



Introduction

A song about the city at the centre of God's just rule.



Questions

1. What does Isaiah say about those who trust the LORD?
2. How do the wicked respond to being shown favour?
3. What is the contrast that Isaiah makes between most people and God's people who have died?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** The city gates are opened for people who trust in God
- **v 5 to 11** Even when God's rules are in force in the earth some will still turn their backs on him
- **v 12 to 15** God's people acknowledge that he delivered them from their enemies
- **v 16 to 21** There has been suffering in the past, but God's people who have died will be raised from the dead (see theme). Those still alive will escape God's judgements on the earth

Timeline 850 BC (see below)



Theme

Many will rise from the dead and live forever

A selection of verses showing that God's plan is to raise people from the dead.

The prophet Daniel speaks of a time when the dead will rise from the grave:

Daniel 12 verse 2

The prophet Hosea says that God will raise people from Sheol (the place of the dead):

Hosea 13 verse 14

Martha, one of Jesus' followers, expresses her belief that her dead brother will rise from the dead. Jesus then tells her that it is through belief in him that we can be raised:

John 11 verses 24 and 25

The apostle Paul, when he is on trial, makes it clear that he believes in the resurrection of the dead:

Acts 24 verses 14 and 15

The apostle Paul tells the believers at Philippi that being raised from the dead is the most important thing to him:

Philippians 3 verses 10 and 11

Paul tells the believers in Thessalonica that the resurrection will take place at the return of Jesus Christ:

1 Thessalonians 4 verse 16



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 10, Q 3: v 14 and 19

Bible timeline

