

Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Time  
Global Judgment of a Just God  
Isaiah 24:1-23

While we are a people who innately know that one day the world will end, we are also a people who cannot really envision what that will be like. Screen writers in Hollywood have told amazing stories about the end of the world, but there is some hero who out of the devastation finds a way to keep life going. No movie (that I know of) ends with “and all life ceased to exist with no hope of ever evolving again.” We feel that in some way, life will go on—life will always go on.

1. God has the power to judge the world.
2. God has the right to judge the world.
3. God has a reason to judge the world.

Like the prophet, believers still lament over the woes and the devastation created by sin. But there are reasons to be encouraged. The people of God know that the final and ultimate victory will come to those who worship God. We live in the now and not yet reality of God’s kingdom, torn between the city of man and the city of God. The truth that one day the city of man will no longer exist should give us hearts for the mission mandate entrusted to us. God reveals His plans to destroy the world so that we will work with urgency for the glory of His kingdom.

#### Reflection

How does the expansive vision of Isaiah 24 teach us to look at the ebbs and flows of history? What do you think are the main differences between the city of God and the city of man? What does this chapter say about our worldly pursuit of pleasure? How do verses 14-16 depict the fruit of missions? How does this chapter infer the need for urgency in missions? How can we use these verses to preach the gospel? Read Revelation 21-22 and take some time to thank God for the plan that He has for those who have placed their trust in the finished work of Christ and His cross. Since Isaiah indicates that there is no escaping God’s righteous judgment, identify people in your spheres of influence that might need to hear about the rescue offered in Christ. Pray and make a commitment to share the gospel with them.