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## ***God Is Really Leading!* © Shelli Prindle**

Isaiah wrote during a very difficult time in Israel's history (c. 700 B.C.)

- Assyria had invaded Israel and taken many captives.
- Assyria was closing in on the capital city of Jerusalem during the end of Isaiah's earthly life.

Despite the discouragement and difficulty, Isaiah kept his eyes fixed on the truth of God's plan.

- Isaiah is the great Messianic prophet who focuses on the coming Christ.
- Isaiah swings back and forth between discussing the current events of his day and foretelling the coming of Jesus Christ.

### Isaiah 25:1

- Though no human can ever be completely faithful to a plan or to another person, God accomplishes every detail of His grand, overarching plan with perfect faithfulness.
- God is transcendent; He works outside of history to fulfill every detail of His will.

### Isaiah 25:2

- God will destroy His enemies (and our enemies).
- Whatever or whoever stands against the perfect plan of the Grand Designer of the Universe must be destroyed in order that righteousness may prevail.
  - Exodus chapter 14 reminds us that God preordains our protection as we choose to trust in Him.
  - Matthew 7:24-27 outlines the way in which God assures our endurance: practice – live out – His Word. Otherwise, our lives will meet with destruction.

### Isaiah 25:7

- When Jesus Christ died and resurrected in Jerusalem, He set into motion the fulfillment of the promise of this verse.
- One day, Jesus Christ will completely erase confusion and swallow up death and death's continual process.
  - I Corinthians 13:12 assures the removal of all confusion.
  - I Corinthians 15:54 assures the elimination of death and its power.

- As surely as God has already fulfilled the historical reality of Jesus' crucifixion prophesied in Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22, He will also fulfill the historical reality of Jesus' second coming to Earth!

#### Isaiah 25:9

- We will stand one day in the future and proclaim God's faithfulness to save and protect us.
- We are to rejoice in salvation. When we are truly saved by God through Jesus Christ, all else will fall into place.

#### Isaiah 26:5-6

- Proud people who claim independence from God will fall. Humble people who acknowledge that their only hope is Jesus will stand now and rise one day to eternal glory.
- Jesus is the "oppressed" and "poor" Savior who trampled sin, death, and Satan.
  - Though Jesus appeared a "loser" by the godless, worldly standard, He is the most glorious Victor.
  - Though we may feel inadequate and small by the world's standards, we will one day reign with Christ as we stand by Him.

#### Isaiah 26:13-14

- No other "lord" or idol is worthwhile. All the false gods we can possibly worship will pass away.

#### Isaiah 26:18

- Though we might strive with great effort, we cannot bring peace or salvation into our lives or the lives of other people.

#### Isaiah 26:19

- People who die having a relationship with Jesus Christ will live again.
- The bodies of those who died in Christ will one day rise from the ground!
  - The Earth itself will take part in the glorious redemption of our bodies.
  - I Thessalonians 4:16-17 also testifies to this truth.

#### Isaiah 26:21

- God will bring complete justice to the universe one day.
- The blood of Jesus will testify against those who have rejected Him.
- The blood of Jesus will testify for those who have embraced Him.
  - Hebrews 12:24 ensures that the blood of Jesus proclaims forgiveness; conversely, the blood of Abel proclaims condemnation.