

1 **When you're up to your mandible in manure**

Isaiah 25:9-12

2 **The Powerful Prophecy**

3 **The Predictive Passage**

- Isaiah has been called the "Bible in miniature"
 - 66 chapters – Bible has 66 books
 - 39 chapters on judgment – Bible has 39 books in the Old Testament
 - 27 chapters on the mercy of God – Bible has 27 books in the New Testament
- Isaiah 53 contains detailed account of the Savior's death for our sins

4 **The Predictive Passage (2)**

- Isaiah chapters 1-12 Isaiah records the disastrous futility of Ahaz's trust in Assyria and the promise that God will overcome such unbelief to accomplish his salvation of (and through) Israel.
- Isaiah 13–23 consists of a series of oracles addressed to various nations, including Judah, Israel, Syria, and Assyria.
- Isaiah 24-27 – "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust" – Gives hope!

5 **The Predictive Passage (3)**

- Israel is judged for trusting in other nations instead of trusting in God.
- The arrogance of nations has provoked God's judgment.
 - Babylon (13:1–14:23)
 - Tyre (23:1–18)
 - Other nations: Arabia, Edom, Egypt, Cush, Damascus, Moab, the Philistines, and Syria.
- The book is eschatological and provides much of the backdrop for John's visions in Revelation.

6 **Isaiah 25:9-10 (KJV)**

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; We have waited for him, and he will save us: This is the LORD; we have waited for him, We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, And Moab shall be trodden down under him, Even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

7 **Isaiah 25:11-12 (KJV)**

And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, As he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: And he shall bring down their pride Together with the spoils of their hands. And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, Lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

8 **Isaiah 25:9-10 (LEB)**

And one will say, on that day, "Look! This is our God! We have waited for him and he saved us! This is Yahweh; we waited for him! Let us be glad, and let us rejoice in his salvation." For the hand of Yahweh will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled down under him as a heap of straw is trampled down in waters of a dung heap.

9 **Isaiah 25:11-12 (LEB)**

And it will spread out its hands in the midst of it, just as the swimmer spreads out to swim, and its pride will be brought low with the movement of its hands. And he will throw down the fortification of the high point of your walls; he will bring it low; he will send it to the ground, to the dust.

10 **The Pungent Poo**11 **A vivid description – Isaiah 25:10**

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•My moment of fame – Western Day, 1976 – Slaton, Texas

12 **Prospective titles**

- In the swimming poo
- When you're up to your mandible in manure
- The poo-trification of the soul
- Swimming in the sewer
- When you land in poo-pourri and don't come up smelling sweet
- Freestylin' through fertilizer

13 **Surfing in the sewer**14 **Would you swim here?**15 **Humor helps (1)**

- Soldiers in Qatar and Iraq had to set up waste water treatment facilities
 - Not a pleasant task
 - Rather a pungent job
- They used humor to help.

16 **Area fifty-poo**17 **Scuba lessons (800-I-Go-Down)**18 **Swim at your own risk**

- Pool closes at 10 P.M.
- No lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk

19 **Want to go fishing here?**

- "Don't eat the big brown carp"
- "Crappie fishing NO LIMIT"

20 **Watery sewage – for real!**21 **Swimming through it – for real!**22 **Here's the picture**

- God will judge Moab
 - He will trod them down like straw in a pool of watery dung

- Moab will try in vain to swim or wade through the sewer
 - 25:11 -- *And it {Moab} will spread out its hands in the midst of it, just as the swimmer spreads out to swim, and its pride will be brought low with the movement of its hands.*
 - My Irving "underground" trip in 1978

23 **The subject learned in the sewage**

- Humility
- *And it will spread out its hands in the midst of it, just as the swimmer spreads out to swim, and its pride will be brought low with the movement of its hands.*

24 **The Poignant Principle**

Why Moab?

25 **Who is Moab?**

- In the Old Testament we find that the Moabites were a tribe living on the borders of Israel who were related to the Israelites.
- Back in the book of Genesis we are told that Lot, when he fled from Sodom, hid with his two daughters in a cave.
- Lot was made drunk by his two daughters and that, in his drunken stupor he sired children by each of his own daughters. One was Ammon, and the other was Moab.

26 **Moab = lack of trust in God**

- Lot's daughters failed to trust in God and relied upon their own ingenuity and their limited perspective to guarantee their future.
- Moab then, represents the principle of the FLESH which is characterized by a lack of trust in God and a reliance upon one's own ingenuity.
- The FLESH causes us to DOUBT God.

27 **Here's the point**

- Judgment and / or chastisement comes upon those who like Lot, his daughters, and Moab:
 - Rely on their own ingenuity
 - Trust in their own strength
 - Doubt God's promises and provision
 - Failure to seek God's wisdom
 - Failure to seek wise counsel
- These people wind up in the swimming poo.....

28 **The Precious Promise**29 **The stark contrast**

- Isaiah 25:12 -- *And he will throw down the fortification of the high point of your walls; he will bring it low; he will send it to the ground, to the dust.*
- Isaiah 26:1 (next verse) -- *On that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; he sets up victory like walls and ramparts!*

30 **What is the difference?**

- In chapter 25, we have a picture of God's judgment on those who trust themselves but doubt God.

- In chapter 26, we see God's promised blessing on those who doubt themselves, but cast themselves on God!
- Isaiah 26:3 (KJV) -- *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on thee: Because he trusteth in thee.*

31 **Application**

- When my own life has been characterized by self-reliance, self-will, pride, and impatience, I have found myself swimming in sewage and drowning in despair.
- When I trusted God and waited on Him, He gave blessings without curses, and riches without problems.
 - Proverbs 10:22 -- *The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, And he addeth no sorrow with it.*

32 **Invitation**

- Will you join me in praying that 2017 is a year in which we each as individuals, families, and collectively as a church cast aside our self-reliance, self-will, and pride?
- Will you join me in asking God's enabling to wholly put our trust in Him in 2017?

33 **2 Chronicles 20:12**

- When Judah was being attacked by Ammon and Moab, Jehoshaphat prayed for his nation at the Temple.
- *O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.*
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