

ISAIAH, “THE EVANGELICAL PROPHET”:  
ISAIAH’S THEOLOGY OF THINGS TO COME, PART 1  
(Isaiah 1:1)

- I. The RETURN of the LORD
  - A. Christ’s coming in POWER and GLORY (Isa. 40:3-5, 9)
  - B. Christ’s coming to RULE over MANKIND (Isa. 9:6; 33:22)
  - C. Christ’s coming should MOTIVATE believers to RIGHT LIVING (Isa. 56:1; cf. 1 John 2:8)
  - D. Christ’s coming WITH His SAINTS (Isa. 40:10; cf. 8:18)
  
- II. The RAPTURE of BELIEVERS (Isa. 26:19-21; cf. 1 Thess. 4:13-18)
  - A. The RESURRECTION of the DEAD (who are IN CHRIST)
    - 1. These are BELIEVERS
    - 2. They had been “DEPARTED SPIRITS”
  - B. Their reunion with believers still LIVING whose mourning turns to JOY
  - C. Their DELIVERANCE from a period of “INDIGNATION”
    - 1. The LORD will PUNISH unbelievers for their INIQUITY
    - 2. The LORD will AVENGE the blood of the MARTYRS

III. The TRIBULATION Era (2:12; 13:6, 9)

A. Divine PURPOSE of the period

1. To pour out God's UNDILUTED WRATH (13:9)
2. To ABASE proud humanity and EXALT the Lord (2:11-12, 17)
3. To PUNISH the WORLD for wickedness (13:11)
4. To exact VENGEANCE upon the world for ZION'S sake (34:8-10)
5. To judge the SPIRITUAL realm as well as the SECULAR (24:21)

B. General CHARACTERISTICS of the ENTIRE period

1. Widespread DESTRUCTION from the Almighty (13:6; 24:1; )
2. Devastation of the EARTH in FIRE and SMOKE (34:8-10)
3. EXTERMINATION of sinners, crushing them in His WINEPRESS (13:9; 24:6, 17-20; 63:3, 6)

C. Specific EVENTS toward the END of the period

1. Terrible DROUGHT (42:15)
2. COSMIC disturbances (13:10, 13; 51:6)
3. EARTHQUAKES (13:13)
4. Gathering the ARMIES of the earth against ISRAEL (13:4-5)
  - a. To DESTROY the ARMIES (29:7-8; 30:25; 34:2-3; 66:15-16)
  - b. To DELIVER ISRAEL (49:26)