

THRU THE BIBLE EXPOSITION

Isaiah: Jahweh Is Salvation

Part XLVI: God's Future Deliverance Of Judah In Great Security (Isaiah 30:19-33)

I. Introduction

- A. Though Judah in Isaiah's day had failed to trust the Lord for blessing versus turning to Egypt, the Messianic Kingdom was coming when God would truly bless His people, and Isaiah 30:18 shows He longed for that era.
- B. We study Isaiah 30:19-33 where God's future deliverance of Judah is predicted for lessons and insight on heeding the Lord in our era (as follows):

II. God's Future Deliverance Of Judah In Great Security, Isaiah 30:19-33.

- A. In Isaiah 30:19-26, God through Isaiah predicted the blessings of the Messianic Kingdom when God would finally be able to bless His people the way He had always wished to bless them:
 - 1. The Lord predicted that the time would come when Judah's people would dwell in Zion in Jerusalem, that they would weep no more as He would graciously answer them when they called for help, Isaiah 30:19.
 - 2. Currently, Judah had been given the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, punishment for her sin of turning to Egypt for help, but the day would come when she would see her teachers, her spiritual guides in the prophets and priests versus rejecting them as now, v. 10, Isa. 30:20; B. K. C., O. T., p. 1080-1081.
 - 3. Indeed, in the Kingdom, even if she was temporarily wayward or confused and in the wrong path, Judah would hear the voice of God's instruction from even behind her saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when she turned to the right or to the left, turning in any direction, Isaiah 30:21. In effect, regardless of the events faced and where she was then headed, she would always have God's guidance, Ibid., p. 1081.
 - 4. In that day, Judah's people would rid themselves of their idols (Isaiah 30:22) so that God would respond by abundantly blessing their agricultural pursuits (Isaiah 30:23-24) and even on every lofty mountain and high hill there would be brooks of fresh, running water (Isaiah 30:25a) after the enemies of God were of course destroyed at the Battle of Armageddon, Isaiah 30:25b; Ibid.
 - 5. Light will apparently increase, the light of the moon being as that of the sun and the sun's light being sevenfold brighter than today, and God will then bind up the brokenness of His people and heal the wounds inflicted by His blows of national discipline on Judah, Isaiah 30:26.
- B. However, even in Isaiah's era, when Judah was far from having a perfect heart toward God, Isaiah predicted God would graciously deliver Jerusalem from Assyria's invasion, Isaiah 30:27-33:
 - 1. Isaiah 30:27-28 figuratively predicted the Lord would rush against His enemies like dense clouds, a fire and a torrent, His wrath overtaking the enemy Assyrians who would arrive in Judah to attack His people.
 - 2. Judah would respond to the Lord's wrath expression against the Assyrians by rejoicing as in the night when keeping a feast, with gladness of heart as when setting out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel, Isaiah 30:29 ESV.
 - 3. In highly figurative language, Isaiah predicted the Lord would gloriously reveal His presence by His great act of national deliverance performed in furious anger and power against Assyria, Isaiah 30:30.
 - 4. God's striking Judah's foes will produce sheer terror on the invading Assyrians (Isaiah 30:31), but every such stroke of God's judgment on the Assyrians would be for Judah like the striking of tambourines on the hand or like the plucking of harps in praise to the Lord for His deliverance, Isaiah 30:32a.
 - 5. God will fight against the Assyrians with an arm that has been eagerly bared for action (Isa. 30:32b), and He will figuratively kindle the fire to consume the bodies of the Assyrian soldiers, Isaiah 30:33a.
 - 6. The reference to God's burning the Assyrians with sulphur, a fire of great intensity (Ibid.), alludes to the eternal torment of the wicked lost "in 'the lake of fire' (KJV; Rev. 19:20; 20:10; 21:8)," Ibid.; Isa. 30:33b.
 - 7. [We know from the actual event of this deliverance that it arose because Judah's king Hezekiah humbly called unto the Lord for help in faith (cf. Isaiah 37:18-22a, 34-38), what God anticipated in the Kingdom.]

Lesson: *Whether it would occur in Isaiah's day when king Hezekiah called unto the Lord for national deliverance or whether it would occur in the Messianic Kingdom when Judah's people were more fully heeding Him, God's deliverance from trouble was SURE to arise with great blessing when His people truly trusted in Him ALONE.*

Application: *May we realize that God is always disposed to bless us by rescuing us from trouble caused by our sin, but that we must call upon Him and trust in Him ALONE versus all false gods of help for such blessings to occur.*