

## ISAIAH – Chapter 29

Vs. 1 Woe O Ariel – Jerusalem

- 1) City where David camped.
- 2) Mount Zion, vs. 8.

The word Ariel means:

- 1) Lion of God.
- 2) Altar hearth. Ezk. 43:15, 16

(The altar of burnt offering was the strength of Israel.)

The outward religious services will not spare Jerusalem from judgments.  
Hypocrites do not impress the God of Israel!

Vs. 2 God is the one who will bring distress to Jerusalem by turning it into a burning hearth, where the inhabitants will be offered up. Isa. 7:23; 7:18-19 Unlike Israel, God's planned judgment upon Judah will not be complete (yet). "Jerusalem will be like an altar hearth to Judah's God."

Vs. 3 There was a time when God's angels camped around Jerusalem to protect her (2 Kings 6:14-17 – Dothan 12 miles north of Samaria – Ps. 68:17).

God, through Isaiah, is speaking of a near time when God will remove His protection from her, but stop short of destroying her. Isa. 37:30-38

Jesus speaks of a near time when Jerusalem's total destruction will be experienced. Lk. 19:43-44 (70 A.D.)

Vs. 4 May well describe the last 2,000 years of Jerusalem's history, which will be repeated one final time for the final 3 ½ years of this present age.

Vs. 5 At the end of the tribulation, when all the nations of the earth will be in the process of destroying Jerusalem, the Lord Jesus will return and put a stop to the process. Mt. 24:21-22, 31; Rev. 19:17-19

Vs. 6 Again, the wars and desolation experienced by Judah will be brought upon them by the Lord, Himself.

Vs. 7 All the nations, which He has commissioned to come against His people, will be destroyed upon the completion of their assignment! Why? Isa. 10:7-17; Zech. 14:2-3; Joel 3:1-3

NOTE: The conflict that the world will enter into with the nation will ultimately center on the city of Jerusalem.

All, who wage war against her.  
who distress her shall end up as a dream or vision of the night – can no longer  
be recalled!

Vs. 8 Their attempt to destroy Jerusalem will be as successful as:

- 1) A hungry man satisfying his hunger in a dream – when he awakes, his meal turns out to be an illusion.
- 2) The same picture is repeated with that of a thirsty man.

The application – thus, will the nations find themselves when they “wake up” at the end of the tribulation.

Vs. 9-12 The Judahites inability to see or understand the message that the Lord is delivering to them, is part of the judgment that they are under. 2 Cor. 3:14-16, Rom 10:16-21; 11:7-10 followed by vs. 11ff.

Vs. 13 Why has it gone the way it has for the nation?

**Because**...Ezk. 33:30-33; Mt. 15:3-12; Ps. 78:34-39ff; Micah 3:11-12, 6:6-8

Vs. 14 **Therefore**, I will deal with this people:

- 1) The wisdom of their wise men shall perish.
- 2) Their discerning men shall be concealed.

All their “religious effort” will be exposed for what it is...and they shall cease...

Vs. 15 Woe, to those:

- 1) Hide their plans from the Lord.
- 2) Do their deeds in a dark place.
- 3) Who say:
  - a) who sees us.
  - b) who knows us.

NOTE: God can hide things from man, but man cannot hide anything from God!  
Isa. 29:10-12

Vs. 16 Such twisted thinking is like confusing the potter with the clay. The clay has no power over the potter; it is the other way around. Rom. 9:18-21

NOTE: The world of men today has all resorted to this erroneous thinking.

Vs. 17(a) God will not allow this perverted thinking to continue. A day is coming when He will set man right!

“in just a little while” – 2900 years is a very short amount of time when the 2900 years are over and we are looking back – the time – the millennial kingdom.

Vs. 17(b)-21 In a little while, on that day.

- 1) Lebanon will be a forest again.
- 2) The deaf shall hear.
- 3) The blind shall see. Isa. 35:4-10
- 4) The afflicted will experience gladness in the Lord.
- 5) The needy of mankind shall rejoice in the God of Israel.
- 6) The ruthless will come to an end.
- 7) The scorner will be finished.
- 8) All who are intent on doing evil will be cut off.
  - a) cause a person to be indicted by a word.
  - b) ensnares him who adjudicates at the gate.
  - c) defrauds with meaningless arguments.

Vs. 22 Thus says the Lord...concerning the house of Jacob. A time will come when Jacob will no longer be ashamed nor will his face turn pale – foreign domination and personal corporate sin will no longer make them this way.

Vs. 23 In contrast to the past, Jacob will:

- 1) See his children, the work of God’s hands in his midst.
- 2) Jacobs’s children will sanctify the name of God.
- 3) Jacob’s children will stand in awe of the God of Israel – as a nation, they will all be believers. Rom. 11:26-29

Vs. 24 Those who err – will know the truth.

Those who criticize will change – they will accept instruction.

Bottom line of the promise – they will all know the Lord, the least to the greatest!