

Isaiah 23-24
Who Has Planned All This?

Wailing & shame over Tyre's destruction (Is. 23:1-7)

Left without house or harbor (Ezekiel 26:14, 19-21)
Living in luxury (Luke 16:25 / James 5:1-5)
Led into far off lands

Who has planned all this? (Is. 23:8-18)

Bringing crowns and wealth to many – using \$\$ to influence others (Luke 16:8-9, 13-15)
Brought low – all who are renown will be humbled (I Peter 5:5-6)
Babylon used as a tool in God's hand (Revelation 17:16-17)

Wasted & devastated – the whole earth (Is. 24:1-13)

Determined by God – for all people
Defiled by its people (Leviticus 18:24-28 / Romans 8:19-22)
Drinking & partying will be replaced by gloom (James 4:4-10)

Worshipping God – for His righteous judgment (Is. 24:14-16a) – (Revelation 16:5-7; 19:1-2)

Woe to me – the cry of one surrounded by wickedness (Is. 16b-22)

Treachery (Psalm 28:3)
Terror (Lamentations 1:12)
Total destruction (Isaiah 6:11-13)
Treated as their sins deserve (II Thessalonians 1:5-10 / Psalm 103:8-14)

Watch for His coming! (Is. 24:23)

His brightness outshines the sun (Matthew 24:27-30)
His Reign shall be forever (Revelation 11:15)
His City, the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:22-24)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 23-24

Why is it impossible to serve both God and money? (Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 / I Timothy 6:5-11)

What does it mean to humble ourselves before God? Before others? (Philippians 2:1-6)

Why does a righteous person experience such heart ache when surrounded by wickedness?
(II Peter 2:7-8 / Isaiah 6:5 / Psalm 73:16-22)

Watch and be ready for His return! This is a frequent message in the Scriptures. How do we do this – practically speaking? (Colossians 3:1-6 / II Corinthians 4:16-18 / Ephesians 4:22-24; 5:18 / Luke 19:12-13 / II Timothy 4:5 / I Peter 4:10 / Ephesians 2:10 / I Corinthians 15:58 / I John 3:1-3 / II Timothy 4:8 / Revelation 22:20)