

The Judgment and Blessing of God – A Study in the Book of Isaiah

11 - THE WOES (ISAIAH 28:1-33:24)

I. Ephraim and Judah (Isaiah 28:1-29)

A. Woe to Ephraim (Isaiah 28:1-13)

- Doom is pronounced on the northern kingdom which is described as a drunkard.
- The northern kingdom will be trampled underfoot by the mighty one.
- The Lord will be a glory and beauty to the remnant that turn from their pride.
- The leaders were drunkards who would not listen to the word of the prophet.

B. Woe to Judah (Isaiah 28:14-29)

- The leaders of Judah trusted other gods to deliver them from the coming invasion.
- The Lord will set a cornerstone, the Messiah, in Jerusalem.
- Their agreements for deliverance will prove to be worthless.
- Using the example of farming, God's judgment will only be for a short time.

II. Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1-24)

A. The Coming Judgment (Isaiah 29:1-4)

- The prophet proclaims the city will be besieged and humiliated.

B. Future Deliverance (Isaiah 29:5-8)

- Their enemies will be like dust and chaff which suddenly disappears.
- The threat from the multitude of nations will vanish like a dream.

C. Jerusalem's Understanding of God's Revelation (Isaiah 29:9-24)

- Their spiritual blindness is a judgment from God.
- Their worship was meaningless since it was not from their hearts.
- Those who think their actions are hidden from God will be judged.
- In a coming time, the blind and deaf will have healing as the wicked are cut off.
- Judah will no longer be ashamed and humiliated.

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III. The Obstinate Children (Isaiah 30:1-33)

A. Foolishness (Isaiah 30:1-7)

- Doom is pronounced on those who seek help in Egypt without consulting the Lord.
- Isaiah proclaims that Egypt can do nothing to help Judah.

B. Coming Devastation (Isaiah 30:8-17)

- Isaiah is to write down the oracle as a future witness against Judah.
- Judgment will come on them as they rejected trusting the Lord.

C. Promises of Redemption (Isaiah 30:18-33)

- The Lord will wait to be gracious to them.
- Israel will return to the Lord and be faithful to him.
- Blessing will flow in the coming time of the millennium.
- After the great slaughter, Israel will enjoy peace and an abundance of water.
- The Lord will defeat the great army and joy will fill Jerusalem.

IV. The Egyptian Alliance (Isaiah 31:1-32:20)

A. The Woe Pronounced (Isaiah 31:1-3)

- Doom is pronounced on those who seek help in Egypt without consulting the Lord.

B. The Lord's Protection (Isaiah 31:4-9)

- The Lord promises to protect them from the coming threat.
- Since God will protect them, the Lord calls Judah to turn back to him.
- Assyria will fall because of the Lord alone and not because of men.

C. Time of Righteousness (Isaiah 32:1-8)

- In the millennium, the Messiah will rule in righteousness.
- People will understand God's word and speak clearly.
- Fools and the wicked will no longer be respected, but a generous man will stand.

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D. Future Judgment and Blessing (Isaiah 32:9-20)

- The women of Judah are to mourn as judgment is coming quickly.
- Cities of Judah will be abandoned and the land will be desolate.
- In a future time, the Spirit will be poured out and the land will be productive.
- Justice and peace will mark the land.

V. The Destroyers (Isaiah 33:1-24)

A. Woe to the Enemies (Isaiah 33:1-12)

- Doom is pronounced on the destroyer and the traitor.
- The righteous remnant waits for the salvation of the Lord.
- The Lord will show himself mighty as the enemies are destroyed.

B. Deliverance of God's People (Isaiah 33:13-24)

- People are called to acknowledge the power and might of the Lord.
- The wicked cannot endure God's judgment, but the righteous can.
- The prophet describes a fruitful land in which the righteous will dwell.
- The Messiah will be there and people will see him.
- Healing and forgiveness will mark that time.