ISAIAH -Lesson 31

Learn: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. Isaiah 26:3, 4

Read: Isaiah 26:1-21

- 1. This chapter begins with the phrase "in that day." What is the "day" being spoken of? Also see Isaiah 4:2; 12:1; 33:5, 6
- 2. Who are God's people being spoken to in this chapter? v 1

What does the Lord exhort His people to do? vv 3, 4

- 3. What 3 things does the Lord give to those who trust Him completely? vv 1-4
- 4. What is the condition needed to gain God's perfect peace? v 3 Also see Philippians 4:6, 7.

"Stayed" is the Hebrew word "camak," meaning "to lean upon."

5. How will our mind be "stayed" on God? v 3b See: Joshua 1:5a, b

> Joshua 1:7a, b Joshua 1: 8a Joshua 1:8:8b Ephesians 6:13 Ephesians 6:14a, b

Ephesians 6:15 Ephesians 6:16 Ephesians 6:17 Ephesians 6:18

The Hebrew word "batach" means confident. Trusting in God means we are confident that what He says He will do.

- 6. How can God's people know that God is truly able to protect them? v 4 Also see Deuteronomy 32:3, 4; Psalm 18:2, 31, 46
- 7. What are characteristics of a "rock" that help us to have confidence in God, when He describes Himself as "the Rock"?
- 8. What do we see Isaiah praising the Lord for doing in the earth? vv 5-7
- 9. What is a just person? v 7 See Psalm 15

How does the Lord weigh the path of the just? Isaiah 42:16; 52:12; Psalm 25:4; 27:11

10. "O LORD, we have waited for thee." Where and how is this done? vv 8, 9

- 11. What is always the result of showing favor to the wicked? v 10
- 12. Man in his foolish "wisdom" advocates that if we show favor to the wicked we will get good results. Can you give some modern examples that show that man's wisdom is wrong and God is correct?
- 13. In verses 11-15 the Lord is addressed four times. Confidence in the Lord causes us to cry out to Him. What four things do they cry to the Lord about?
- 14. Verse 16 speaks of "they" who pray when they are in trouble. What is the problem with their prayers?
- 15. What do God's people admit in vv 18, 19?
- 16. What is the great promise of v 19?
- 17. What do Job 19:26 and Daniel 12:2, along with this verse teach about the resurrection of believers?
- 18. What is God's promise to His people Israel about the time while H e is punishing the world? v 20

- 19. Where is the place where God's people will be protected? v 20 Revelation 12:14; Daniel 11:41
- 20. What is the time period when this hiding will happen? v 20 Also see Micah 1:2-4; Jude 14, 15.
- 21. Why will the Lord bring this wrath upon the earth? v 21 Also see Jude 15.

NOTE: Some have seen "rapture" in verse 20 – I Thessalonians 4:15 indicates that its teaching came directly from the Lord to the apostle Paul –it was not known in the OT.

The best we can say is that this passage illustrates it. It is primarily a promise to God's people Israel during the coming tribulation. – Dr. David Hocking