

Isa 8:14 – 22
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Prophecy about Messiah 8:14-22

Isa 8:14-15 “Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 “Many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught.” 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. 17 And I will wait for the LORD who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

“He” – Isa 8:13 “It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread.

Messiah shall be a “sanctuary” = a place of protection

Isa 4:6 There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

Isa 25:4 For You have been a defense for the helpless, A defense for the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; For the breath of the ruthless is like a rain storm against a wall.

Ezk 11:16 “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone.”’

Messiah shall be a stumbling stone to Israel.

1Cor 1:22-23 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

1Pt 2:7-8 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,” 8 and, “A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed. (Rom 9:33

The Lord Jesus said that either you will fall on this stone—and He is that stone—for salvation, rest upon Him who is the only foundation, and you will be saved; or He, the stone, will fall on you, judge you, and it will grind you to powder (Mt 21:44). You have two options: you can either accept Him or reject Him.

He who falls on this stone (v. 15)

Lk 20:17-18 But Jesus looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone’? 18 “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

The Lord hides his face (withholding His blessings) from Jacob (v. 17).

Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples (v. 16).

They had lost their understanding of the word of God.

“disciples’ (v. 16) “children”,” are for signs and wonders” (v. 18)

Heb 2:12-13 saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brethren, ... Behold, I and the children whom God has given me.”

Jesus performed miracles to aid their faith to believe in Him.

Jn 4:48 Jesus said, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.”

Jn 12:37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him. (Jn 20:20-31)

The disciples also performed signs and wonders.

Ac 2:43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. (Ac 4:30; 5:12; 6:8; 14:3; 15:12; Rom 15:19; 2Cor 12:12; Heb 2:3-4)

Occult practices and their results 8:19-22

19 When they say to you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter,” should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. 21 They will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished, and it will turn out that when they are hungry, they will be enraged and curse their king and their God as they face upward. 22 Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be driven away into darkness.

They no longer were seeking God but rather mediums and spiritists.

When people turn from God, they generally go after “new-age spiritism” (Lev 20:6; Dt 18:11).

These final verses reveal the final issue of pursuing a life of disobedience which will lead you into spiritualism. The result is dimness, darkness, and despair. Disobedience will take you there every time.

If people don’t follow God’s word it is because they are ignorant (no dawn).

Result of not following the Lord:

hard pressed; famished; hunger; enraged; curse their king and God; distress; gloom of anguish; driven away into darkness.

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