

²⁰The earth¹¹⁶ will reel to and fro like a drunkard;
it sways like a hut.

Its iniquity will weigh it down, that it will fall
and will not rise again.

²¹And on that day the LORD will punish the host of high
ones above
and the kings of the earth below.

²²And they will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit,
and they will be shut up in prison and after many days they will
be visited.

²³The moon will be confounded
and the sun ashamed.

For the LORD of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion
and in Jerusalem, in glory, and before His elders.”

PRAISE TO GOD; TRIUMPH OVER THE WICKED (25:1-5)

Isaiah

25 O LORD,
You are my God.

I will exalt You;
I will praise Your name,

because You have done wonderful things,
plans of old, in perfect faithfulness.

²For You have made a city into a heap,
a fortified town into a ruin,

a palace of foreigners, a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore mighty people will honor You;
a town of ruthless nations will fear You.

⁴For You have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in their distress,

a place of refuge from the storm,
shade from the heat,

116. Note that Isaiah portrays the earth as a person, specifically as a female, to indicate the anguish of the earth as she deals with her inhabitants' evil conduct. The Hebrew uses feminine grammatical forms when it refers to the earth; these forms are lost in the translation.

when the wind of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
⁵like heat on parched ground.

You will subdue the roar of foreigners; as heat is diminished by
 the shade of a cloud, the song of the ruthless will be stilled.

THE LORD PREPARES A FEAST FOR THE RIGHTEOUS (25:6-12)

Isaiah

⁶On this mountain, the LORD of Hosts will make
 a feast of fat things for all people,
 a feast of wines on the lees,
 fat things full of marrow, well-refined, wines on the lees.

⁷And on this mountain He will swallow up
 the covering that covers all peoples,
 and the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever,
 and the Lord, the LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.

⁹And it will be said on that day,

God's

**covenant
 people**

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He
 might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him.

Let us be joyful,
 and let us rejoice in His salvation.

¹⁰For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

And Moab will be trodden down under Him,
 as straw is trodden down in a dung-pit.

¹¹And {Moab} will spread out its hands in the midst of it {the
 dung-pit},
 as a swimmer spreads his hands to swim,

but He {the Lord} will lay low their pride together with the skill
 of His hands.

¹²And their high, fortified walls He will bring down.

He will lay low;
 He will cast to the ground, even to dust.”