

A Tale of Two Cities
Isaiah 26:1-6

- I. “In That Day”
 - A. Inaugurated with the First Advent of Jesus
 - B. Concluded with the Second Advent of Jesus
 - C. “That Day” in Isaiah so far - 2:2-5; 2:12-22; 3:7-15; 3:18-26; 4:2-6; 7:18-19; 7:20; 7:21-22; 7:23-25; 10:3; 10:20-23; 10:27; 11:10; 11:11-16; 12:1-3; 12:4-6; 13:9-16; 17:4-6; 17:7-8; 17:9-14; 19:16-17; 19:18; 19:19-22; 19:23; 19:24-25; 22:5-8; 22:8-11; 22:12-14; 22:20-24; 22:25; 23:15-18; 24:21-23; 25:9-12
- II. The Strong City
 - A. It was in wickedness (1:21-26)
 - B. It shall be redeemed by God’s justice (1:27-31)
 - C. It shall be marvelous again (2:1-5)
 - D. What “the city” is like
 - 1. The city is “fortified” by salvation (25:1)
 - 2. The gate is open to the righteous and faithful (25:2)
 - 3. Perfect peace belongs to the inhabitant of the strong city, for his mind and faith are on the Lord (25:3)
 - 4. Trust the Lord forever – strong rock (25:4, cf. Matthew 5:14, 7:24-25)
- III. The Lofty City
 - A. The lofty city is made low (25:5)
 - 1. Shown as Assyria, Babylon, Egypt, Moab, et.al. so far in Isaiah
 - 2. Cf. Colossians 2:6-15)
 - B. It is trampled under by the feet of those who now inhabit the “strong city” (25:6)

- IV. Why It Matters
 - A. Jesus is the chief cornerstone of the building being built up (2 Peter 2:1-12)
 - B. Jesus has bound the strong man and is plundering his house (Matthew 12:25-32)
 - C. If we are in the strong city, then we have the fortification of salvation around us, perfect peace, and a strong rock to stand upon – and His name is Jesus.