- The Day of the Lord is a date known only by God.
- Therefore, the Day of the Lord is to be motivating.
- Future prophecies call all Christians to present service.

**Conclusion:**

1. Prophecies fulfilled
2. The Remnant promised
3. Promises fulfilled
4. The Creation demands a response

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**Applications:**

1. Download Knight's Notes on: Excellent Way.tv.
2. Read Isaiah chapter three and look for arguments for faith in the Lord.
3. Memorize Isaiah 9:6.
4. Study and discuss Isaiah chapter One with family and friends. White down questions that you have relative to the book of Isaiah.
5. Share our ministry website on you social media.

**Where we began:**

- Prophecies fulfilled
- The forsaking of the Lord
- The promised remnant
- Promises fulfilled
- Background of Isaiah
- The Apologetics of Creation

**Next time:**

- The Apologetics of Isaiah
- The Day of the Lord