

<sup>16</sup>For thus the Lord said to me, "Within a year, according to the years of a hired worker, all the glory of Kedar will come to an end. <sup>17</sup>And the remainder of the archers of the mighty men of the sons of Kedar will be few, for the LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken."

### An Oracle Concerning Jerusalem \*

## 22 The oracle concerning the valley of vision.

- What do you mean that you have gone up,  
all of you, to the housetops,  
<sup>2</sup> you who are full of shoutings,  
tumultuous city, exultant town?  
Your slain are not slain with the sword  
or dead in battle.
- <sup>3</sup> All your leaders have fled together;  
without the bow they were captured.  
All of you who were found were captured,  
though they had fled far away.
- <sup>4</sup> Therefore I said:  
"Look away from me;  
let me weep bitter tears;  
do not labor to comfort me  
concerning the destruction of the daughter of  
my people."
- <sup>5</sup> For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day  
of tumult and trampling and  
confusion  
in the valley of vision,

⑩ A Fixed time has been set for their defeat.

⑪ Only a few will survive this enemies attack. The Kedar region may represent all of Arabia. The exact fulfillment of this prophecy has been lost in history, but he assured it happened.

\* THE DATING OF THIS GENERIC PROPHECY IS HIGHLY DEBATED BUT WITHOUT ANY CONCERNS. THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING IT LIES IN THEIR TOTAL DISREGARD FOR GOD EVEN IN THE MOST TRYING TIMES. YOUNG II P. 89 SAY THE KEY IS "THE TERRIBLE WORLDLINESS AND PAGANISM FOUND IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM WHEN THAT ENEMY COMES."

① For some unknown reason the people have gone to their roofs to celebrate. Isaiah cannot understand how some small positive event can cover up the coming destruction.

② While the people celebrate they have forgotten that things are so bad people are dying but not in battle. Possibly from famine or disease.

③ The leaders have tried to escape but were captured, everyone who the enemy finds they enslave. No one escapes they are "All" taken.

④ Isaiah is overcome with grief by what he sees. Before this he grieved over Moab (16.11) and Babylon (21.3) Here he sees the future downfall and it overwhelms him. Isaiah sees a defeated people who have turned away from God. Isaiah asks that no one try to comfort him. THE PROPHET SEES THE DESTRUCTION OR "PLUNDERING" OF THE WOMEN BY THE ENEMY. THERE IS NO ONE TO PROTECT THEM.

⑤ Here the city walls are breached as judgment of God. THE SHOUTING MAY BE THE PEOPLE CALLING ON ANYONE TO HELP OR IT MAY BE THE SHOOTING OF THE VICTORIOUS ARMY ENTERING THE DEFEATED CITY. 2 Kings 25:10 SPEAKS OF JUST SUCH AN EVENT HAPPENING TO JERUSALEM.

- a battering down of walls  
and a shouting to the mountains.
- 6 And Elam bore the quiver  
with chariots and horsemen,  
and Kir uncovered the shield.
- 7 Your choicest valleys were full of chariots,  
and the horsemen took their stand at the  
gates.
- 8 He has taken away the covering of Judah.

In that day you looked to the weapons of the House of the Forest,<sup>9</sup> and you saw that the breaches of the city of David were many. You collected the waters of the lower pool,<sup>10</sup> and you counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall.<sup>11</sup> You made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who did it, or see him who planned it long ago.

- 12 In that day the Lord GOD of hosts  
called for weeping and mourning,  
for baldness and wearing sackcloth;
- 13 and behold, joy and gladness,  
killing oxen and slaughtering sheep,  
eating flesh and drinking wine.
- "Let us eat and drink,  
for tomorrow we die."
- 14 The LORD of hosts has revealed himself in my ears:  
"Surely this iniquity will not be atoned for you until  
you die,"  
says the Lord GOD of hosts.

- ⑥ Elam and Kir are both associated with THE ASSYRIAN ARMY. This shows the vastness of the territory of Assyria and size of the army that has come against Jerusalem. The weapons used were overpowering. They attacked on horses, as any modern army of this time would do.
- ⑦ THIS HUGE ARMY FILLED THE SPACES AND WAS ADVANCED AND COULD NOT BE STOPPED. Jerusalem is completely surrounded before it is attacked and defeated. This advancing army had put such fear in the leadership of the city that they tried to secretly slip out (vs. 3) but were captured to be enslaved and tortured.
- ⑧ THE LANGUAGE IS IN THE PAST TENSE EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A PROPHECY ABOUT THE FUTURE. Here God removes HIS PROTECTION FROM THE CITY BECAUSE THEY HAVE DESERTED HIM. THE CITY IS SHOWN AS A woman who is uncovered, her veil lifted, and she is exposed. Even now they do not turn to God, but instead the Armory built by Solomon. It was constructed with cedars brought from Lebanon. (cf 1 Kings 7. 2-6) THE GOLDEN SHIELDS of Solomon (1 Kings 10.17) were stored there. THESE were among the items Hezekiah showed to Merodach-baladan's envoy. (Isa 39.2) THE ARMY IS THE HOUSE OF THE FOREST.
- ⑨ Even as the enemy attacks and make progress, the people store up water for a prolonged battle. They were storing the water for a time when they had lost access to the wells.
- ⑩ Homes must be torn down to have materials to reinforce and repair the cities walls.
- ⑪ Water is a precious commodity, yet w/out God all their labors were useless. THEY IN THIS DARKEST HOUR DID NOT CALL ON GOD FOR HELP.
- ⑫ God calls for repentance of the people, sorrow for their sins.
- ⑬ Instead they ignore God, & adopt a fatalistic attitude about their
- ⑭ Here without God the people must atone for their sins with their own death. In a sense they by rejecting God have committed the unpardonable sin. (Mt. 12.32, Mk 3.29, Lk 12.10). Here we see why Jesus cried out and wept over Jerusalem. (Mt. 23.37-38) "Behold, your house is left to you desolate." God often wept over the city that rejected Him and hated His son Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, "Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: <sup>16</sup> What have you to do here, and whom have you here, that you have cut out here a tomb for yourself, you who cut out a tomb on the height and carve a dwelling for yourself in the rock? <sup>17</sup> Behold, the LORD will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you <sup>18</sup> and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land. There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master's house. <sup>19</sup> I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. <sup>20</sup> In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, <sup>21</sup> and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. <sup>22</sup> And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. <sup>23</sup> And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. <sup>24</sup> And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. <sup>25</sup> In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way, and it will be cut down and fall, and the load that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken."

Rev. 3:7  
He is a  
TYPE OF  
CHRIST here.

An Oracle Concerning Tyre and Sidon

## 23 The oracle concerning Tyre.

Wail, O ships of Tarshish,  
for Tyre is laid waste, without house or harbor!

- <sup>15</sup> ISAIAH now turns from the NATION & shows individual judgment and how God replaces the wicked. Commentaries think He was one who pushed HEZEKIAH to form an alliance w/ EGYPT.
- <sup>16</sup> He saw himself as important and was rich enough to have a personal tomb carved out of stone. Some think he was an Egyptian who was advising the King.
- <sup>17</sup> God does not see him as important and is within the grasp of God.
- <sup>18</sup> God will throw him away, remove him, like someone throwing a ball. He will find himself far from Jerusalem and he will leave behind all the earthly power he thought was his to wield. He will die a shameful man.
- <sup>19</sup> God will remove him from his position.
- <sup>20</sup> The one who will replace has already been chosen by God.
- <sup>21</sup> This one will step up and replace him and will have all his authority as witnessed by robe & power shown. This new one will take care of the people instead of himself.
- <sup>22</sup> Eliakim will get his authority from God. This same power is listed for Jesus in Revelation 3:7. He is a forerunner of Christ.
- <sup>23</sup> As God removed Shebna He will establish ELIAKIM like a wooden peg that cannot be removed. He will be his father's son who bring honor to the family.
- <sup>24</sup> He will be the greatest in his family. He will bring honor to the whole family and all they do.
- <sup>25</sup> IN THAT DAY in ISAIAH often refers to a judgment that takes place. It is not said what he did wrong, or it may have happened as part of a general judgment of God on the nation but he also is removed. He apparently was not strong enough to handle the pressure of the job and so was removed.
- <sup>16</sup> Tyre was seaport & capital of Phoenicia. The ships from here took cargo as far as TARSIS, Spain, or to the other end of the Mediterranean Sea. This shows the scope of trading done from this sea port. This lament or prophecy shows the total destruction of the Port and surrounding area.