

## Independence Day

The Old Testament is written in the 26th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 810.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

“We have a strong city;  
God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks.

Open the gates,  
That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

You will keep him in perfect peace,  
Whose mind is stayed on You,  
Because he trusts in You.

Trust in the Lord forever,  
For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength.”

The way of the just is uprightness;  
O Most Upright,  
You weigh the path of the just.

Yes, in the way of Your judgments,  
O Lord, we have waited for You;  
The desire of our soul is for Your name  
And for the remembrance of You.

Lord, You will establish peace for us,  
For You have also done all our works in us.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 18:1-20

1 I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength. \* The Lord is my stony rock, and my defence;

2 My Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust; \* my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

3 I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised; \* so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, \* and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

5 The pains of hell came about me; \* the snares of death overtook me.

6 In my trouble I called upon the Lord, \* and complained unto my God:

7 So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, \* and my complaint came before him; it entered even into his ears.

8 The earth trembled and quaked, \* the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

9 There went a smoke out in his presence, \* and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down, \* and it was dark under his feet.

11 He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; \* he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness his secret place, \* his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

13 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed; \* hailstones and coals of fire.

14 The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder; \* hailstones and coals of fire.

15 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; \* he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

16 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, \* at thy chiding, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

17 He sent down from on high to fetch me, \* and took me out of many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me; \* for they were too mighty for me.

19 They came upon me in the day of my trouble; \* but the Lord was my upholder.

20 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; \* he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

*Glory be...*

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For the Epistle, the lesson is written in the Book of Moses known as Deuteronomy chapter 10, beginning at the 17th verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 263.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

THE LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: he doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

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