Watch and pray

Isa 21:1 The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

1. The Burden
   1. The burden of Babylon - Isaiah 21:1-10
      1. The judgment against Babylon is pronounced against Israel as well if they don’t repent.
   2. The burden of Dumah-(Edom)Esau “Seir” 21:11-12
   3. The burden upon Arabia
      1. Travelling companies of Dedanim 21:13
      2. The inhabitants of the land of Tema 21:14
      3. Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail 21:16

Isaiah teaches the Jews that there is no place for refuge or to escape God's wrath except to enquire now, to return now, to come unto the Lord now.

Isa 21:2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

1. A grievous vision – a night mare

*Isaiah 21:3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.*

*4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.*

*Gen. 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

* *All God's people have the same promise to dismiss fears, and cast all burdens on the Lord*

*Ps 27:3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.*

*Nu 12:6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.*

*I Sam. 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.*

*Acts 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.*

*18:9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:*

*26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:*

*Prov. 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

*John 13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.*

*Isaiah 21:6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.*

1. A Watchman

*12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.*

* *Enquire*
  + *He describes the unquietness of the people of Dumah, who were night and day in fear of their enemies, and ever ran to and fro to enquire news.*
  + *Enquire of the Lord, ask counsel of God in the spirit of obedience and faith, he will, in the end, return an answer of peace*

*Ps 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.*

* *Return*
  + *I see your danger is not past, and there will be occasion for farther enquiries. Therefore return,*
* *Come*
  + *Come to me the next morning, and so from morning to morning.*
    - *Every minister of God is a watchman.*
    - *Watchmen are often called to denounce heavy judgments.*
    - *Watchman are to be stedfast.*

*I Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

*Isa 21:8 And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:*

1. A Cry

It’s time to believe God.

It’s time to praise God.

It’s time to obey God.

*It’s time for the fire of Heaven be in our hearts and our tongues.*

*1Sa 17:34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:*

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

Rev. 10:3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Ps 69:1 <<To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, A Psalm of David.>> Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

*The Lord gives special favor to the soul of men that seek Him.*

*The Holy Ghost moves special upon people to help them.*

*People ignore the signs that are given.*

*People are blind to the signs that are given.*

*1. The morning cometh-there is a time of repentance granted; a morning of God's long-suffering kindness now appears: and also the night-the time in which God will no longer wait to be gracious, but will cut you off as cumberers of the ground.*

*2. But if you will inquire seriously how you are to escape God's judgments, inquire ye.*

*3. There is still a door of hope; continue to pray for mercy. (this is the purpose of the warning)*

*4. Return from your iniquities.*

*5. Come to God, through Christ, that ye may obtain salvation.*

*Isaiah 21:11 The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir****, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?***

*“Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?”*

*A double infer size*

*“The morning cometh”*

* *Now is America’s opportunity*
* *Now is the Deliverance Center’s opportunity*
* *Now is your opportunity*

*“and also the night”*

1. *The night of ignorance*
2. *Of mockery*
3. *Suffering and affliction*
4. *Destruction and death*

*Mt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

*Mr 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.*

*Mr 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.*

*Lu 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

*Isa 62:6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,*

*Jer 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken*

*Isa 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.*

*Mic 3:8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.*

*Jer 7:13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;*

*Jer 7:25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:*

*Jer 11:7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.*

*Jer 25:4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.*

*Jer 26:5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;*

*Jer 29:19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.*

*Eze 13:10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered morter:*

*1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

*Re 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

***Revival***

*Ne 4:2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?*

*Ps 85:6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?*

*Ps 138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.*

*Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

*Ho 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*

*Ho 14:7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.*

*Hab 3:2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known*; in wrath remember mercy.

Neh. 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

Col 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

I Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1. Delivered, Redeemed from the curse of the Law Gal 3:15
2. The righteousness of the Lord saves us is not taught in the new Testament

Ro 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Ro 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) {by one man's...: or, by one offence}

Ro 8:10 ¶ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Ro 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Ga 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Php 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Php 3:9 ¶ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

2Pe 1:1 ¶ Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

1Jo 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Re 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.