



CAUGHT by the CURSE

Isaiah 24 is a broad picture of God's judgment that will signal the end of earthly time.

No one will be able to escape; therefore, the use of the word “caught.” (*24:18*)

God's judgment will be
furious, **forceful**, and **final**!

God's death sentence" upon all men is the **spiritual** reality of **separation** (from love, light, life)

This is **symbolized** by the reality of physical death that comes upon everyone. We are caught!



Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death came to all men, because all sinned. Even before the law was given, sin was in the world, even though sin isn't take into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses... (*Rom. 5*)

But the GIFT is not like the TRESPASS.
If many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the GIFT that came by the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

The JUDGMENT followed one sin and brought condemnation. But the GIFT followed many sins and brought justification.

For if (by the trespass of one man) death reigned... how much more will those who receive... the gift of righteousness reign in life (through the one man, Jesus Christ).

Just as through the disobedience of one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man, the many will be made righteous.

God is unwilling to **reverse** his curse, but he is quite willing to **rescue** those affected.



Jesus offered to God **substitution** (for us) and **satisfaction** (to him). This “uncatches” those who receive and changes their status before God.

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This act of being “uncaught” is precisely the meaning of apoluo, one of the NT words for **forgiveness**.

It is not referring to being extricated from a sticky or awkward personal situation. It is describing being unstuck (pried loose, released) from God's judgment.

What a relief!