

21 who by a word make a man out to be an offender,  
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the  
gate,  
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in  
the right.

(a) 22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham,  
concerning the house of Jacob:

(b) "Jacob shall no more be ashamed,  
no more shall his face grow pale.  
23 For when he sees his children,  
the work of my hands, in his midst,  
they will sanctify my name;  
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob  
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.  
24 And those who go astray in spirit will come to  
understanding,  
and those who murmur will accept  
instruction."

Do Not Go Down to Egypt

30 "Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD,  
"who carry out a plan, but not mine,  
and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit,  
that they may add sin to sin;  
2 who set out to go down to Egypt,  
without asking for my direction,  
to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh  
and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!"

Δη = woe

(21) the actions of the wicked are outlined. THESE are the ones  
that will be cut off by God. Isaiah wants them to know such  
people will not be rewarded-

(22a) This clearly is addressing all Jews or Descendants of Abraham.  
The House of Jacob is to all. There is no division in God's people  
when they come before God. Paul states this clearly in Gal. 3.28.  
It should be noted. w/out God's calling/redemption Abraham  
was just another lost soul. God made Abraham a nation,  
Abraham obeyed in faith. God the Potter, made Abraham the Pot.

(22b) Defeat is removed. This is about restoration. They are no longer  
a defeated people and it will show.

(23-24) Now the future is bright. There is hope. These children will  
again praise God and declare His name holy. Worship of God will  
be restored. Understanding and repentance will return to the  
people of God. Unlike before, now THE PEOPLES HEARTS will  
BE OPEN to the truth of God's word. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED  
THAT THIS IS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE AGAIN SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE.

① AGAIN Isaiah will warn them about counting on EGYPT to rescue  
them. They refuse to listen to God or His Prophet. They are following  
their own plan. Sin upon Sin. 1<sup>st</sup> they turned to ASSYRIA, now they  
are looking to EGYPT. IN 29.15 they had shown they were sneaking  
around ignoring God's counsel.

② Egypt, who once oppressed them, is now seen as THEIR SALVATION.  
IN the past it was God and not EGYPT THAT saved them.

- 3 Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to  
your shame,  
and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your  
humiliation.
- 4 For though his officials are at Zoan  
and his envoys reach Hanes,  
5 everyone comes to shame  
through a people that cannot profit them,  
that brings neither help nor profit,  
but shame and disgrace."

<sup>6</sup>An oracle on the beasts of the Negeb.

Through a land of trouble and anguish,  
from where come the lioness and the lion,  
the adder and the flying fiery serpent,  
they carry their riches on the backs of donkeys,  
and their treasures on the humps of camels,  
to a people that cannot profit them.

- 7 Egypt's help is worthless and empty;  
therefore I have called her  
"Rahab who sits still." see also 51.9  
↳ "Storm" or sea monster

A Rebellious People

- 8 And now, go, write it before them on a tablet  
and inscribe it in a book,  
that it may be for the time to come  
as a witness forever.
- 9 For they are a rebellious people,  
lying children,

③ There counting on Egypt would come back to bite them back. EITHER EGYPT WAS playing them or was unable to protect them.

④ THE words are not standard but seem to point to EGYPT'S envoys and officials as top notch and very skilled.

⑤ Egypt is insufficient to the task of protecting them. Everyone loses when it comes time for them to protect Judah.

⑥ THE TRIP to take the payment is seen passing through barren lands inhabited by wild beast. Even after safely delivering the payment for protection Isaiah says it will not help them.

⑦ Egypt is called Rahab. She is unable to save or protect them. Isaiah says it over and over. They will not help. They cannot deliver. They are A FALSE HOPE. Here rahab means "Storm" or a sea monster. Spelled different than Rahab of Jericho.

⑧ Isaiah is told to write this down. God wants the people to be reminded after the fact that they were warned in advance and they should have listened.

⑨ THE REASON IT WAS WRITTEN WAS THE PEOPLE were without honor and would have denied the warnings.

- 9 children unwilling to hear  
 the instruction of the LORD;  
 10 who say to the seers, "Do not see,"  
 and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us  
 what is right;  
 speak to us smooth things,  
 prophesy illusions,  
 11 leave the way, turn aside from the path,  
 let us hear no more about the Holy One of  
 Israel."  
 12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,  
 "Because you despise this word  
 and trust in oppression and perverseness  
 and rely on them,  
 13 therefore this iniquity shall be to you  
 like a breach in a high wall, bulging out and  
 about to collapse,  
 whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;  
 14 and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel  
 that is smashed so ruthlessly  
 that among its fragments not a shard is found  
 with which to take fire from the hearth,  
 or to dip up water out of the cistern."  
 15 For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 "In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
 in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."  
 But you were unwilling, <sup>16</sup> and you said,  
 "No! We will flee upon horses";  
 therefore you shall flee away;

9b These, the children of God, will not listen, even when warned over and over. They deliberately refuse to hear God.

- 10 The people have gone so far as to pick and choose who they will listen to. They know right and wrong but will not listen. 2.Tim 4.3-4 itching ears are common to any people who do not want to hear the truth.
- 11 They are seen as not only rejecting truth but God Himself.
- 12 Therefore God says He is responding to their sinful ways. The rejection of the message of God will always lead to a response from God. The twisting of the word leads to a life that is contrary to God's will. They come to the point of becoming a perverse people. Instead of God's law they become a people of self-satisfaction they rely on.
- 13 Here is what happens for their rebellion. Isaiah calls it sinful. Here a strong wall collapses suddenly. Their protection is gone w/out notice. The wall explodes outward. Their sins removes their protection.
- 14 The collapse will be total. They are left w/out any hope.
- 15 Their hope is in returning to God, it is how they can still be saved. Just trust God and listen to Him and everything will work out. Instead they respond that they will not trust God but will flee using their own strength.

and, "We will ride upon swift steeds";  
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.

17 A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;  
at the threat of five you shall flee,  
till you are left  
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,  
like a signal on a hill.

#### The LORD Will Be Gracious

18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,  
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy  
to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;  
blessed are all those who wait for him.

19 For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. 20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. 21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left. 22 Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!"

23 And he will give rain for the seed with which you sow the ground, and bread, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and plenteous. In that day your livestock will graze in large pastures, 24 and the oxen and the donkeys that work the

(17) Here they are shown as defeated even when they have superior numbers. Reversing the promise of Lev. 26.8 & Jos 23.10. Only a remnant will remain. Like a single flag on a mountain top.

(18) God will wait until the people are ready and have learned their lesson. He will show himself to them when they are ready. God will wait for those who seek him. God is proclaimed as a God of Justice. He rewards the righteous and punishes the ungodly.

(19) AFTER ALL THE NEGATIVE DELIVERED to the people for sinning and rejecting God & His word. ISAIAH REMINDS THEM THAT GOD'S HEART IS WAITING TO RESPOND WHEN THEY CALL TO HIM FOR HELP.

(20) bread and water is the food given prisoners. It is the bare minimum to survive. The teacher represents the word of God & truth which the people had rejected. It was not lost but needed them to repent to come to life again.

(21) AS A SHEPHERD THAT FOLLOWS HIS SHEEP, THE TEACHER'S voice comes from behind. Calling them to change direction. They will see vs. 20 and hear vs. 21. the teacher.

(22) THIS WILL LEAD TO THEIR TURNING FROM THEIR FALSE God and removing them from their homes.

(23) Judgment and suffering are replaced with GOD blessing them in their deeds and actions. THESE BLESSINGS ARE GIFTS FROM GOD AS REWARDS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. "AND HE WILL GIVE," emphasizes God alone is responsible for rewarding them for returning to Him.

(24) Blessings follow blessing. They will not scrounge for food for the animals to eat. They will have the BEST, in ABUNDANCE, well seasoned.

ground will eat seasoned fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork. <sup>25</sup>And on every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. <sup>26</sup>Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the LORD binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow.

- <sup>27</sup> Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar,  
burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke;  
his lips are full of fury,  
and his tongue is like a devouring fire;  
<sup>28</sup> his breath is like an overflowing stream  
that reaches up to the neck;  
to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction,  
and to place on the jaws of the peoples a bridle  
that leads astray.

<sup>29</sup>You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel. <sup>30</sup>And the LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard and the descending blow of his arm to be seen, in furious anger and a flame of devouring fire, with a cloudburst and storm and hailstones. <sup>31</sup>The Assyrians will be terror-stricken at the voice of the LORD, when he strikes with his rod. <sup>32</sup>And every stroke of the appointed staff that the LORD lays on them will be to the sound of tambourines and lyres. Battling with brandished arm, he will fight with them. <sup>33</sup>For a burning place has long been

25 ISIAH PICTURES RINES IN THE HIGH MOUNTAINS. THIS IS REPEATED IN ISA. 41.18 w/more detail. THERE WILL BE AN A BUNDANCE OF WATER. THIS WILL FOLLOW A GREAT BATTLE OR WAR WHERE THE PEOPLE RELYING ON GOD ARE VICTORIOUS.

26 FROM THE DARKNESS OF SIN THE PEOPLE ARE RESTORED THROUGH REPENTANCE. FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IS USED TO SHOW HOW THEIR WORLD AND LIVES WILL BE CHANGED. LIFE IS BETTER w/ GOD and DARKNESS MAKES THE LIGHT ALL THE MORE BRIGHTER.

27-28 GOD COMES FROM FAR AND WILL DO FOR THEM WHAT EGYPT CANNOT. HE IS SEEN AS AN ALL CONSUMING FIRE. HE LIKE A FLOOD OF WATER CANNOT BE STOPPED. HE WILL SIFT AND JUDGE THE PEOPLE WHO CANNOT ESCAPE HIS COMING. HE HAS TOLD THE PEOPLE TO TRUST HIM. HE SHOWS THEM WHAT HE IS CAPABLE OF DOING.

29 WHILE GOD ACTS FOR THEM, HE WILL FIGHT AND JUDGE WHILE THEY WORSHIP HIM.

30 AS THE PEOPLE REJOICE, GOD WILL DEAL w/ ASSYRIA.

31 THE ASSYRIANS DO NOT FEAR THEM OR EGYPT, BUT HE WILL FEAR GOD.

32 WHILE GOD PUNISHES ASSYRIA THE PEOPLE REJOICE. THIS IS THE SAME THOUGHT AS VERSE 29.

33 SOON, HELL WAITS AS A FINAL PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO REJECT GOD. ASSYRIAN & ISRAELITE THERE IS ONE PLACE ALL UNGODLY ARE JOINED TOGETHER FOREVER. SEE MATTHEW 25.46

prepared; indeed, for the king it is made ready, its pyre made deep and wide, with fire and wood in abundance; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it.

Woe to Those Who Go Down to Egypt

**31** Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!

2 And yet he is wise and brings disaster; he does not call back his words, but will arise against the house of the evildoers and against the helpers of those who work iniquity.

3 The Egyptians are man, and not God, and their horses are flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, the helper will stumble, and he who is helped will fall, and they will all perish together.

Miserable - Egyptians are these men

INSTEAD TRUST GOD WHO WILL DELIVER YOU

4 For thus the LORD said to me, "As a lion or a young lion growls over his prey, and when a band of shepherds is called out against him he is not terrified by their shouting or daunted at their noise,

**WOE** = sometimes translated WOR

① AS THE NATION BECOMES MORE INVOLVED AND CLOSER TO EGYPT GOD AGAIN HAS ISAIAH WARN THEM. EGYPT HAD A WELL EQUIPT ARMY THAT JUDAH WAS ENVIAS OF AND SAW AS THEIR SALVATION. THE ARMY THEY COULD SEE BUT THE GOD THEY COULD NOT SEE. THEY WERE SUBMITTING THEMSELVES TO EGYPT FROM WHOM GOD DELIVERED THEM BEFORE.

② ISAIAH MOCKS THEM w/ GOD'S WISDOM AND WORDS. GOD REJECTS ALL AND ANY WHO DO NOT LISTEN OR SERVE HIM.

③ THEIR CHOICE IS MEN WHO DIE OR GOD WHO IS OVER ALL AND MAKES ALL SUBMIT TO HIS WILL.

④ THE LION HAS SLAIN AN ANIMAL AND WILL NOT BE DRIVEN AWAY BY THE SHOUTING OF SHEPHERDS. HERE THE LION IS THE LORD WHO CANNOT BE DRIVEN AWAY. IT IS HIS VICTORY AND HE WILL SURRENDER IT TO NO ONE. WHEN HE FIGHTS HE DOES NOT BACK DOWN. HERE THE LORD IS AS FIERCE AS A LION.