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THERE IS HOPE FOR SOME

The third chapter of the book of Isaiah lists things any nation will lose when the Lord chastises them because of their unfaithfulness and sinfulness. That list may seem ominous but there is hope for those who are serving Him and are faithful to His calling. God inserted in that list a very special and precious promise. ¹⁰*Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.* ¹¹*Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them! They will be paid back for what their hands have done.*” *Isaiah 3:10-11 New International Version*

I cannot tell you exactly how the Lord will bless the righteous while at the same time punishing the unrighteous within a nation. My opinion is that God said He would, I believe that He will do what He says, and that settles it.

When the Lord first separated Israel as a special nation, He promised that if they were faithful to Him, they would never suffer from the diseases the other nations suffered. ¹²*If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers.* ¹³*He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your forefathers to give you.* ¹⁴*You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor any of your livestock without young.* ¹⁵*The LORD will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you.* *Deuteronomy 7:12-15 NIV*

If the saved will be faithful to the Lord and continue growing spiritually, He promised it will be well with them and they will enjoy the fruits of their labor in spite of what is going on around them.