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The Little Apocalypse of Isaiah

24:1 to 27:13

The little apocalypse of Isaiah DIG: How is Isaiah's Little Apocalypse similar to the book of Revelation? Which of the prophecies in these chapters, which are of global scope, have yet to be fulfilled?



The word **apocalypse** is the Greek name for the book of **Revelation**. Because much of what is found in the **Revelation** is found in these four chapters, it is named **The Little Apocalypse of Isaiah**. It describes the earth's devastation and people's intense suffering during the coming Tribulation and the blessings to follow in the Messianic Kingdom. Like a finale, these chapters can be read by themselves, but their greatest contribution is within the context of the whole book of **Isaiah**.

In addition to the content, the very structure of these four chapters is also the structure of the Book of **Revelation**. **Another way of saying that is that the book of Revelation is an expansion of these four chapters in the book of Isaiah**. These four chapters are divided into four segments: first, The Great Tribulation in **Chapter 24**; secondly, The Song of Praise in **Chapter 25**; thirdly, The Song of Salvation in **Chapter 26: 1-19**; and fourthly, The Redemption of Isra'el in **Chapter 26:20 to 27:13**. The overriding theme of the segment is the triumph of **God**, not only *over His* enemies but also *for His* people.

In Chapters 13 to 35 Isaiah sought to answer these questions: Can God deliver



Isra'el from those who would harm her? Can He be trusted? Or is He just one more god added to all the others? But here in the Little Apocalypse of Isaiah, the question that is specifically answered is this, "Does God merely react to the nations, or is He sovereign over all the world?"