

Isaiah  
Chapter 23

v. 7-8-- We are the ancient city,--The princes and princesses in Christ Jesus, but sometimes our "own feet...carry (us) afar off to sojourn" in looking to the things of this world first.

v. 9-12-- God can't give us His peace, strength, and victory if our minds are not stayed entirely on Him. We can't be on the fence. We must be either entirely His or entirely in this world.

v. 13-- We were in a wilderness before we found Jesus. We are weak and helpless of ourselves, but God makes us princes and puts us in the palace of His presence, Joy, and Love!!

v. 14-- And Satan has no hold on us anymore.

v. 15-17-- God won't force us to give ourselves to Him. Sometimes He must let us go and see how far we get alone in this world-- committing spiritual adultery against God.

v. 18-- When we turn back to Him, we see that all the things of this world are His, and we are using them to advance His kingdom.

Chapter 24

v. 1-12-- God is describing the Great Tribulation, which won't last very long, but which is soon to come. But those who stay close to Him and rely on Him for their life, will be saved, and He will instruct His people. Only those who are meant to fall, and who chose against Him--whose names are not written in the Lambs's Book of Life, will fall at that time. (Daniel 7:25-27)

v. 13-- Then He will see which vines produced good fruit. This is the harvesttime, when His people will be joyously watching for Him, and those of this world will be fearful.

v. 14-16-- Praise the Lord! His people will be joyfully praising Him "in the fires"--the fire of the Holy Spirit..(See Jeremiah 23:29)

v. 16-22-- Those who have "dealt treacherously" and those of the Earth, who, remember, will be very evil in those days, as the good will become better and the evil more evil, will be destroyed with the physical earth when it is changed.