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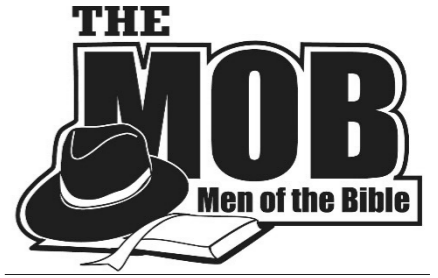
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



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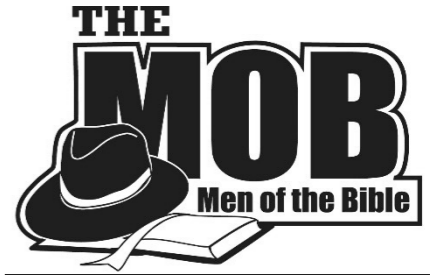


- **Welcome to the MOB!**
- **Parenting By Faith Not Formula with Julie Lowe, Feb 18-19, register at ibc.church/parenting.**



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Please Rise



■ Invocation/Prayer

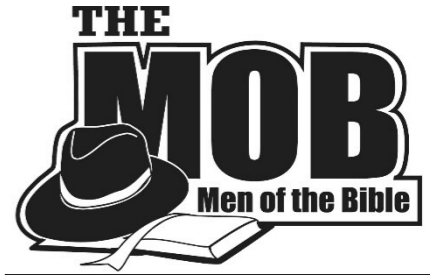
■ Hymn:

“Joy to the World!”



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Why “Joy to the World!”



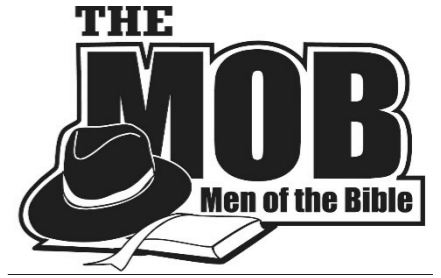
- **Christmas song – Jesus first coming**
- **Millennium song – Jesus second coming**

- **Remember Genesis 3**
 - **broken relationships between man and God – self – others – creation**
 - **the curse of death**



Joy to the World!

By Isaac Watts, Verse 1 of 4

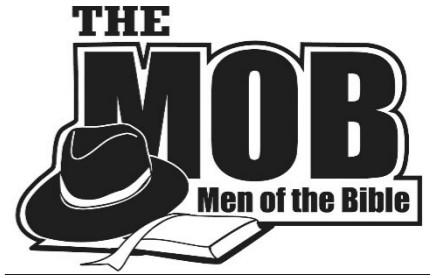


**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.**



Joy to the World!

By Isaac Watts, Verse 2 of 4



Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

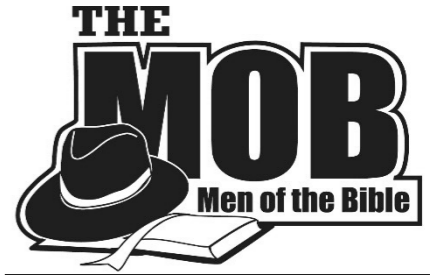
Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.



Joy to the World!

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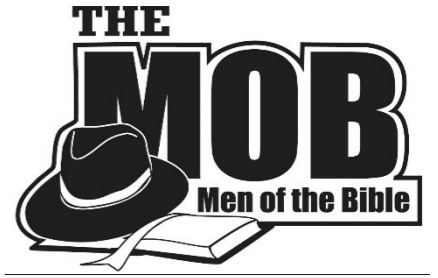


**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.**



Joy to the World!

By Isaac Watts, Verse 4 of 4

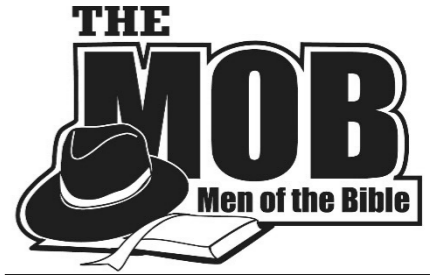


**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.**



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Our Study of Isaiah



- **Last Meeting:**
 - **Isaiah 24, Judgment on the Earth**
 - **Memory Verse: Isaiah 24:19-20**
 - ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.156-165; Motyer, pp.194-207.***

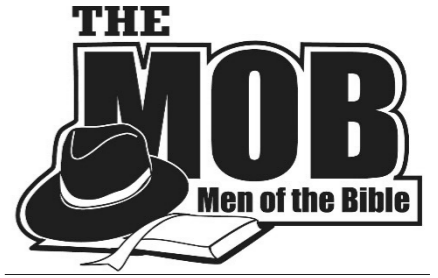
- **This Meeting:**
 - **Isaiah 25,26,27, Death Swallowed Up, Perfect Peace, Israel Redeemed**
 - **Memory Verse: Isaiah 25:1**
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- **Refreshment Host: A**



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Memory Verse

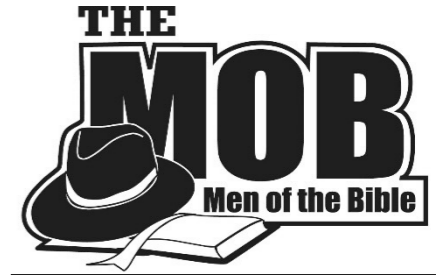


Isaiah 25:1 (NASB)

O LORD, You are my God;
I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name;
For You have worked wonders,
Plans *formed* long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

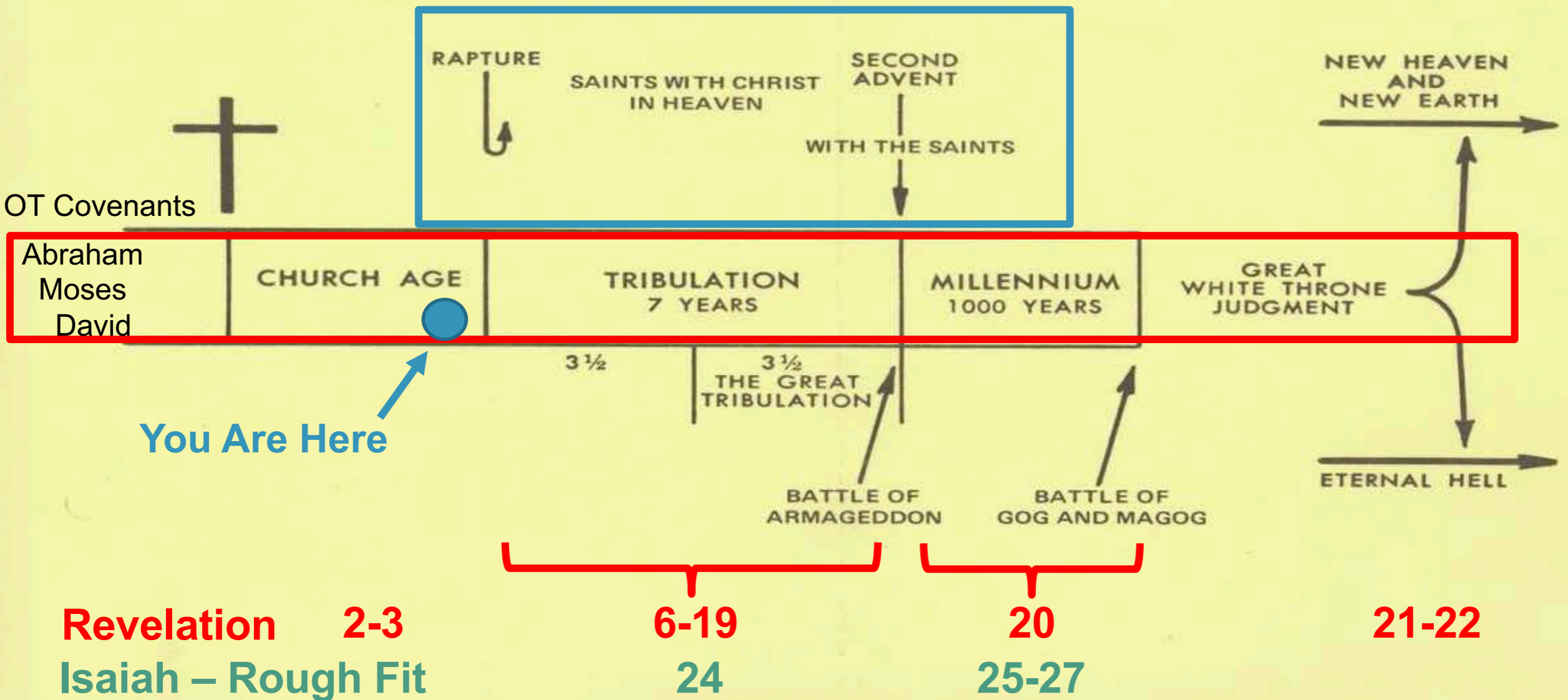


Isaiah Outline



Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis		Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1	39:8	40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin	Hezekiah's Salvation	Israel's Deliverance	Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future		
Topics	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1	39:8	40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:24
	Prophetic Judgement								Historic Transition		Messianic Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah															
Time	740 - 680 B.C.															

PREMILLENNIAL SCHEME OF WORLD EVENTS



The Tribulation Experience

- **Earth Will Be Emptied (24:1-5)**
- **Partying Will Be Bitter (24:6-9)**
- **City Streets Will Be Desolate (24:10-13)**
- **Saints Will Be Glorifying (24:14-16)**
- **Inhabitants Will Be Caught (24:17-20)**
- **Punishment Will Be Final (24:21-23)**



Timing – Isaiah 25-27

Tribulation – past, but fresh in experience, so praise for YHWH's deliverance

Millennium – main focus – snapshots

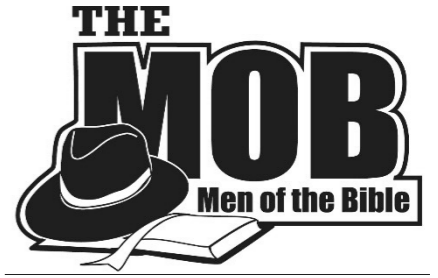
Final judgment – on the horizon

Eternal state – on the horizon

Isaiah's Blend



The World Right Side Up (The Millennium)

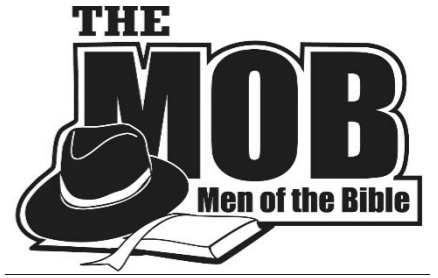


1. Peace
2. Joy
3. Holiness
4. Glory
5. Justice
(Righteousness)
6. Full Knowledge
7. Absence of Sickness/
Deformity
8. Universal Worship of God
9. Economic Prosperity
10. The presence of God

From The End by Mark Hitchcock



Millennium Begins



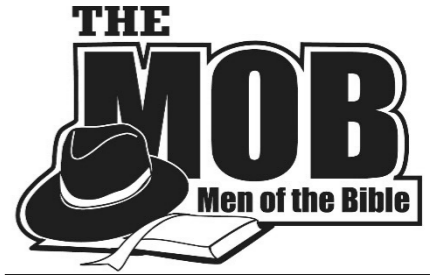
Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,
For the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem, And *His* glory will be before His elders.
(Isaiah 24:23)

O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give
thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders,
Plans *formed* long ago, with perfect faithfulness.
(Isaiah 25:1)



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Isaiah's Blend Begins (25:2-4)



² For You have made a city into a heap, A fortified city into a ruin; A palace of strangers is a city no more, It will never be rebuilt.

Tribulation

³ Therefore a strong people will glorify You; Cities of ruthless nations will revere You.

Millennium

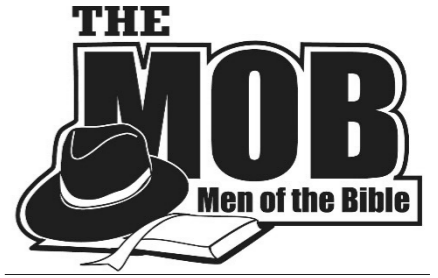
^{4a} For You have been a defense for the helpless, A defense for the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat;

All Time



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YHWH (25:6)



YHWH's PRESENCE

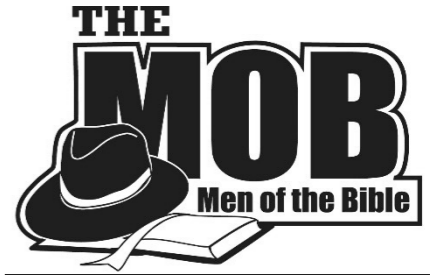
⁶ The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, *And* refined, aged wine.

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YHWH (25:8)



YHWH's ACTION

⁸ He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces,

Eternity

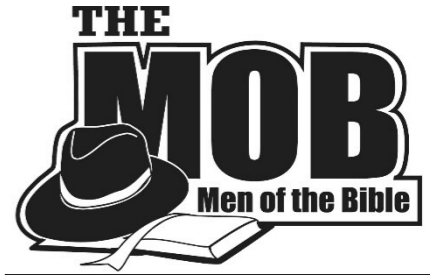
And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

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A Lesson



When you receive reproaches for His name –

View them from God's perspective

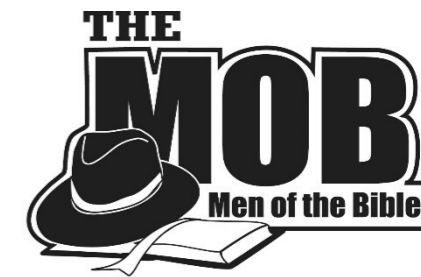
- 1. They are only temporary**
- 2. He will reward you.**

Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. (Matthew 5:11)



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Waiting Has Ended (25:9)



⁹ And it will be said in that day,

**“Behold, this is our God
for whom we have waited that He might save us.
This is the LORD
for whom we have waited;
Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”**

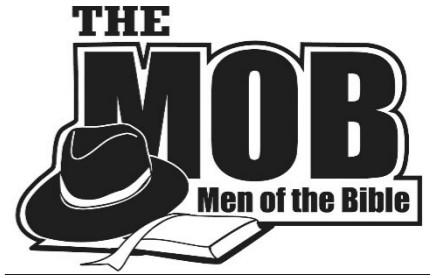
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THIS IS IT! GOD’S KINGDOM IS HERE!!



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And There was Moab (25:10-12)



And Moab will be trodden down ...

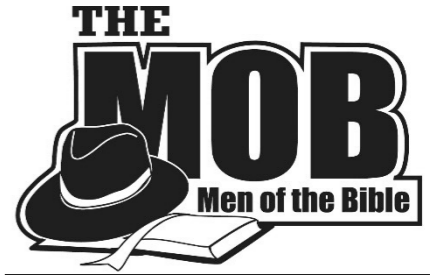
But *the Lord* will lay low his pride together with the trickery of his hands. The unassailable fortifications of your walls He will bring down, Lay low *and* cast to the ground, even to the dust.

Tribulation



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Two Cities (26:1-2)



**¹ In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
“We have a strong city; He sets up walls and ramparts
for security.**

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**Remember Babylon in the previous chapter (25:2)
“You have made a city into a heap”**

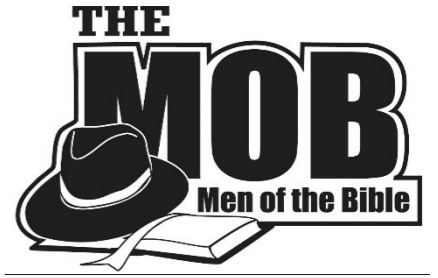
**² “Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter,
The one that remains faithful.**

**Move that bus!! Let us see the great city God has made
and let us go into it!**



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Trust in YHWH (26:3-4)



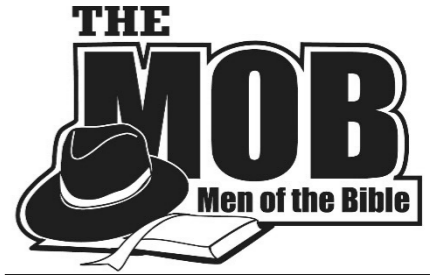
The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,
Because he trusts in You.

Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, *we have an everlasting Rock.*



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Trust in YHWH (26:8-9)



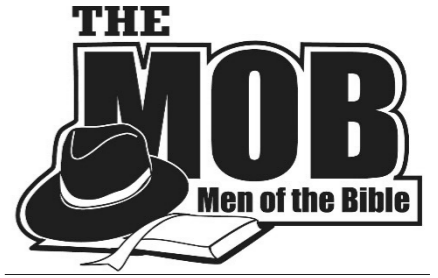
Indeed, *while following* the way of Your judgments, O LORD,
We have waited for You eagerly; Your name, even Your
memory, is the desire of *our* souls.

At night my soul longs for You, Indeed, my spirit within me
seeks You diligently; For when the earth experiences Your
judgments The inhabitants of the world learn
righteousness.



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“At night my soul longs for You”

-- At night, when you are beyond the confusion of the day, do you think of Him? Long for Him?

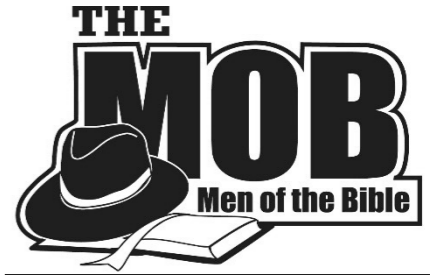
Do you follow this example to seek Him “diligently”?

-- When it comes to your relationship with God, don't be sloppy or lazy or just do the minimum possible.



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Trust in YHWH (26:10)

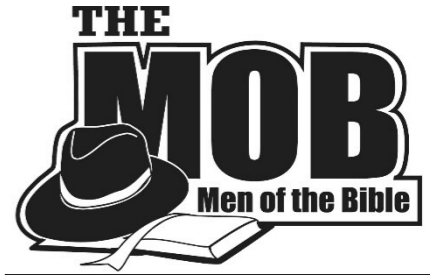


Though the wicked is shown favor, He does not learn righteousness; He deals unjustly in the land of uprightness, And does not perceive the majesty of the LORD.



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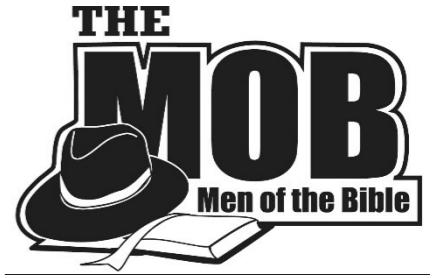
When the earth experiences God's judgments

Learn righteousness!



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Resurrection ?? (26:14,19)



¹⁴ The dead will not live, the departed spirits will not rise; Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And You have wiped out all remembrance of them.

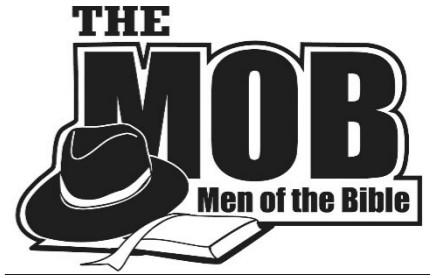
¹⁹ Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew *is as* the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

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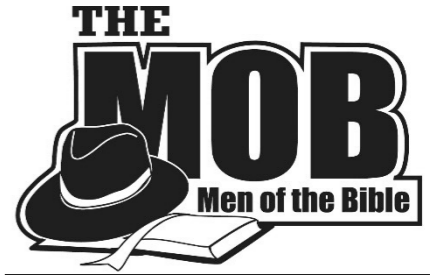
**Be VERY SURE that you will
live in the Resurrection**

**Depend on Jesus'
righteousness!**



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Israel Increased (26:15)



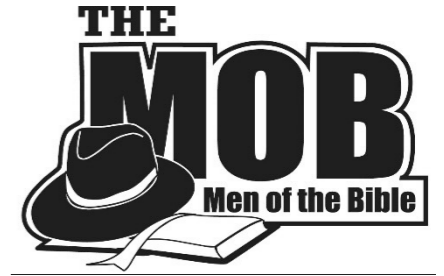
¹⁵ You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation, You are glorified; You have extended all the borders of the land.

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Israel Increased (26:15)



A Speculative Future Map Of Israel

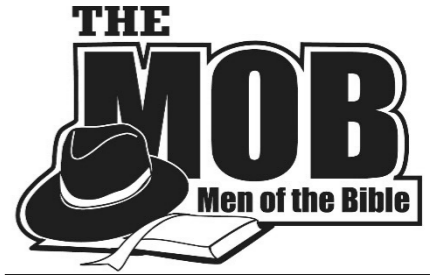
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for sure)





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Judgment (26:20-21)



²⁰ Come, my people, enter into your rooms And close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while Until indignation runs *its* course. ²¹ For behold, the LORD is about to come out from His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; And the earth will reveal her bloodshed And will no longer cover her slain.

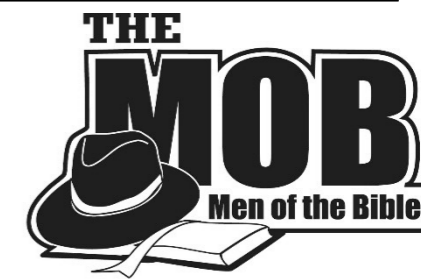
Final Judgment

Reminiscent of the Passover (Exodus 12:22-23)



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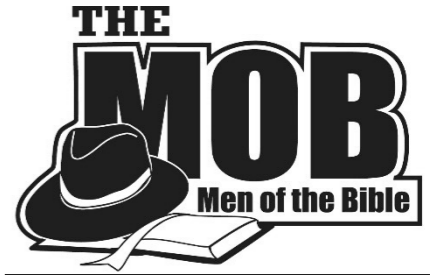
Fruit for the Whole World





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Two Vineyards (27:2-6)



² In that day, “A vineyard of wine, sing of it! ³ “I, the LORD, am its keeper; I water it every moment. So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day....” ⁶ In the days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout, And they will fill the whole world with fruit.

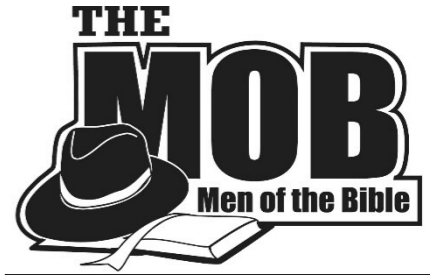
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**Contrast this to the vineyard of Isaiah 5:1-7.
God prepared it well and planted the choicest vine.
But it grew only STINK-FRUIT, so YHWH laid it waste.**



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Divine Restraint (27:7-8)



**7 Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them?
Or have they been slain as their slayers were slain?**

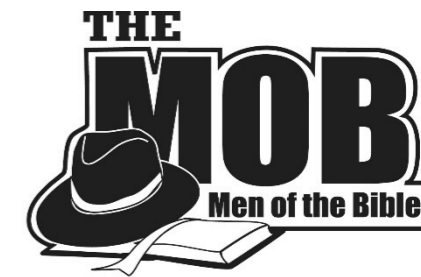
**8 Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them;
he removed them with his fierce breath in the day of the
east wind. (ESV)**

The Lord has never been as harsh with Israel as he has been with its foes (7); scattering ('by shooing away and sending her off') rather than destruction has been its portion (8). This same divine forbearance will yet be shown in a work of atonement to which Israel will respond by rejecting all false religion. (Motyer)



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Harvest Time (27:12)



In that day from the river Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt the LORD will thresh out the grain, and you will be gleaned one by one, O people of Israel.

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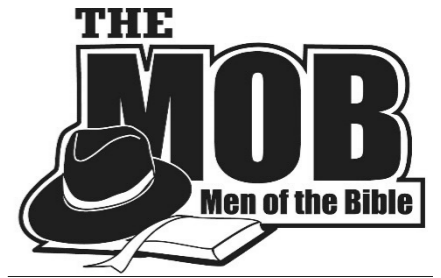
then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.
(Deuteronomy 30:3)

Reminiscent of Jesus parable of the wheat and the tares - burn the weeds, collect the wheat. (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)



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Harvest Time Pt.2 (27:13)



And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

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These verses provide a fitting climax to chs. 24— 27 with their emphasis upon God's sovereignty over the nations and his intention to restore his people from the nations. (Oswalt)

The Jubilee trumpet (Lv. 25:9) was sounded on the Day of Atonement, linking verses 13 and 9 of the present passage. (Motyer) [V.9, Jacob's iniquity will be forgiven.]



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Sound the Great Trumpet!

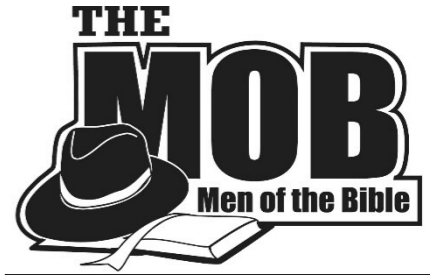


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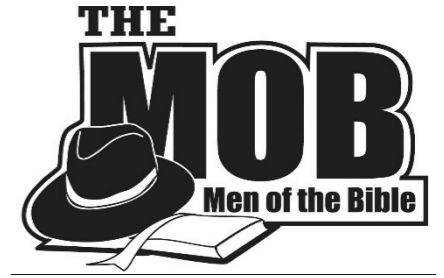
Jubilee !!



9 ‘You shall then sound a ram’s horn abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land. ¹⁰ ‘You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family. (Leviticus 25:9–10)



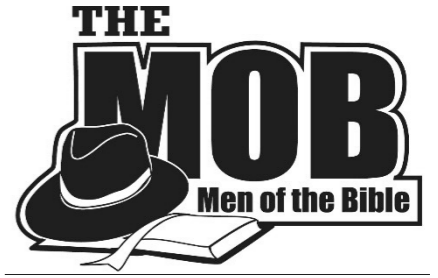
But Wait ...



There's More!!!



Two Covenants Will Be Fulfilled in the Millennium



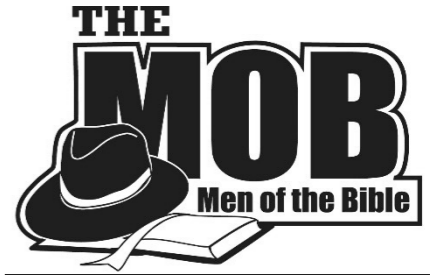
- **Abraham – Genesis 12:1-3**
 - **Land**
 - **People**
 - **Blessing for the whole world**

- **David – 2 Samuel 7:9-16**
 - **Peace**
 - **Descendant on throne forever**



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For Discussion and Application



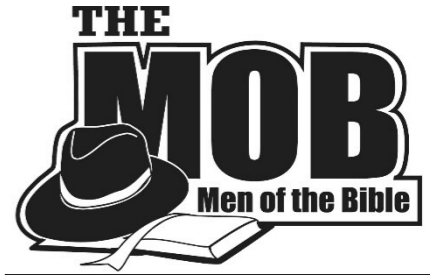
Isaiah 25

- 1. Verse 1, sounding like a psalm, praises God for executing His “plans formed long ages ago.” What plans did God have and when (prior to Isaiah’s time) did He express them?**
- 2. What is the city that is destroyed in verse 2? Why is that important here?**
- 3. Verse 6 promises that YHWH of hosts will prepare a “lavish” banquet for all people. What do we know about this banquet?**
- 4. The people at Mount Zion are in jaw-dropping awe. What are they coming to understand? (v9)**



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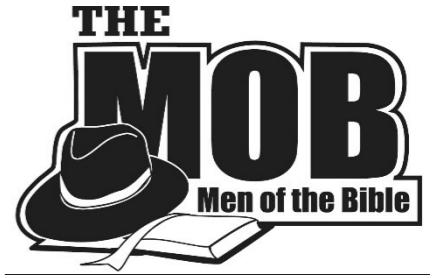
Isaiah 26

1. What do we see that God has done for His people?
2. What was Judah's role and responsibility?
3. What will the wicked do that he should not (or not do that he should)?
4. What will happen to God's enemies?



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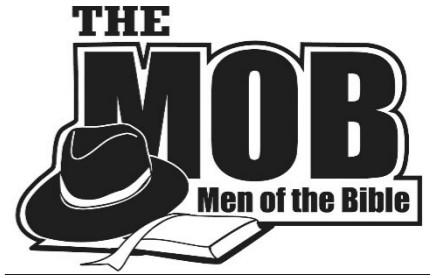
Isaiah 27

- 1. In 27:2-6, there will be a vineyard and YHWH will be its keeper. We previously read of a vineyard in Isaiah 5:1-7. How would you contrast the two?**
- 2. In 27:7-8, we recall that YHWH has struck Israel. But did He treat her the same way He treated her enemies? Give some examples.**
- 3. Verses 12-13 describe the great return/ingathering of the Lord's people. What stands out to you?**
- 4. In the Millennium, God's covenants with Abraham and with David were fulfilled. What is the significance of that?**



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- **Study:**
- **Isaiah 28, Judgment on Ephraim & Jerusalem, A Cornerstone in Zion**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 28:16**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.178-189; Motyer, pp.227-236.***

- **Refreshment Host: B**