

Isaiah 30:1-26 **Futility in depending on other nations instead of trusting in Yahweh**

Futile Confidence in Egypt

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Through a land of trouble and anguish, From which came the lioness and lion, The viper and fiery flying serpent, They will carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys, And their treasures on the humps of camels, To a people who shall not profit; ⁷ For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose. Therefore I have called her Rahab-Hem-Shebeth.

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¹³ Therefore this iniquity shall be to you Like a breach ready to fall, A bulge in a high wall, Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.

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God Will Be Gracious in the Kingdom

¹⁸ Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

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22 You will also defile the covering of your images of silver, And the ornament of your molded images of gold. You will throw them away as an unclean thing; You will say to them, "Get away!"

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25 There will be on every high mountain And on every high hill Rivers and streams of waters, In the day of the great slaughter, When the towers fall.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Isaiah preceded Jeremiah, but they both faced the same weakness of those of Israel to whom they ministered as prophets. The people desired to turn to Egypt for security instead of trusting in Yahweh Who offers them protection on the basis of their obedience to His commandments. [Jeremiah 41:16-18, 42:1-22, 43:1-13, 44:1-30]

✧ Human nature has not changed since they still do the same and depend on relations with other nations rather than trust in Yahweh. When the time of the judgment and wrath of God comes against the earth, there is no nation able to help any other nation to protect them.

✧ On the day of judgment, each nation and each person will answer to God for their own record. [Romans 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:12]

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- ✧ Yahweh commands recognition that the people of Israel are rebellious to the extent they refuse to obey the Law of God and demand that the prophets and seers speak only what they want to hear. [2 Timothy 4:1-4]
- ✧ They want deceptive messages to sooth their own ears rather than the truth that calls for them to return to God in repentance. It is as though they think they can command the God of all creation, the Living Holy One of Israel to cease to exist.
- ✧ It is amazing that people can imagine that God is nothing more than the figment of the imagination of the prophets presented to oppress and suppress the people. Yet that is the thinking of the humanists of today.
- ✧ Rebellion does not change the accountability of mankind to answer to the Living God on the day of judgment. It only seals their doom.
- ✧ Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:
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- ✧ Because of their open rebellion, Yahweh must act openly against them.
- ✧ Yahweh will break the nation like a potters vessel by the coming judgment, as Israel will be carried away captive to Assyria and Judah will be carried captive to Babylon. [Psalm 2:9, Jeremiah 19:10-11]
- ✧ When the nation falls before its enemies, there is no favoritism, but all are caught up in the destruction which devours the believers as well as the unbelievers alike. [Ezekiel 7:1-27]

Yahweh has offered the people a kingdom of quietness and peace, but they refused it

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- ✧ Over and over in the prophesies of Isaiah, Yahweh has encouraged the people with promises of the Kingdom of Righteousness He has planned for their future, but they continue to rebel. Now their overthrow is confirmed.
- ✧ Their plan to save themselves will fail as evidenced by their fall into captivity.

Longsuffering Patience of God

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- ✧ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. [2 Peter 3:9]

God Will Be Gracious in the Kingdom – Characteristics of the Kingdom of God

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✧ The Day of Yahweh (the Lord) will begin with the judgments of the Great Tribulation and end with the thousand year Kingdom age as Christ reigns a thousand years with His Saints and all is restored like in the Garden of Eden before the fall.

✧ As in all prophecies of Judgment, Yahweh again calls their attention to His great purpose and His goal of the Kingdom age.

✧ The Wrath of God is temporary and will end in the restoration of all things.

✧ Now Yahweh gives them the most comprehensive description of the Kingdom Age yet given to provide hope through the time of Wrath.

✧ Zion, Jerusalem, and Judea will be restored. [\[Isaiah 1:24-27, 2:1-3, 4:2-6, 30:19, 33:5, 35:10, 51:3, 9-11, 52:1-10, 54:11-17, 60:1-22, 62:1-12, 66:5-14, Joel 3:20-21, Psalm 46:1-11, Zechariah 1:1-13, 8:1-8, 20-23, 14:9-11\]](#)

✧ There will be no more weeping. [\[Isaiah 30:19, 65:19\]](#)

✧ At the sound of their cry Yahweh will hear and answer. [\[Isaiah 30:19, 65:24, Psalm 27:7\]](#)

✧ After the affliction of Wrath is ended, you will see your teachers in the Kingdom age and if you turn to the right or to the left, you will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way, walk in it." The glorified Saints will be guiding the mortals in the Kingdom as a rod of Iron government. [\[Isaiah 30:20-21, Psalm 2:9, Revelation 2:26-27\]](#)

✧ At that time all traces of idolatry will be cast aside and despised. [\[Isaiah 17:7-8, 30:22, 31:6-7\]](#)

✧ Yahweh will provide blessings of abundance of rain causing the land to produce bountifully rivers on the mountains and streams on the hills. [\[Isaiah 30:23-25\]](#)

✧ This will all happen on the Day of the Lord when Yahweh purges the earth of all that offends God in a great slaughter of the Great Tribulation and Judgment Seat of Christ, that is the time when the towers fall by the great earthquake. [\[Isaiah 30:25, Ezekiel 38:19-20, Revelation 6:12-14, 11:13, 16:18\]](#)

- ✧ The great slaughter of the purge is described. [Isaiah 1:24-31, 29:20-21, 30:25, 66:14-19, Malachi 3:1-5, 18, 4:1, Ezekiel 18:1-32, 20:33-38, 33:11-20, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50, 24:45-51, 25:31-46, Luke 13:23-30 and many other texts concerning the same event]
- ✧ God has planned for special lighting effects in the sun, moon, and stars. [Isaiah 30:26, Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24-25, Joel 3:15, Zechariah 14:6-7]
- ✧ After the Great Tribulation, in setting up the Kingdom, Yahweh will bind up the bruise of His people Israel and heal the stroke of their wound as the nation of Israel is restored. [Isaiah 30:26, 11:10-12, 40:1-2, 41:1-20, 44:21-23, 49:1-26, 66:20-22, Deuteronomy 4:30-31, Romans 11:25-32, Hebrews 8:7-13, Ezekiel 37:1-28, 39:25-29, Jeremiah 3:14-19, 23:3-8, 30:1-3, 8-24, 31:1-40, 32:36-41, 33:6-16, 46:27-28, Zephaniah 3:9-20 and many other texts concerning the same events]