

Isaiah 26 -- Open ye the gates

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. This day refers to the Feast of Trumpets and is prophetic for the end of this age. 2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. This verse refers to the rapture of the saints. 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength: The saints are raptured to a place of perfect peace during the tribulation. 5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. While the saints are kept in heaven the Lord will bring down the arrogant to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. This is justice, as they have done it will be done to you. They tread down the poor and needy, so it is only right that they are tread upon by the poor and needy. 7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. 8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. Those who are raptured are judged. You have the wise and foolish virgins who either did or did not prepare. You also have those who are taken in the field and in the bed, while others are left behind. You have those who are feeding God's people when the Lord returns and you have those who are burying their talent and feasting with the world. 9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. This will begin the millennial kingdom of Christ where His judgements are in the earth and the world will learn righteousness. It begins with the world reaping what they have sown during the tribulation. 10 Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord. Many do not understand why the Lord tarries in His judgement, but it is to prove this point. Shewing the wicked favor does not result in their repentance from evil. Likewise, they see a land of uprightness as a prime opportunity to run their scams since people are naturally trusting. Regardless of how much you might speak on the majesty of the Lord they will refuse to see it. 11 Lord, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the

people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. And this is why the end of this age is a time of rejoicing for some and a time of woe for others. 12 Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. The church is the Lord's masterpiece, He has been building it for 2,000 years and the end of the age is a display of all the works He has wrought in us. 13 O Lord our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. 14 They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. Human history also testifies to the greatness of our Lord. 15 Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth. 16 Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. 17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord. This is the great sign in heaven that we saw September 2017, and which John wrote about in Revelation 12. 18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. According to Jewish law the Bride circles the groom three times before the wedding. The earth has circled the sun three times since this sign was first seen. 19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. The dead in Christ rise and then those of us who remain will also be with the Lord in the air. 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. During the Tribulation those that are raptured are able to hide in these chambers till the Lord's indignation is past. 21 For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. This is a picture of the end of this age. It begins with the festival of trumpets and this chapter in Isaiah is always read during this festival.