

In Isaiah Part 1, we saw how God judged both the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah, including the city of Jerusalem, for their idolatry and their departure from God's ways. Isaiah Part 2 addressed the judgment of the nations, surrounding the nation of Israel, for their deeds against the nation of Israel. Isaiah Part 3 focused on the upcoming and future judgment of the peoples of the earth during the last days and the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom when Messiah Jesus will reign as King.

Isaiah Part 4, chapters 28-33, will focus on the woes given by Isaiah to Ephraim, Judah, and Jerusalem, to the Egyptian alliance, and to Israel's destroyers. Interestingly, these woes follow the pattern of judgment already established for us in chapters 1-23. The first three woes are given to the recipients of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, the Southern Kingdom of Judah, and the city of Jerusalem. The fourth and fifth woes are focused on the rebelliousness of the inhabitants of Jerusalem in that they place their trust in the strength of their neighboring kingdom of Egypt and not in the LORD their God. The last and final woe is to Assyria who will be judged because they have come against God's people and their land. Even though God uses Assyria to punish His children, Assyria will still be responsible for their deeds.

Reminiscent of Isaiah Part 3, chapter 24, where we saw God's global judgment of all of Mankind during the tribulation period, Isaiah chapter 34 addresses the last battle of the Tribulation Period, called Armageddon. Finally, Isaiah chapter 35 brings us back to the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom that we've already tasted in Isaiah chapters 25 through 27.

This first week, our focus will be on the woes to the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Days 1-2 - Woe to Ephraim! The Northern Kingdom – Isaiah 28:1-13

Define what "woe" means?

If you have a Strong's or a Zondervan's Concordance look-up the corresponding word for "woe" used in Isaiah 28:1.

Take a look at what this word means in the English dictionary.

What are some English synonyms?
What are some English antonyms?

Is the word "woe" the same as a judgment?

What are some other names used for the Northern Kingdom of Israel that we have seen in our study of Isaiah so far?

How would you describe Samaria according to what you know about the N. Kingdom of Israel's history? See 1 Kings 16:24, Isaiah 28:3-4.

Please work on your double-spaced worksheet for Isaiah 28 found in the appendix. Mark key words distinctively and if you've marked these words previously to this in our study of Isaiah, mark them in the same way this time. The key words that I marked were all references to the N. Kingdom, all references to Assyria, all references to the S. Kingdom, "woe," "in that day," "LORD of hosts," "remnant," "covenant with death," and "pact with Sheol." Mark any Messianic prophecies seen. Are there any contrasts found in these verses? What key repeated phrases do you see? Where is the one natural break in the chapter? How would you subdivide this chapter into two parts?

So, who are the players in this chapter?

Before too long, who would devour the N. Kingdom of Israel?

To whom was the message of Isaiah originally intended (see Isaiah 1)?

Since God was writing through Isaiah to the House of Judah and the city of Jerusalem, what was He warning them about?

What is the Northern Kingdom likened to in chapter 28:1-13?

What was the problem in the Northern Kingdom?

How does a physical and spiritual drunkard act according to Isaiah 28:1-4,7-8?

What are the Assyrians likened to in 28:2-4?

So, where does both the spiritual physical drunkenness come from?

Why did the Northern Kingdom have so much pride?

Why is this nation of the Northern Kingdom ripe for judgment?

Through whom did God speak to the Northern Kingdom according to 28:11?

What was God's message to the Northern Kingdom through the stammering lips and foreign tongue of the Assyrians?

Did the Northern Kingdom refuse to believe the LORD'S message to them according to 28:11-12?

What eventually happened to the Northern Kingdom?

Day 3 - Woe to Judah! The Southern Kingdom – Isaiah 28:14-29

What was the message to the Southern Kingdom in the predicted overthrow of the Northern Kingdom by Assyria?

Did the S. Kingdom fall to Assyria?

Did the S. Kingdom have much the same attitude toward God as their sister to the North according to Isaiah 28:14?

How did they show their attitude? (See 28:14)

What did the leaders boast of according to Isaiah 28:15?

What could this covenant with death possibly mean? To what did the Southern Kingdom eventually turn? I'm going to give you the answer to this one. The leaders in Jerusalem at this time were into idolatry. God had told them that their other gods could not save them from the coming Assyrian invasion. They began to worship the god of the underworld who was personified as "Death" according to Jewish mythology. ¹

Who sets the stone and the sure foundation in 28:16?

Explain this picture of the Messiah in verse 28:16.

What is the contrast here between the leaders of Judah and the tested, costly, foundational, cornerstone?

What was God's response to the S. Kingdom's boast according to 28:18? This is really difficult to wade through. Don't get discouraged. Answer what you can and come to class with your questions. This definitely has something to do with Assyria being the scourge when she tramples Judah.

To what did Isaiah compare the protection of false gods in verse 28:20?

What did Isaiah tell the S. Kingdom leaders in 28:22?

In 28:23-29, Isaiah tells the S. Kingdom that they are fools to think that God will not judge them thoroughly for their same actions as their sister to the north.

Days 4-5 -Woes to Jerusalem! Isaiah 29; Isaiah 36-39

For the rest of this week, we will look at the 2 woes specifically written for the inhabitants of Jerusalem in chapter 29. Remember that Jerusalem is the capital city of the S. Kingdom and God has promised to protect this city from Assyrian devastation. In this chapter, even though God will ultimately save Jerusalem from the Assyrians, He warns the inhabitants of the city what awaits them when Assyria begins her strike on the city. Oddly enough, I also believe this Scripture is looking down the pike to see the city of Jerusalem as God's sacrifice on the altar (bloodshed) when Jerusalem finally falls to Babylon because of her idolatry.

Do you remember what will happen to Jerusalem at the hands of the Assyrians? We looked at this briefly back in Isaiah Parts 1 and 2. Please reread through Isaiah 36-39 again. The text for these chapters is in the Appendix. After reading these chapters here, form a theme for each of them, if you have not done so previously, and record them on the corresponding individual double-spaced worksheets and on the Isaiah-theme summary chart in the Appendix.

Did God protect His Beloved City on a Hill and the people in it? See Isaiah 37.

Was Assyria's army successful in their campaign against Jerusalem? See Isaiah 37.

Please read and work on your double-spaced worksheets for Isaiah 29. Mark key words consistently. Can you pick out the natural division in this chapter concerning Jerusalem? Can you make any lists in the margins? Where is the major shift in time? And what time period are we shifting into?

What was the purpose of the promised coming judgment on Jerusalem that was anticipated by those in the S. Kingdom?

What are some of the other names that we have studied so far for the city of Jerusalem?

What does “Ariel” mean? Please use your Strong’s Concordance or your Bible Dictionary for information.

What is an altar hearth?

Can “Ariel” mean both the city of Jerusalem and an altar hearth of bloodshed?

Please note the opening verses of Isaiah 29:1-2. What do you detect in God’s comment to Ariel?

What is God’s warning to Israel in 29:1-4?

What does God say will become of Jerusalem’s oppressors in 29:5-8?

God calls them the multitude of all nations who wage war against Mt. Zion. I thought there was only one nation, Assyria, who was coming up against Jerusalem at this time. Babylon, during a future time of war, would also be considered one nation. Could this be a prophetic utterance having a near and far fulfillment? Could this also be talking prophetically about the battle of the nations waged against Jerusalem in the day of the LORD (Zechariah 14) when Jesus will wipe them all out with the sword of the Spirit that comes out of His mouth when He comes the second time?

Please read once again what happens to the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the upcoming battle with Sennacherib’s armies in Isaiah 37:30-38. How many men does the angel of the LORD strike in 37:36?

What happened to Sennacherib? See Isaiah 37:37-38.

Did God succeed in His quest to bring the people back to Himself? See II Kings 22 and 23.

I would like to take a look at the future fulfillment of this prophecy in the day of the LORD found in Isaiah 29:5-8. According to Zechariah 14:1-3 what will it be like? We have looked at this passage in Zechariah at a previous time in this study.

Zechariah was among those of the remnant that returned to Jerusalem from Babylon. So, Zechariah is writing some 170 years after Sennacherib's defeat at Jerusalem. This battle recorded in Zechariah has to be future to Isaiah's day.

What does Zechariah 14:12-15 tell us about that future day when the LORD will fight the enemy who charges Jerusalem? We have also looked at this passage at an earlier time in this Isaiah study.

Zechariah 12:2-9 also gives us a picture of when the LORD will do battle for Jerusalem in the day of the LORD? What new insights concerning Jerusalem can you glean from these verses?

Does God also intend to bring His people back to Himself in this final battle for Jerusalem? Read Zechariah 12:10-14 before you answer this question?

Why are these of Judah and Jerusalem in Zechariah weeping so?

What was the major problem for God's people? Why could they not see what He was doing? See Isaiah 29:9-14.

What will be the result of God dealing marvelously with His people? See Isaiah 29:14.

The natural division of this chapter occurs in Isaiah 29:15 with the second "woe" to Jerusalem. Why is this woe or warning given those in Jerusalem?

There is a time shift starting in Isaiah 29:17. What time are we shifting into?

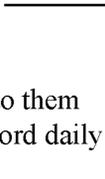
What is the contrast in this last part of Isaiah 29?

Please write the theme(s) for Isaiah 28 and 29 on the Isaiah-theme summary chart found in the appendix and on each individual corresponding double-spaced worksheet.

ⁱ John F. Walvoord, Roy B. Zuck, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary of the Old Testament*, SP Publications, Inc., 1985, p. 1078.

WOE 1 - INCLUDES N. KINGDOM & S. KINGDOM
Isaiah 28-29

Isaiah 28-29
Part 4
Lesson 1-1

Those who don't trust God Disobedient Scoffers	Those who do trust God Obedient Respecters
<p><u>The Northern Kingdom - chapter 28:1-13</u> proud crown 28:1,3 drunkards of Ephraim 28:1,3 -includes common folk wine or strong drink -includes priest & prophet - reel when having visions/totter when rendering judgments 28:7 -already defeated in battle fading flower of beautiful Ephraim 28:1,4 ready for judgment like a ripe fig prior to its time 28:4 no surrender to the LORD - He can't teach them knowledge 28:9 - They will not listen to Him nor surrender to His message 28:8,12 - They will not discipline themselves to learn from His Word 28:9</p> <p><u>The Southern Kingdom - chapter 28:14-29</u> idolatry -made covenant w/ death - shall be cancelled 28:14,18 -made pact w/ Sheol - shall not stand 28:15,18 -that which they trusted in will fall short of promises 28:15 -said scourge (Assyria) will not get them - will trample them day after day - no hope 28:15 -falsehood has become their refuge - water shall overflow secret place 28:15,17 -concealment has become their lie - hail will sweep away 28:15,17 -God will be stirred up to do His unusual task - using Assyria to judge His people & accomplish His task 28:21 -carry on as scoffers 28:22 -scoffing will result in tighter fetters 28:22 -warning to us in future: decisive destruction on all the earth if we become scoffers 28:22 -the individual/ or nation determines the character of the judgment which is to fall upon them -hard - resist God - judgment will be severe - Matthew 13:30-41</p>	<p><u>The Northern Kingdom - chapter 28:1-13</u> the LORD of hosts will become the beautiful crown 28:5 the LORD of hosts will be a glorious diadem to the Remnant 28:5 the LORD of hosts will be a spirit of justice to the Remnant 28:6 the LORD of hosts will be strength for battle to the Remnant 28:6</p> <p>surrender to the LORD - He will teach them knowledge - He will interpret His message given to them -They will learn by looking into His word daily</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">  <p>28:9</p> </div> <p><u>The Southern Kingdom - chapter 28:14-29</u> worship of God alone -God has laid His tested, costly corner stone in Zion for them 28:16 -God has firmly placed His foundation 28:16 -They believe God's word 28:16 -They will not be disturbed 28:16 -He will make justice measuring line/ righteousness the level 28:17</p> <p>-the Remnant will be removed from the earth before judgment on the scoffers -submissive to God - no judgment/ no condemnation -Matthew 13:30-41</p>

WOES 2 & 3 TO JERUSALEM
Isaiah 29

Isaiah 29
Part 4
Lesson 1-2

Those who don't trust God Disobedient Scoffers	Those who do trust God Obedient Respecters
<p><u>Jerusalem - chapter 29 - woes 2 & 3</u></p> <p>God will bring distress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a city of lamenting & mourning 29:2 -an altar hearth: a place of sacrifice 29:2 <p>God will encamp around them 29:3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -will set siegeworks against them 29:3 -will raise up battletowers against them 29:3 -will bring them low 29:4 <p>Near future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assyria will be punished for coming against Ariel: with thunder/ earthquake/ loud noise, whirlwind, tempest, flame of consuming fire; shall be like a dream, a vision of the night <p>Far future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -multitude of nations will be punished for coming against Ariel 29:5-8 <p>This people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -draw near with words/ honor God w/ lip service -remove their hearts far from God -their reverence for God consists of tradition learned by rote -the wisdom of their wise men will perish -the discernment shall be concealed -those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD -those whose deeds are done in a dark place -those who do not acknowledge that God sees them & their deeds -those who deny Him as Creator -those who say God doesn't even figure into the equation -ruthless - will come to an end -scorner will be finished -all intent on evil will be cut off -i.e., person who causes person to be indicted by a word -i.e. person who ensnares him who adjudicates at the gate -i.e. person who defrauds the one in the right w/ meaningless arguments 	<p><u>Jerusalem - chapter 29-woes 2 & 3</u></p> <p>Near future</p> <p>God will smite their enemies - 185,000 Assyrians killed instantly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the multitude of their enemies will become like fine dust 29:5 -the multitude of the ruthless ones will become like chaff which blows away 29:5 -God will fight their enemies for them <p>Far future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lebanon will become fertile field - a forest -the deaf shall hear words of book -blind shall see -afflicted will increase their joy -the needy shall rejoice in Holy One of Israel -Israel (Jacob) shall not be ashamed/ He will see His children, the children & Jacob will sanctify God's name and stand in awe of Him

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ISAIAH CHAPTER 28

WORKSHEET

Chapter Theme _____

Is. 28:1 ¶ Woe to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim, And to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which is at the head of the fertile valley Of those who are overcome with wine!

Is. 28:2 Behold, the Lord has a strong and mighty agent; As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction, Like a storm of mighty overflowing waters, He has cast it down to the earth with His hand.

Is. 28:3 The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim is trodden under foot.

Is. 28:4 And the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which is at the head of the fertile valley, Will be like the first-ripe fig prior to summer; Which one sees, And as soon as it is in his hand, He swallows it.

Is. 28:5 In that day the LORD of hosts will become a beautiful crown And a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people;

Is. 28:6 A spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, A strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate.

Is. 28:7 And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink: The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, They are confused by wine, they stagger from strong drink; They reel while having visions, They totter when rendering judgment.

Is. 28:8 For all the tables are full of filthy vomit, without a single clean place.

Is. 28:9 ¶ “To whom would He teach knowledge? And to whom would He interpret the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast?

Is. 28:10 “For He says, ‘Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there.’”

Is. 28:11 Indeed, He will speak to this people Through stammering lips and a foreign tongue,

Is. 28:12 He who said to them, “Here is rest, give rest to the weary,” And, “Here is repose,” but they would not listen.

Is. 28:13 So the word of the LORD to them will be, “Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there,” That they may go and stumble backward, be broken, snared, and taken captive.

Is. 28:14 Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, O scoffers, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,

Is. 28:15 Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception.”

Is. 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

Is. 28:17 “And I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the level; Then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters shall overflow the secret place.

Is. 28:18 “And your covenant with death shall be canceled, And your pact with Sheol shall not stand; When the overwhelming scourge passes through, Then you become its trampling place.

Is. 28:19 “As often as it passes through, it will seize you. For morning after morning it will pass through, anytime during the day or night. And it will be sheer terror to understand what it means.”

Is. 28:20 The bed is too short on which to stretch out, And the blanket is too small to wrap oneself in.

Is. 28:21 For the LORD will rise up as at Mount Perazim, He will be stirred up as in the valley of Gibeon; To do His task, His unusual task, And to work His work, His extraordinary work.

Is. 28:22 And now do not carry on as scoffers, Lest your fetters be made stronger; For I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts, Of decisive destruction on all the earth.

Is. 28:23 Give ear and hear my voice, Listen and hear my words.

Is. 28:24 Does the farmer plow continually to plant seed? Does he continually turn and harrow the ground?

Is. 28:25 Does he not level its surface, And sow dill and scatter cummin, And plant wheat in rows, Barley in its place, and rye within its area?

Is. 28:26 For his God instructs and teaches him properly.

Is. 28:27 For dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge, Nor is the cartwheel driven over cummin; But dill is beaten out with a rod, and cummin with a club.

Is. 28:28 Grain for bread is crushed, Indeed, he does not continue to thresh it forever. Because the wheel of his cart and his horses eventually damage it, He does not thresh it longer.

Is. 28:29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who has made His counsel wonderful and His wisdom great.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 29

WORKSHEET

Chapter Theme _____

Is. 29:1 ¶ Woe, O Ariel, Ariel the city where David once camped! Add year to year, observe your feasts on schedule.

Is. 29:2 And I will bring distress to Ariel, And she shall be a city of lamenting and mourning; And she shall be like an Ariel to me.

Is. 29:3 And I will camp against you encircling you, And I will set siege works against you, And I will raise up battle towers against you.

Is. 29:4 Then you shall be brought low; From the earth you shall speak, And from the dust where you are prostrate, Your words shall come. Your voice shall also be like that of a spirit from the ground, And your speech shall whisper from the dust.

Is. 29:5 ¶ But the multitude of your enemies shall become like fine dust, And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which blows away; And it shall happen instantly, suddenly.

Is. 29:6 From the LORD of hosts you will be punished with thunder and earthquake and loud noise, With whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a consuming fire.

Is. 29:7 And the multitude of all the nations who wage war against Ariel, Even all who wage war against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, Shall be like a dream, a vision of the night.

Is. 29:8 And it will be as when a hungry man dreams — And behold, he is eating; But when he awakens, his hunger is not satisfied, Or as when a thirsty man dreams — And behold, he is drinking, But when he awakens, behold, he is faint, And his thirst is not quenched. Thus the multitude of all the nations shall be, Who wage war against Mount Zion.

Is. 29:9 ¶ Be delayed and wait. Blind yourselves and be blind. They become drunk, but not with wine; They stagger, but not with strong drink.

Is. 29:10 For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of deep sleep, He has shut your eyes, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, the seers.

Is. 29:11 And the entire vision shall be to you like the words of a sealed book, which when they give it to the one who is literate, saying, “Please read this,” he will say, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”

Is. 29:12 Then the book will be given to the one who is illiterate, saying, “Please read this.” And he will say, “I cannot read.”

Is. 29:13 ¶ Then the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote,

Is. 29:14 Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; And the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the discernment of their discerning men shall be concealed.”

Is. 29:15 ¶ Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD, And whose deeds are done in a dark place, And they say, “Who sees us?” or “Who knows us?”

Is. 29:16 You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, That what is made should say to its maker, “He did not make me”; Or what is formed say to him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

Is. 29:17 ¶ Is it not yet just a little while Before Lebanon will be turned into a fertile field, And the fertile field will be considered as a forest?

Is. 29:18 And on that day the deaf shall hear words of a book, And out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

Is. 29:19 The afflicted also shall increase their gladness in the LORD, And the needy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Is. 29:20 For the ruthless will come to an end, and the scorner will be finished, Indeed all who are intent on doing evil will be cut off;

Is. 29:21 Who cause a person to be indicted by a word, And ensnare him who adjudicates at the gate, And defraud the one in the right with meaningless arguments.

Is. 29:22 ¶ Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, “Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now turn pale;

Is. 29:23 But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, They will sanctify My name; Indeed, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

Is. 29:24 “And those who err in mind will know the truth, And those who criticize will accept instruction.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 30

WORKSHEET

Chapter Theme _____

Is. 30:1 ¶ “Woe to the rebellious children,” declares the LORD, “Who execute a plan, but not Mine, And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, In order to add sin to sin;

Is. 30:2 Who proceed down to Egypt, Without consulting Me, To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh, And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

Is. 30:3 “Therefore the safety of Pharaoh will be your shame, And the shelter in the shadow of Egypt, your humiliation.

Is. 30:4 “For their princes are at Zoan, And their ambassadors arrive at Hanes.

Is. 30:5 “Everyone will be ashamed because of a people who cannot profit them, Who are not for help or profit, but for shame and also for reproach.”

Is. 30:6 ¶ The oracle concerning the beasts of the Negev. Through a land of distress and anguish, From where come lioness and lion, viper and flying serpent, They carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys And their treasures on camels’ humps, To a people who cannot profit them;

Is. 30:7 Even Egypt, whose help is vain and empty. Therefore, I have called her “Rahab who has been exterminated.”

Is. 30:8 Now go, write it on a tablet before them And inscribe it on a scroll, That it may serve in the time to come As a witness forever.

Is. 30:9 For this is a rebellious people, false sons, Sons who refuse to listen To the instruction of the LORD;

Is. 30:10 Who say to the seers, “You must not see visions”; And to the prophets, “You must not prophesy to us what is right, Speak to us pleasant words, Prophecy illusions.

Is. 30:11 “Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”

Is. 30:12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Since you have rejected this word, And have put your trust in oppression and guile, and have relied on them,

Is. 30:13 Therefore this iniquity will be to you Like a breach about to fall, A bulge in a high wall, Whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant.

Is. 30:14 “And whose collapse is like the smashing of a potter’s jar; So ruthlessly shattered That a sherd will not be found among its pieces To take fire from a hearth, Or to scoop water from a cistern.”

Is. 30:15 For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, “In repentance and rest you shall be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength.” But you were not willing,

Is. 30:16 And you said, “No, for we will flee on horses,” Therefore you shall flee! “And we will ride on swift horses,” Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift.

Is. 30:17 One thousand shall flee at the threat of one man, You shall flee at the threat of five; Until you are left as a flag on a mountain top, And as a signal on a hill.

Is. 30:18 ¶ Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

Is. 30:19 O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

Is. 30:20 Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher.

Is. 30:21 And your ears will hear a word behind you, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

Is. 30:22 And you will defile your graven images, overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing; and say to them, “Be gone!”

Is. 30:23 ¶ Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

Is. 30:24 Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork.

Is. 30:25 And on every lofty mountain and on every high hill there will be streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

Is. 30:26 And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day the LORD binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise He has inflicted.

Is. 30:27 ¶ Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place; Burning is His anger, and dense is His smoke; His lips are filled with indignation, And His tongue is like a consuming fire;

Is. 30:28 And His breath is like an overflowing torrent, Which reaches to the neck, To shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, And to put in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which leads to ruin.

Is. 30:29 You will have songs as in the night when you keep the festival; And gladness of heart as when one marches to the sound of the flute, To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

Is. 30:30 And the LORD will cause His voice of authority to be heard. And the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger, And in the flame of a consuming fire, In cloudburst, downpour, and hailstones.

Is. 30:31 For at the voice of the LORD Assyria will be terrified, When He strikes with the rod.

Is. 30:32 And every blow of the rod of punishment, Which the LORD will lay on him, Will be with the music of tambourines and lyres; And in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them.

Is. 30:33 For Topheth has long been ready, Indeed, it has been prepared for the king. He has made it deep and large, A pyre of fire with plenty of wood; The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of brimstone, sets it afire.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 31

WORKSHEET

Chapter Theme _____

Is. 31:1 ¶ Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, And trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!

Is. 31:2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster, And does not retract His words, But will arise against the house of evildoers, And against the help of the workers of iniquity.

Is. 31:3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God, And their horses are flesh and not spirit; So the LORD will stretch out His hand, And he who helps will stumble And he who is helped will fall, And all of them will come to an end together.

Is. 31:4 ¶ For thus says the LORD to me, “As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey, Against which a band of shepherds is called out, Will not be terrified at their voice, nor disturbed at their noise, So will the LORD of hosts come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill.”

Is. 31:5 Like flying birds so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it; He will pass over and rescue it.

Is. 31:6 Return to Him from whom you have deeply defected, O sons of Israel.

Is. 31:7 For in that day every man will cast away his silver idols and his gold idols, which your hands have made as a sin.

Is. 31:8 And the Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man, And a sword not of man will devour him. So he will not escape the sword, And his young men will become forced laborers.

Is. 31:9 “And his rock will pass away because of panic, And his princes will be terrified at the standard,” Declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 32

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Is. 32:1 ¶ Behold, a king will reign righteously, And princes will rule justly.

Is. 32:2 And each will be like a refuge from the wind, And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land.

Is. 32:3 Then the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, And the ears of those who hear will listen.

Is. 32:4 And the mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly.

Is. 32:5 No longer will the fool be called noble, Or the rogue be spoken of as generous.

Is. 32:6 For a fool speaks nonsense, And his heart inclines toward wickedness, To practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD, To keep the hungry person unsatisfied And to withhold drink from the thirsty.

Is. 32:7 As for a rogue, his weapons are evil; He devises wicked schemes To destroy the afflicted with slander, Even though the needy one speaks what is right.

Is. 32:8 But the noble man devises noble plans; And by noble plans he stands.

Is. 32:9 ¶ Rise up you women who are at ease, And hear my voice; Give ear to my word, You complacent daughters.

Is. 32:10 Within a year and a few days, You will be troubled, O complacent daughters; For the vintage is ended, And the fruit gathering will not come.

Is. 32:11 Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent daughters; Strip, undress, and put sackcloth on your waist,

Is. 32:12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine,

Is. 32:13 For the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; Yea, for all the joyful houses, and for the jubilant city.

Is. 32:14 Because the palace has been abandoned, the populated city forsaken. Hill and watch-tower have become caves forever, A delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;

Is. 32:15 Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fertile field And the fertile field is considered as a forest.

Is. 32:16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.

Is. 32:17 And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

Is. 32:18 Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places;

Is. 32:19 And it will hail when the forest comes down, And the city will be utterly laid low.

Is. 32:20 How blessed will you be, you who sow beside all waters, Who let out freely the ox and the donkey.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 33
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Chapter Theme _____

Is. 33:1 ¶ Woe to you, O destroyer, While you were not destroyed; And he who is treacherous, while others did not deal treacherously with him. As soon as you shall finish destroying, you shall be destroyed; As soon as you shall cease to deal treacherously, others shall deal treacherously with you.

Is. 33:2 O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for Thee. Be Thou their strength every morning, Our salvation also in the time of distress.

Is. 33:3 At the sound of the tumult peoples flee; At the lifting up of Thyself nations disperse.

Is. 33:4 And your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; As locusts rushing about, men rush about on it.

Is. 33:5 The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

Is. 33:6 And He shall be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Is. 33:7 Behold, their brave men cry in the streets, The ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.

Is. 33:8 The highways are desolate, the traveler has ceased, He has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, He has no regard for man.

Is. 33:9 The land mourns and pines away, Lebanon is shamed and withers; Sharon is like a desert plain, And Bashan and Carmel lose their foliage.

Is. 33:10 “Now I will arise,” says the LORD, “Now I will be exalted, now I will be lifted up.

Is. 33:11 “You have conceived chaff, you will give birth to stubble; My breath will consume you like a fire.

Is. 33:12 “And the peoples will be burned to lime, Like cut thorns which are burned in the fire.

Is. 33:13 ¶ “You who are far away, hear what I have done; And you who are near, acknowledge My might.”

Is. 33:14 Sinners in Zion are terrified; Trembling has seized the godless. “Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with continual burning?”

Is. 33:15 He who walks righteously, and speaks with sincerity, He who rejects unjust gain, And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil;

Is. 33:16 He will dwell on the heights; His refuge will be the impregnable rock; His bread will be given him; His water will be sure.

Is. 33:17 ¶ Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will behold a far-distant land.

Is. 33:18 Your heart will meditate on terror: “Where is he who counts? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?”

Is. 33:19 You will no longer see a fierce people, A people of unintelligible speech which no one comprehends, Of a stammering tongue which no one understands.

Is. 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes shall see Jerusalem an undisturbed habitation, A tent which shall not be folded, Its stakes shall never be pulled up Nor any of its cords be torn apart.

Is. 33:21 But there the majestic One, the LORD, shall be for us A place of rivers and wide canals, On which no boat with oars shall go, And on which no mighty ship shall pass —

Is. 33:22 For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us —

Is. 33:23 Your tackle hangs slack; It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly, Nor spread out the sail. Then the prey of an abundant spoil will be divided; The lame will take the plunder.

Is. 33:24 And no resident will say, “I am sick”; The people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 34

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Is. 34:1 ¶ Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it.

Is. 34:2 For the LORD's indignation is against all the nations, And His wrath against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to slaughter.

Is. 34:3 So their slain will be thrown out, And their corpses will give off their stench, And the mountains will be drenched with their blood.

Is. 34:4 And all the host of heaven will wear away, And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away As a leaf withers from the vine, Or as one withers from the fig tree.

Is. 34:5 For My sword is satiated in heaven, Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom, And upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction.

Is. 34:6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, It is sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

Is. 34:7 Wild oxen shall also fall with them, And young bulls with strong ones; Thus their land shall be soaked with blood, And their dust become greasy with fat.

Is. 34:8 For the LORD has a day of vengeance, A year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

Is. 34:9 And its streams shall be turned into pitch, And its loose earth into brimstone, And its land shall become burning pitch.

Is. 34:10 It shall not be quenched night or day; Its smoke shall go up forever; From generation to generation it shall be desolate; None shall pass through it forever and ever.

Is. 34:11 But pelican and hedgehog shall possess it, And owl and raven shall dwell in it; And He shall stretch over it the line of desolation And the plumb line of emptiness.

Is. 34:12 Its nobles — there is no one there Whom they may proclaim king — And all its princes shall be nothing.

Is. 34:13 And thorns shall come up in its fortified towers, Nettles and thistles in its fortified cities; It shall also be a haunt of jackals And an abode of ostriches.

Is. 34:14 And the desert creatures shall meet with the wolves, The hairy goat also shall cry to its kind; Yes, the night monster shall settle there And shall find herself a resting place.

Is. 34:15 The tree snake shall make its nest and lay eggs there, And it will hatch and gather them under its protection. Yes, the hawks shall be gathered there, Every one with its kind.

Is. 34:16 ¶ Seek from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these will be missing; None will lack its mate. For His mouth has commanded, And His Spirit has gathered them.

Is. 34:17 And He has cast the lot for them, And His hand has divided it to them by line. They shall possess it forever; From generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 35

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Is. 35:1 ¶ The wilderness and the desert will be glad, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus

Is. 35:2 It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, The majesty of our God.

Is. 35:3 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble.

Is. 35:4 Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you.”

Is. 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

Is. 35:6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.

Is. 35:7 And the scorched land will become a pool, And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass becomes reeds and rushes.

Is. 35:8 And a highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it.

Is. 35:9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there,

Is. 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD will return, And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.