One day...

Final judgment and ultimate victory

Isaiah 24 - 27

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Would you like to know the future?

- · Naturally curious at a personal level
- Some religious groups focus on the future
- Scientific, ecological concerns and political & military fears
- Sections of the Bible tell us about the 'End Times' or 'Apocalypse'
- God wants to say something to us from Isaiah 24 27

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Outline

4 ...Scenes

3 ...Vistas

2 ...Cities

1 ...Day

	Four scenes
<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Scene</u>
24	The devastated world
25	The mountain of God
26	The strong city
27	The fruitful vineyard

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The devastated world

THE LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants ...the ruined city lies desolate

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The mountain of God

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines.

The strong City

We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter

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The fruitful vineyard

Sing about a fruitful vineyard: I, the LORD, watch over it; I water it continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it. I am not angry.

Prophesy

Kata Tjuta, Northern territories, Australia

Three Vistas



 Sun & moon darkened and the glorious Lord reigning

24 v 23

• The Veil/sheet destroyed

25 v 7

 Death defeated and tears wiped away

25 v 8-9 & 26 v 19

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Sun & moon darkened and the

The moon will be dismayed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders – with great glory. (24 v 23)

• Crucifixion Luke 23 v 44-45

Giving of the Spirit Acts 2 v 20

The new Jerusalem Rev 21 v 22 – 27

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it.

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The veil destroyed

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. (25 v 7)

- The veil in the temple torn in two Luke 22 v 18
- · The barriers that stop people seeing Jesus properly
 - Matthew 13 v 15
 - Acts 9 v 18
 - 1 Corinthians 3 v 13-18

The Israelites' minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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Death defeated

The Lord Almighty...will swallow up death for ever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, 'Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'

(25 v 8-9 and also 26 v 19)

- · God raised Jesus from the dead
- 1 Cor 15 v 53-57 "Death has been swallowed up in victory"
- 2 Tim 1 v 10 "...our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel".
- Revelation 21 v 4

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Two Cities

The ruined city 24 v 10-11, 25 v 2, 25 v 12,

26 v 5, 27 v 10

The strong city
26 v 1
Revelation 21 v 2

One Day



"In that day..."

24 v 21 the Lord will punish

25 v 9 some will rejoice in salvation

26 v 1 some will sing praise

27 v 1 the Lord will punish

27 v 2 some will sing praise

27 v 12 the Lord will thresh (separate)

27 v 13 trumpet sounds, people gathered

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What do we feel about 'judgment'?

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Punishment & Judgment

- the powers in the heavens above (24 v 21-22)
- the kings on the earth below
- other 'lords' who ruled over us (26 v 13-14)

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Punishment & Judgment

- the powers in the heavens above (24 v 21-22)
- the kings on the earth below
- other 'lords' who ruled over us (26 v 13-14)
- Leviathan, the'earth-controlling'sea monster (27 v1)
- And the people of the earth for their sins (26 v 21)

Grace and salvation

There's a choice to be made

When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness. But when grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and do not regard the majesty of the LORD. (26 v 9-10)

There is grace and salvation for those who trust in the Lord

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD for ever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal. (25 v 3-4)

This is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. (25 v 9)

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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4	
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