

Isaiah 7

be completely forgotten and will be hid from my eyes. There will be such a complete change, a change which you might speak of as new heavens and a new earth, a completely renewed situation, I am going to establish." He is answering the prayer. Yes, it is true. God promises His blessing to thousands of generations. God promises to carry out His goodness to people to the indefinite future. Yes, He gives His promise and it is going to come, but first there is a time of purging and cleansing, a time of punishment for that which is wrong in the attitude of the prayer, a time when God's favor turns to another nation and wild branches are grafted into the olive tree, but He says the time is coming when again the natural branches will be grafted in and the olive tree will then include its natural branches and will also include the wild branches which will be grafted in. Paul never said the Gentiles are going to be cast out of the olive tree, but Israel is to be grafted in again to its own olive tree and Paul says, "What will this be but life from the dead?"

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 Isaiah 8 (disc blank)

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 Isaiah 9

Mr.—? (Student) Well, now, of course that is the question. As I said, there are some who will say V. 17 is a separate period all by itself. There are many who will say 16 belongs with what precedes. I don't think it does but that is not a very vital question. There are some who will say that 17 is distinct from what follows. I don't think it is, but that's not an extremely vital question. I think we must agree that Verse 18-25 is a unified period and then we can ask ourselves the question, "Does 17 belong with what follows or is it separate from it?" Now let us ask ourselves this question. Supposing that this is a description of an eternal age. Suppose 17-25 is a unified passage, a description of an eternal age, a description of a time after the 1st judgment of the wicked, a description of the time when there is a completely