

The Three Eternal Destinies #86 Everlasting Gospel ~ Everlasting Covenant

Isa 24:5-6 — In the very last days those who are alive are generally not worthy of the term *holy* or *righteous* as in Rev 22:11, since only a *few* men are left who are not *burned*. Rev 16:8-9 — Most men *blasphemed* the name of God, who had the power over these plagues. They did not *repent* (2 Ths 1:8) and *give Him glory*. The *sheep* of the nations (Mt 25:32-40) sacrificed their lives to give aid to these *brothers of Yahshua*. They were put to death for their association and went to the judgment in Rev 20:11. Zech 14:16 — the *few men left* of Isa 24:6 were *scions*; they lived in their own natural life into the next age. Rev 14:6 — The “everlasting gospel” (the *age-long gospel* of conscience) was from “the beginning” (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7) — from the *beginning of the age*. Rev 14:6 calls it the *good news*. Adam and Eve considered it good news — a hope that they would not *incur* (bring upon themselves) a contract with the second (eternal) death, if they would obey the everlasting good news to live by their conscience. (This is the standard which the judgment of man is based upon in Rev 20:11-15 or Rom 2:14-16.) The word *everlasting* in Greek (#166) means *unchanging* or *age-long*. From the fall of man until the end of this present age (Gal 1:4) man is *required* to live according to this *gospel*, if they are to be found worthy of a *second life* and unworthy of a *second death* (Heb 9:27; Rev 21:8; Rev 20:12-15). But today most seem to have broken this everlasting covenant in Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7, the Natural Law of the nations.

Isa 24:1-23 is for the prophets to speak in the last days of this age. A few men will survive from all the nations of the earth (Zech 14:16), along with one third of the physical Jews (Zech 13:8-9), to repopulate the earth and the land of Israel under our Master's rule (Gen 15:18; Lk 19:12,17,19,27; Mt 19:28).

The everlasting gospel (Rev 14:6) and the everlasting covenant (Isa 24:5) are *age lasting*. They last from Gen 3:16-19 all the way to Rev 14:6-7. This covenant, as described in Gen 3:16-19; Gen 9:1-7; and Rom 2:14-15, is the basis for the judgments which come upon the earth (Isa 24:6). This will be followed by *the judicial decisions* of Rom 2:16; Rev 20:12 at the end of the next age. Isa 24:20 — “Never to rise again” means “shall not recover.” This *age* will end and another age will begin (Mt 24:14; Rev 11:15; 19:11-20; 20:1-2; Heb 10:13).

The Nations will Learn Righteousness

Isa 26:9 is the voice of the restored 12 tribes (Isa 49:6). When, and only when the earth experiences these judgments will the inhabitants of the earth learn (#3925) righteousness. And so the 12 tribes must be restored — raised up to judge the earth (Dan 2:44). They are the standard of righteousness for a 50-year period for all the nations to see and will herald the judgments upon the earth in the end. The last message will go forth as in Rev 14:7 that the hour of His judgment has come, referring to the judgments of Isa 24:19-20. Even so, only a few men will be left. Isa 26:18 is the voice of the first century edah (Isa 49:4; Gal 4:11; 1 Ths 3:5) who did not bring about Rev 12:1. The faithful fell asleep (Isa 26:20-21), and wait for the day (Mt 24:32-33) when the *witness* (Mt 24:14) will bring about the end (Isa 26:19).

A Contract with the Second Death

“Then comes the judgment...” Mt 25:31-32 — This judgment of the nations is at the end of the millennial age (Rev 20:11; Heb 9:27; Rom 2:16). Everyone who is *worthy* of the second death makes a *contract* with Satan's angels, who will also incur the second death (Mt 25:41; Rev 20:10; 21:8). Such people *become affected* by Satan's deception (Rev 20:3,8), and become worthy of Satan's destiny (verse 10) and incur his punishment *forever and ever*, since they undertake to *contract* (as contracting AIDS) Satan's nature and character. Thus all men who are worthy of the second death get what they *bargained for* — an agreement with the second death. Such a person and Satan are *drawn together in an agreement*. They never *came to terms* with the everlasting covenant or Messiah's terms of peace. They *committed themselves* to a covenant with Satan's fate (Rom 1:32) by being *engaged* in the things that Satan suggested, rather than living by the knowledge of good and evil in a *covenant agreement* with their conscience (Rom 2:14).

Isa 24:5-6 — They broke the everlasting covenant — meaning that they departed from this covenant of conscience. This must mean what it says — *that all mankind was not born for Satan's fate* — not born for the second death. Instead, according to the *terms* of the covenant (Gen 3:16-19), they were on ly appointed to the first death, and then *judgment* (Heb 9:27). “Broke” in this case means they made their conscience dull to the knowledge of good and evil — *in non-working order, made bankrupt, ruined, broken-down* by their constant going against it. They came to have a *shattered, shivered, defective, exhausted, feeble, non-functioning, “out of order,” ruined, rundown, collapsed, inoperative, and out-of-commission* conscience.

Broke in Isa 24:5-6 means that the covenant of conscience and its terms were once upheld (in good order) with them, but it *became* violated, calling down judgments on the earth and consigning them to Satan's fate. *Became* means a transition occurred in their character — they were *transformed* into the *likeness of Satan* so as to incur his fate. No man was born with Satan's fate, but they became worthy of his fate, which is *unalterable* (with no hope of change). A good example of transformation is 2 Cor 11:14-15 in the Christian realm of wickedness.

Becoming means: *being changed into, developing or growing into*. For those *becoming* like Satan, their punishment is “becoming” (*appropriate, befitting*), as in Mt 25:41,46. But those (the righteous) who struggle to live by their conscience and are *not* becoming like Satan. They will live eternally in the kingdom prepared for them, as Mt 25:34. Having alike character as these brothers of Yahshua, their kingdom is becoming to them.

The word *become* indicates transition. The Creator does not give men who are born into this world a *hopeless start*, and then *punish* them for their failure with the eternal fate of Satan and his angels. If any man participates in Satan's fate it is because he *broke* the Everlasting Covenant and made a *contract* with the Second Death, along with Satan (Gen 4:7). God could not justly demand from man more than man could perform. He “knows his frame” (Ps 103:13-14).

Gen 18:25 — Although *natural* man *cannot* straighten himself out in this age (so as to free himself from the first death), yet if he *keeps* (does not break) the everlasting covenant he will be *straightened out in the eternal age* — after the first death and judgment (Rev 22:2; Rom 2:14-16; Heb 9:27; Rev 20:12-15). Man is *out of plumb* and has no means available to alter his *appointment* with the first death — *except* redemption by Messiah. God would not be righteous to expect man (in his fallen state) to redeem himself from the 1st death or to live as though he were not fallen. God knows a man's frame and will not put more on him than he can take. He would not condemn him to a second death for trying to do good and keeping the everlasting covenant (Gen 18:25) or because he was not *chosen* for one of Calvin's churches.

Natural Righteousness

All men are rational, but no man acts in a *perfectly* rational manner. Even though all mankind is fallen (Rom 3:23), human *freedom* is such that man has the *power* to choose between good and evil — *and to do good*, if he so *wills*. The Fall has not destroyed man's will to do good, nor has God taken from anyone the will to do good or to do evil. God is not a Calvinist, and man is not born totally depraved — not even Calvin. He became totally depraved and manufactured his doctrine of demons by inspiration from them (2 Cor 11:15).

The Creator knows our plight, our distressing state, our predicament. He does not ask man to perform a task he cannot do (Gen 18:25). There are *righteous men* in the world as well as the *filthy* (2 Pet 2:7-8; Rev 22:11). Man is in a *jam*, he is in a dilemma, a *predicament*, in perplexity — in a situation that requires a man's conscience to rule (Gen 3:22). But God sees his plight. Acts 17:27 — He would repent only if he could hear the gospel (verse 30). Since man has a conscience, God will not automatically assign man to the Second Death if he is not guilty of the sins of Rev 21:8. Rom 2:6-11 — There is *no partiality* in God's judgment. God will judge based *only* on what man *willed to do* or *willed not to do*, and *why* (Gen 4:7).

Rom 2:6-10,16 — He will repay every man with exactness for what he has done (Rev 20:12-13). Isa 24:5 —

“They” broke the everlasting covenant. This is speaking of the people of the earth — not Israel — earth people (earthlings). Gen 9:1-11,16 — The everlasting covenant of Gen 3:16-19 was extended after the flood of Noah (Gen 1:28; Gen 9:1). Gen 9:16 — As long as man can see the rainbow it will be the sign of the everlasting covenant, yet mankind will break this covenant altogether (Isa 24:5; 2 Ths 2:12; 1:8 ; Rev 16:8-9).

In the Heart of Every Person

Gen 9:9,12-16,17 — God established and put into the heart of every man and woman this everlasting covenant (Rom 2:14). All mankind is responsible to adhere to this covenant because he will be judged worthy or unworthy of a second life (or a second death) based on this everlasting covenant. In the case of murder, all those who do not agree with God in Gen 9:5-6 (Rom 1:32) have broken the everlasting covenant and are responsible for defiling the land in which they live (Num 35:29-34). This law in Gen 9:5-6 was adopted in Israel. All nations prior to the time we live in, adopted this basic law of conscience into their legal system. Now however, corrupt legislation has been brought in by corrupt politicians elected by the inhabitants of the earth (who are themselves corrupt) and has caused the everlasting covenant to be broken. They have corrupted the earth, polluted and defiled it in this, as well as, every other way (Jude 14-16).

The reason God brought about the flood in Noah's day was *disobedience* to the everlasting covenant (Gen 6:5,11-13; 3:16-19). Every single human being *knows* the truth, as Rom 1:18-20 says. His wrath comes upon the ungodly (Filthy) and unrighteous (Unjust) because they *suppress* the revealed truth and knowledge that God has put into their hearts — the everlasting covenant God gave to Noah and to all generations of all the races of mankind. Isa 24:5-6; Rev 16:8 — These judgments come about because mankind has not obeyed their *instinctive* knowledge of God (2 Ths 2:11-12; Rom 1:21, 28).