

Isaiah 22:1-25 **Isaiah's Proclamation Against Jerusalem**

Proclamation Against Jerusalem

1 The burden against the **Valley of Vision**.

What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops, 2 You who are full of noise, A tumultuous city, a joyous city? Your slain men are not slain with the sword, Nor dead in battle.

3 All your rulers have fled together; They are captured by the archers. All who are found in you are bound together; They have fled from afar.

4 Therefore I said, "Look away from me, I will weep bitterly; Do not labor to comfort me Because of the plundering of the daughter of my people."

5 For it is a day of trouble and treading down and perplexity By the Lord God of hosts In the Valley of Vision — Breaking down the walls And of crying to the mountain.

6 **Elam** bore the quiver With chariots of men and horsemen, And **Kir** uncovered the shield.

7 It shall come to pass that your choicest valleys Shall be full of chariots, And the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

8 He removed the protection of **Judah**. You looked in that day to the armor of the House of the Forest; 9 You also saw the damage to the city of David, That it was great; And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, And the houses you broke down To fortify the wall.

11 You also made a reservoir between the two walls For the water of the old pool. But you did not look to its Maker, Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day the Lord God of hosts Called for weeping and for mourning, For baldness and for girding with sackcloth.

13 But instead, joy and gladness, Slaying oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

14 Then it was revealed in my hearing by the Lord of hosts, "Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you, Even to your death," says the Lord God of hosts.

The Judgment on Shebna

15 Thus says the Lord God of hosts:

"Go, proceed to this **steward, To Shebna**, who is over the house, and say: 16 'What have you here, and whom have you here, That you have hewn a sepulcher here, As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?"

17 Indeed, the Lord will throw you away violently, O mighty man, And will surely seize you. 18 He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball Into a large country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots Shall be the shame of your master's house.

19 So I will drive you out of your office, And from your position he will pull you down.

20 'Then it shall be in that day, That I will call My servant **Eliakim** the son of **Hilkiah**; 21 I will clothe him with your robe And strengthen him with your belt; I will commit your responsibility into his hand. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem And to the house of Judah.

22 The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open.

23 I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place, And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.

24 'They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers.

25 In that day,' says the Lord of hosts, 'the peg that is fastened in the secure place will be removed and be cut down and fall, and the burden that was on it will be cut off; for the Lord has spoken.'" NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Assyrian devastation of Judah [Isaiah 22:1-25]

- ✧ **Kir** is the area at the farthest north-east reaches of the Assyrian Empire and **Elam** is a son of Seth from the same region so their mention is of the Assyrians. [Isaiah 22:1-7]
- ✧ The timing is after the Assyrians carried Israel away captive and took them to the extreme North East area of the Assyrian Empire. [2 Kings 17:5-6]
- ✧ The reason for the captivity of the Northern nation of Israel was the wickedness brought about by the reign of all their kings from the division of the kingdom under Jeroboam when Israel rebelled against Rehoboam the son of Solomon. [1 Kings 11:26 - - 2 Kings 17:6]
- ✧ He (Yahweh) removed the protection of **Judah**. You looked in that day to the armor of the House of the Forest; You also saw the damage to the city of David, That it was great; And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.
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You also made a reservoir between the two walls For the water of the old pool. But you did not look to its Maker, Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.
[Isaiah 22:8-11]
- ✧ The warning against Judea was because of the influence on the people of Judah through the sins brought on by Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, causing Yahweh to remove His protection from Judah. [Isaiah 22:8-11, 2 Kings 16:1-20]
- ✧ In their pride and arrogance, the people were trusting in their own fortifications and forgot to look to Yahweh their God. [Isaiah 22:8-11]
- ✧ The message caused great lamentation and grief to the heart of Isaiah. [Isaiah 22:8-14]
- ✧ It was too late to make atonement for the judgment. [Isaiah 22:14]
- ✧ With Yahweh's protection removed from Judah, the Assyrian armies were able to bring a great destruction throughout the land of Judah and surround the city of Jerusalem.
- ✧ The message was to **Shebna** the Steward of the king's house before **Eliakim** was placed in that position and Shebna became the Scribe under the reign of Hezekiah when the city of Jerusalem was besieged by the Assyrian armies. [Isaiah 22:15-25, 2 Kings 18:17-37]
- ✧ The city of Jerusalem was delivered when Hezekiah, king of Judah laid out before Yahweh the letter from Sennacherib the king of Assyria that ridiculed Yahweh. [2 Kings 19:1-37]
- ✧ So much could have been saved had the people been faithful to follow and trust Yahweh their God.