

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 woe

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.

so the LORD of hosts will come down
to fight on Mount Zion and on its hill.

5 Like birds hovering, so the LORD of hosts
will protect Jerusalem;
he will protect and deliver it;
he will spare and rescue it."

6 Turn to him from whom people have deeply revolted,
O children of Israel. 7 For in that day everyone shall cast away
his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which your hands have
sinfully made for you.

8 "And the Assyrian shall fall by a sword, not of man;
and a sword, not of man, shall devour him;
and he shall flee from the sword,
and his young men shall be put to forced labor.

9 His rock shall pass away in terror,
and his officers desert the standard in panic,"
declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion,
and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

A King Will Reign in Righteousness

32 Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, (CHRIST spiritual Kingdom)
and princes will rule in justice.

2 Each will be like a hiding place from the wind,
a shelter from the storm,
like streams of water in a dry place,
like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

3 Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed,
and the ears of those who hear will give attention.

Turn to God - Reject Earthly Alliances

5 Compared to birds hovering over its nest the Loro is seen hovering over Jerusalem, protecting the city. Here God is watching for trouble from above the city. Able to see what others cannot. In verses 4 & 5 Mount Zion and Jerusalem are interchangeable titles of the city and represent God's people. If they rebel He will punish, if they repent He will protect. It is their choice, but know this, God will act.

6 The call is to make the logical choice, Reject man's help and return to trusting God for your salvation.

7 It must be more than words. They must change direction and reject their idols which are only items made by men. The call is for "Everyone" or the whole nation to repent.

8 Assyrian Defeat is promised. They will be defeated by an army but that army will be under the direction of God. If it was Egypt that saves Judah then the people would not praise God for acting on their behalf. Here Assyria is a physical Kingdom that will be defeated by the spiritual sword of God. They will flee or be captured. God used Babylon to defeat Assyria. Judah was not to defeat this enemy. Possibly to stop them from taking credit.

9 The stronghold of the enemy will be torn down. The army will flee in terror, its officers leading the retreat in fear. God has declared it, so it will happen. The fire represents the encampment of God. He reigns from Zion/Jerusalem.

1. Though some try to tie this to a particular Jewish king the prophecy here is clearly Messianic and can only be fulfilled by Jesus the Christ. This spiritual King is the final goal of all Isaiah's preaching. The princes are those who come in faith to serve this 'King of Righteousness.'

2 In applying it to physical Judah this restoration is a time when the again call on God. Ezra & Nehemiah can be seen as call the people back after the exile. It was a shadow of Christ coming and the people repenting. Great comfort will appear or follow the renewal.

3 God will be close to His people hearing, seeing, and answering their prayers because they have come back to Him.