

Isaiah  
Chapter 26

v. 17-18-- The Body of Christ is virtually pregnant with the Power of God! We sometimes don't realize how much power and love we carry in our spirits! We see the great job ahead of the Body to spread the Gospel to the whole world, and we see our individual littleness, and we cry in the "pain" of frustration in our human weakness. But we don't have to rely on our own tiny strength, thank the Lord! And when the time comes we will deliver the Babe of Deliverance for the World!

v. 19-- The first word for dead means those spirits in Hades who will arise for their judgment, together with "my dead body" which is Christ's people who have died. This word for dead means the body. He is speaking of the Rapture and Final Judgment.

v. 20-21-- He continues to speak of the final judgment, when the dead shall rise to be judged. "blood" is synonymous with life.

Chapter 27

v. 1-- This describes the Great and Total defeat of Satan at Calvary.

v. 2-- (See Chapter 5 of Isaiah) This is again reference to His Vineyard, His Church.

v. 3-- A beautiful promise from our God to water us with Living water and care for us. We are now His vineyard, His garden--(See Ps. 92:12 & 13)--As once we were ugly weeds, growing where we wished, and withering, now we are roses--growing in the Lord's fertile soil of Salvation, fertilized with His Grace, watered with Living Water, pruned with His Love, and bending with the Wind of the Holy Spirit. Our blossoms show the beauty of His Glory and Love to the World. Some people are used greatly by the Lord for His work, but He loves all of us the same. Those of us who are in the center of the garden, not used as greatly, are still loved just as greatly by Him. When God tends His garden, He doesn't walk along the edge, where others walk, but He goes through the center, walking by each and every plant, to give it the individual tender loving care each of us needs, no matter where we are in the garden; and each of us contributes equally to the Power of His Body for the fulfillment of His plan!