October 22, 2026

**Series: "Isaiah: Hope for Troubled Times"**

# Two Debated Prophecies

Isaiah 17 & 26 – Pastor Jim Kennington

## Isaiah 17 – The Destruction of Damascus

- Why study this prophecy?
- The City of Damascus
- The Prediction about Damascus
- Has this prophecy _____ fulfilled?
- When do _____ could be fulfilled?

**Isaiah 17 – Two Primary Views**

| Isaiah 17 was already fulfilled | Isaiah 17 has not been fulfilled |
|---|---|
| Mark Hitchcock | Amir Tsarfati |
| Andy Woods | Jan Markell |
| | Joel Rosenberg |
| | Thomas Ice |
| | Arnold Fruchtenbaum |
| | GotQuestions.org |

## Isaiah 26:20-21 – A Glimpse of the Rapture?

_____ of Americans believe that Jesus will return to earth again.

Isa. 24-28 is called the "Little Apocalypse"

What is the Rapture?

1 Cor. 15:51-53

A "mystery" is a truth that was previously concealed and unknown, but is now made known through divine _____.

1 Thess. 4:13-18

John 14:1-6

**Reasons to trust in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the church**

1. The tribulation's purpose concerns Israel (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 9:24)
2. It best explains the distinctions between the Rapture and the Second Coming
3. There is no biblical reference to the church on earth during the Tribulation (Rev. 4-22)
4. The church is exempt from God's wrath (Rev. 3:10; 6:17; Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9)
5. The Rapture is imminent (1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thess. 4:15)
6. The Rapture is a comfort (1 Thess. 4:18)
7. The Antichrist cannot come to power until the restrainer is removed (2 Thess. 2:6-7)
8. The symbolic parallels (2 Peter 2:5-9)

All of these taken together provide a very convincing case!

**For Next Week: Read Isaiah 34; 63:1-6**

## Suggested Resources

1) Mark Hitchcock video update today: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vf3tt6RxIf0

2) SteveMillerResources.com; Follow Steve on the Foreshadows Report Podcast (Telegram app)

3) Follow Amir Tsarfati at Behold Israel; Follow him on Telegram; Prophecy Updates

4) An Evening of Prophecy with Jeff Kinley - https://jeffkinley.com – Sunday, Oct. 25 @ 6:00-8:00 PM

5) The Rapture Class (6 sessions) - https://lc3.com/media/series/8vy8rr8/rapture-class

6) Christmas Lunch @ Tacoma Country & Golf Club, Noon on Dec. 9th, menu & registration coming soon!