

Isaiah ¹⁷ [But behold, says the Lord of Hosts:

The LORD “I will show unto the children of men that it is]¹³² not yet a little while and Lebanon will be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field be regarded as a forest.”

Isaiah ¹⁸ And in that day the deaf will hear the words of the book, and from gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

¹⁹ And the meek also will increase {their} rejoicing in the LORD; and the poor will be joyful in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ For [assuredly as the Lord lives they shall see that]¹³³ the ruthless will come to nothing and the scoffer cease.

And all who watch for iniquity will be cut off. ²¹ [And they],¹³⁴ who, with a word, cause a person to sin and who lay a snare for an arbitrator at the gate and turn aside the righteous for chaos.

²² Therefore thus the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, says to the house of Jacob:

The LORD “Jacob will not now be ashamed, neither will his face now grow pale.

²³ Because when he sees his children, the work of My hands, they will sanctify My name.”

Isaiah And they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will hold in awe the God of Israel.

²⁴ They who err in spirit will know discernment; those who murmur will learn instruction.

JUDAH REJECTS ITS PROPHETS AND WALKS WITH EGYPT (30:1-17)

Isaiah **30** Declares the LORD,

The LORD “Woe, stubborn children, who devise counsel that is not from Me and who form an alliance that is not of My Spirit so that they add sin to sin,

² who go down to Egypt without asking at My mouth to take refuge in the stronghold of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt.

132. From 2 Nephi 27:28.

133. From 2 Nephi 27:31.

134. From 2 Nephi 27:32.

³Therefore the stronghold of Pharaoh will be your shame
and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt your insult.

⁴Although his officials are in Zoan
and his envoys have reached Hanes,

⁵everyone will be put to shame, on account of a people not able
to profit them,
neither helping nor profiting, but shame, and disgrace, too.”

⁶A prophecy against the Beasts of the Negev:
In the land of trouble and anguish,
lioness and lion among them,
viper and flying serpent.

They carry their riches on the backs of donkeys,
their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people that cannot
profit them.

⁷And Egypt is worthless!
They will help in vain!

Therefore, I have called her: “Its Arrogance Has Ceased!”

Isaiah ⁸Now come, write it on a tablet with them
and inscribe it on a book
and let it be for the last day,
a witness forever.

⁹For they are a rebellious people,
lying children—
children who are unwilling to hear the law of the LORD,

¹⁰who say to the seers,

The wicked “Do not see,”

Isaiah and to the prophets,

The wicked “Do not see right things.

Speak smooth things to us;
prophesy deceptions.

¹¹Turn aside from the way;
turn off the path;
cause the Holy One of Israel to cease before us.”

Isaiah ¹²Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel,

The LORD “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and leaned on it,
¹³ therefore, this iniquity will become to you like a breach, bulging out in a high wall,
 whose breaking comes suddenly,
 in an instant.
¹⁴ And its breaking is like a potter’s vessel that is broken, relentlessly shattered,
 so that a shard will not be found among its fragments with which to take fire from the hearth or to dip up water out of a cistern.”

Isaiah ¹⁵ For thus the Lord, the LORD, the Holy One of Israel said:

The LORD “In returning and rest you will be saved;
 in quietness and in trust your strength will be.
 But you were unwilling.
 But you said,

Inhabitants of Judah ¹⁶ ‘No! Because upon a horse we will flee’;

The LORD therefore, you will flee.

Inhabitants of Judah “We will ride upon a swift one”;

The LORD Therefore, your pursuers will be swift.

¹⁷ One thousand before the threat of one;
 before the threat of five, will you flee,
 until you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
 like an ensign on a hill.

GOD’S GRACE AND COMPASSION FOR ZION (30:18–26)

Isaiah ¹⁸ And therefore, the LORD waits to grant you grace,
 and therefore, He will rise to show you compassion,
 for the LORD is a God of justice;
 blessed are all who wait for Him.

¹⁹ Because, O people in Zion,
 who dwell at Jerusalem,

surely you will weep no longer;
 He will surely grant you grace at the sound of your crying;
 when He hears it, He will answer you.

²⁰ And the Lord will give you the bread of adversity
 and the water of oppression,

and your Teacher will no longer hide Himself,
 and your eyes will see your Teacher,

²¹ and your ears will hear a word behind you, saying:

The LORD “This is the way;
 walk in it,

whether you turn to the right
 or you turn to the left.”

Isaiah ²² Then you will defile your idols, overlaid with silver,
 and your gold-plated molten images;

you will cast them away as menstrual cloth;
 you will say to them,

**God’s
 covenant
 people**

“Go out!”

Isaiah ²³ And He will give rain for your seed, that you sow in the ground,
 and bread, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and fat.

In that day, your cattle will graze in a large pasture,

²⁴ and the oxen and the donkeys that work the ground will eat
 seasoned fodder

that is winnowed with shovel and fork.

²⁵ And there will be on every lofty mountain
 and every high hill, brooks running with water,

in the day of the great slaughter,
 when towers fall.

²⁶ And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun,
 and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, like the light of
 seven days,

in the day when the LORD binds up the brokenness of His people
 and heals the blow of their wound.

JOY FOR THE RIGHTEOUS DURING GOD'S JUDGMENTS (30:27-33)

Isaiah ²⁷ Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a distance,
 His anger burning and the burden heavy,
 His lips full of indignation,
 and His tongue like a devouring fire;
²⁸ His breath is like an overflowing stream,
 reaching up to the neck
 to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction,
 and a bridle on the jaws of the peoples, for he that leads astray.
²⁹ Your song will be as on the night when a festival is sanctified,
 and rejoicing of the heart, as when one walks with a flute
 to come to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the Rock of Israel.
³⁰ And the LORD will cause His majestic voice to be heard,
 and He will show His arm coming down
 with the indignation of anger
 and a flame of devouring fire,
 with a cloudburst
 and tempest and hailstones.
³¹ For at the voice of the LORD the Assyrians are terrified
 when He smites with His rod.
³² And every stroke with the appointed staff that the LORD lays
 upon them
 is to the sound of tambourines and harps,
 and in the wars that He will fight against them
 is with brandished weapons.
³³ For a burning place was arranged long ago;
 yea, it was prepared for the king.
 Its pyre was made deep and wide,
 with much fire and wood.
 The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone,
 sets fire to it.

DIVINE PROTECTION FOR ZION AND JERUSALEM (31:1-9)

Isaiah **31** Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help;
 they rely on horses,