

The Fall of the Northern Kingdom

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Failure to follow God's Word has eternal consequences

A. The Woe of Ephraim (Isaiah 28:1-6)

1. The approach of the impending judgment (28:1)

Amos 4:1

2. The authority of the impending judgment (28:2)

3. The action of the impending judgment (28:3-4)

4. The application of the impending judgment (28:5-6)

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B. The Woe of Jerusalem (Isaiah 28:7-13)

1. The sins of Judah identified (28:7-8)

2. The spiritual condition of Judah (28:9)

3. The keys to spiritual growth rejected (28:10-13)

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- 1. You have made the wrong covenant (28:14-15)**
- 2. You have rejected the right covenant (28:16-17)**
- 3. The triumph of the right covenant (28:18-21)**
- 4. The invitation to accept the right covenant (28:22-23)**

D. The Picture of God's Judgment (Isaiah 28:24-29)

- 1. A crop harvest picture (28:24-25)**
- 2. The character of God's judgment (28:26-29)**

O, Jerusalem

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Immediate and future prophecies concerning Jerusalem

I. The Place of Judgment (Isaiah 29:1-8)

A. The city identified (29:1)

Isaiah 29:1

Woe to **Ariel**, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

I. The Place of Judgment (Isaiah 29:1-8)

B. Judgment announced (29:2-3)

Isaiah 29:2-3

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I. The Place of Judgment (Isaiah 29:1-8)

C. A panoramic judgment (29:4-8)

1. Multiple invaders (vv 4-5)

Isaiah 29:4-5

4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

Luke 21:20-24

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

I. The Place of Judgment (Isaiah 29:1-8)

C. A panoramic judgment (29:4-8) - continued

2. Final battle (vv 6-8)

a. The fury (vv 6-7)

Isaiah 29:6-7

6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

I. The Place of Judgment (Isaiah 29:1-8)

C. A panoramic judgment (29:4-8) - continued

2. Final battle (vv 6-8)

b. The futility (v 8)

Isaiah 29:8

It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

II. The Problems Resulting in Judgment

(Isaiah 29:9-16)

A. No spiritual discernment (29:9-10)

Isaiah 29:9-10

9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

II. The Problems Resulting in Judgment

(Isaiah 29:9-16)

B. No spiritual understanding (29:11-12)

Isaiah 29:11-12

11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:

12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

II. The Problems Resulting in Judgment

(Isaiah 29:9-16)

C. No spiritual walk (29:13-14)

Isaiah 29:13-14

13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

II. The Problems Resulting in Judgment

(Isaiah 29:9-16)

D. No spiritual conviction (29:15-16)

Isaiah 29:15-16

15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

III. The Purpose of Judgment (Isaiah 29:17-24)

A. To become fruitful (29:17)

Isaiah 29:17

Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?

John 15:2

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

III. The Purpose of Judgment (Isaiah 29:17-24)

B. To understand (29:18)

Isaiah 29:18

And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

C. To have joy (29:19)

Isaiah 29:19

The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

III. The Purpose of Judgment (Isaiah 29:17-24)

D. To remove sin (29:20-21)

Isaiah 29:20-21

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:

21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

III. The Purpose of Judgment (Isaiah 29:17-24)

E. To not be ashamed (29:22)

Isaiah 29:22

Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

F. To glorify God (29:23)

Isaiah 29:23

But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

III. The Purpose of Judgment (Isaiah 29:17-24)

G. To do things God's way (29:24)

Isaiah 29:24

**They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding,
and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.**

Acts 2:37

**Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles,
Men and brethren, what shall we do?**