

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.

- 4 The heart of the hasty will understand and know,
and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to
speak distinctly.
- 5 The fool will no more be called noble,
nor the scoundrel said to be honorable.
- 6 For the fool speaks folly,
and his heart is busy with iniquity,
to practice ungodliness,
to utter error concerning the LORD,
to leave the craving of the hungry unsatisfied,
and to deprive the thirsty of drink.
- 7 As for the scoundrel — his devices are evil;
he plans wicked schemes
to ruin the poor with lying words,
even when the plea of the needy is right.
- 8 But he who is noble plans noble things,
and on noble things he stands.

Complacent Women Warned of Disaster

- 9 Rise up, you women who are at ease, hear my voice;
you complacent daughters, give ear to my
speech.
- 10 In little more than a year
you will shudder, you complacent women;
for the grape harvest fails,
the fruit harvest will not come.
- 11 Tremble, you women who are at ease,
shudder, you complacent ones;
strip, and make yourselves bare,
and tie sackcloth around your waist.

4 In Israh's day, as in ours, people w/out God's spirit believe and follow the ways of fools. Here this stops and truth come forward. Truth will be clearly preached.

5 Without God the world is an upside down place. With God order is restored.

6 THOSE WHO HAVE REJECTED GOD ARE BUSY CHASING AFTER SIN. THEIR LIVES ARE CONSUMED WITH IT. ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO SATISFY SINFUL CRAVINGS. THE SINFUL IS W/OUT MERCY OR COMPASSION.

7 HERE ARE THOSE WHO SEEK MONEY AND CANNOT EARN IT HONESTLY. THEY WILL STEAL FROM THE POOR WITH TRICKS AND SCAMS. THEY PREY UPON THOSE W/ NOTHING AS WILD ANIMALS W/OUT CONCERN OR CARE.

8 THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE OF THE RIGHTEOUS WHICH HE CALLS THE NOBLE. THEIR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS ARE ON FULL DISPLAY FOR ALL TO SEE. UNLIKE THE FOOLISH, THE NOBLE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE.

9 Here for a second time (see 3.165) Israh takes direct aim at women with words of warning. (see also Amos 4.1-3) James p 94 - "He recognizes the influence the women have over the affairs of the land. When the women fail to uphold moral and spiritual principles, the land is in trouble." Here women have lost all feminity and are running wild like men. Ignoring their families and responsibilities. This shows how bad it has gotten. Families are breaking down, order is lost everywhere.

10 Translators differ on the time here. days, month, a year, longer. In any case time to repent and be saved is running out. THE HARVEST WHICH COMES EACH YEAR WILL FAIL YOU. Complacent is about being bold w/out regard to consequences.

11 Everything is about to change. THEIR LIVES OF PLEASURE W/OUT THOUGHT OF CONSEQUENCES IS COMING TO AN END. SOON, VERY SOON THEY WILL TURN FROM SELF-SATISFACTION TO MOURNING. THEY WILL WEEP AND CRY OUT IN ANGUISH.

12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields,
for the fruitful vine,
13 for the soil of my people
growing up in thorns and briers,
yes, for all the joyous houses
in the exultant city.
14 For the palace is forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watchtower
will become dens forever,
a joy of wild donkeys,
a pasture of flocks;
15 until the Spirit is poured upon us from on
high,
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.
16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful
field. (or land)
17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and
trust forever.
18 My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting
places.
19 And it will hail when the forest falls down,
and the city will be utterly laid low.
20 Happy are you who sow beside all waters,
who let the feet of the ox and the donkey
range free.

ISAIAH 41:5 Some of the results attributed to the working of THE Holy Spirit.

12+13a THEY are to remember when God provided for them abundantly THEIR SORROW will BE IN what WAS LOST. Now Sorrow and Hunger rule. THORNS and briers are WITHOUT FRUIT WHILE THEY CUT AND BRING SUFFERING.

13b-14 THEIR LIFE OF LUXURY will BE GONE. A DISTANT memory. Homes and palaces where they lived are replaced in defeat with caves and burrows in the dirt. THEIR cities lie in ruine and there is no hope. Wild animals now live where they once did. Is it ANY wonder that people living in LUXURY DID NOT WANT TO HEAR, AND REFUSED TO RESPOND to ISAIAH'S message.

15 ISAIAH LOOKS BEYOND THIS TIME OF PUNISHMENT AND Declares that the Spirit of GOD will move to REVIVE AND RESTORE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THIS IS ALL ABOUT THE PHYSICAL world, BUT THIS IS DETERMINED BY THEIR SPIRITUAL STATE. Now GOD will change THE BARREN WILDERNESS INTO A FRUITFUL LAND

16 when the spirit is poured out RIGHTEOUSNESS springs forward like a crop growing in FERTILE SOIL.

17 Calmness and Justice are RESTORED when SINFUL men & women have been dealt with. THIS LASTING FOREVER IS A FORE-SHADEW of the Heavenly Kingdom.

18 Here GOD, through ISAIAH, states HIS people will receive the greatest blessings. No longer driven to caves they live in peace and comfort.

19 Before peace, joy, prosperity returns there will be much judgement and destruction. ISAIAH show them both the coming restoration, but 1st this sinful people must be dealt with.

20 THE section ends with a BLESSING. This is GOD'S Kingdom and GOD'S people living in freedom together. Repented, Restored this is what the righteous can expect!