

ISAIAH – The LORD is the Holy One of Israel

Lesson 5 – Outline

Six Woes of Warning

Isaiah 28:1 – 33:24

Woe to the Rebellious Children – Unwilling to Listen to the LORD – Verses 30:1 – 30:33

- * Forming an alliance with Egypt (vs 30:1 – 30:7) –
 - Not the LORD's plan, not by Spirit, heaping sin upon sin (vs 30:1)
 - Looking to Pharaoh for protection (vs 30:2)
 - But will only bring shame and disgrace (vs 30:3-5)
 - Receive an oracle calling Egypt Rahab – the Do-Nothing (vs 30:6-7)
- * Write the oracle down as an everlasting witness (vs 30:8 – 30:17) –
 - About the days to come (vs 30:8)
 - About a rebellious, deceitful people unwilling to listen (vs 30:9)
 - About a people who say, “No more visions of what is right; tell us pleasant things – prophesy illusions; stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel.” (vs 30:10-11)
 - But this is what the Holy One of Israel says (vs 30:12-17):
 - There are consequences for the rejection of this message (vs 30:12-14)
 - For repentance and rest is your salvation; quietness and trust is your strength – but you would have none of it (vs 30:15)
 - Instead you flee (vs 30:16-17)
- * But the LORD has a better plan (vs 30:18 – 30:33) –
 - The LORD longs to be gracious to you, to show you compassion (vs 30:18)
 - He is a God of justice, blessed are all who wait for Him (vs 30:18)
 - He will hear your cry for help (vs 30:19-21)
 - You will give up your idols (vs 30:22)
 - He will bless your land and it will be fruitful (vs 30:23-25)
 - He will heal the wounds He inflicted (vs 30:26)
 - He will shake the nations to destruction (vs 30:27-28)
 - Then His people will sing and rejoice going up to the mountain of the Lord – the Rock of Israel (vs 30:29)
 - The voice of the LORD will be heard and He will shatter Assyria (vs 30:30-33)

Woe to Those Who Rely on Egypt and not the LORD Almighty – Verses 31:1 – 32:20

- * Look to the Holy One of Israel (vs 31:1 – 31:3) –
 - Do not rely on the strength of Egypt, but seek help from the LORD (vs 31:1)
 - The LORD can bring disaster – the Egyptians are men and not God (vs 31:2-3)
- * Listen to the LORD (vs 31:4 – 31:7) –
 - Like a lion the LORD will come down and do battle on Mount Zion (vs 31:4)
 - Like birds the LORD will shield Jerusalem and deliver and rescue it (vs 31:5)
 - Return to the LORD, O Israelites, reject the idols your hands made (vs 31:6-7)

- * Assyria will fall by a sword (vs 31:8 – 31:9) –
 - A sword not of mortals will devour them (vs 31:8)
 - Their stronghold will fall out of terror and panic the LORD declares (vs 31:9)
 - It is His fire in Zion, His furnace in Jerusalem (vs 31:9)
- * A King will reign in righteousness (vs 32:1 – 32:8) –
 - Rulers will rule with justice (vs 32:1-2)
 - Eyes will see, ears will listen, minds will know and understand, tongues will be fluent and clear (vs 32:3-4)
 - No longer the fool will be called noble or the scoundrel respected (vs 32:5-7)
 - But the noble man makes noble plans and noble deeds stand (vs 32:8)
- * Rise up you women of Jerusalem and listen to Me (vs 32:9 – 32:20) –
 - In little more than a year you who feel secure will tremble (vs 32:9-13)
 - The fortress will be abandoned till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high (vs 32:14-15)
 - Then justice and righteousness will dwell (vs 32:16)
 - The fruit will be peace, with quietness and confidence, forever (vs 32:17-19)
 - How blessed you will be! (vs 32:20)

Woe to You, O Destroyer, O Traitor – Verses 33:1 – 33:24 –

- * Most likely the Destroyer and Traitor is Assyria (vs 33:1)
- * A prayer to the LORD for strength and salvation (vs 33:2 – 33:9)
 - In time of distress that the nations flee and are plundered (vs 33:2-4)
 - That the LORD is exalted when He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness (vs 33:5-6)
 - That the men of Judah cry out as envoys of peace weep bitterly (vs 33:7)
 - Travel and trade are interrupted (vs 33:8)
 - Surrounding lands waste away (vs 33:9)
- * The LORD's answer (vs 33:10 – 33:12) –
 - I will arise, be exalted and lifted up (vs 33:10)
 - You conceive chaff, give birth to straw, your breath is a fire that consumes you (vs 33:11)
 - The peoples will be burned and set ablaze (vs 33:12)
- * You far away hear what I have done, you near acknowledge My power (vs 33:13 – 33:16)-
 - Sinners in Zion are terrified, trembling grips the godless (vs 33:14)
 - But the righteous rejects extortion, bribes, murder and contemplating evil (vs 33:15)
 - This is the man who dwells on the heights whose needs will be provided (vs 33:16)
- * You will see the King! (vs 33:17 – 33:24) –
 - See Him in His beauty and view a land that stretches afar (vs 33:17)
 - Gone is the former terror, the arrogant people (vs 33:18-19)
 - See a peaceful Jerusalem with the LORD as our Might One (vs 33:20-21)
 - The LORD is our Judge, Lawgiver, King and Savior (vs 33:22)
 - Jerusalem like a ship not needing to sail (vs 33:23)
 - The inhabitants of Zion will not be ill as their sins will be forgiven (vs 33:24)