

# July 22/Day 203

Back to the major prophet Isaiah. Remember, though his writings are prophetic, they are also poetic, so much of the language is figurative.

## Isaiah 28

Verse 1

- While Isaiah prophesies to Judah, Ephraim is mentioned here, part of the northern kingdom. SO, Isaiah's prophecy extends to the northern kingdom of Israel as well.

Verses 2-5

- In what day? Is this near-future or far-reaching future prophecy? Or a little of both?

Verses 6-10

- Scripture is a progressive revelation. This is how we learn it.

Verses 11-14

- Now he focuses on Judah and Jerusalem once again.

Verses 15-16

- Think about this tested stone, this costly cornerstone. What will happen to those who believe in the cornerstone?
- Mark 12:10, "Have you not even read this Scripture: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.'"

Verse 17

- He's using construction language here. What are these tools used for and what do we need to learn from them?

Verse 18

- Aren't you glad our covenant with death and hell has been canceled? Who canceled it?

Verses 19-22

- A scoffer mocks or makes fun of something. A scoffer disbelieves.

Verses 23-25

- What spices and grains are mentioned here? Did you know these were used in ancient times?

Verses 26-29

## Isaiah 29

Verses 1-2

- Ariel means “lion of God”. It is used of Jerusalem.

Verse 3

- What are seigeworks and battle towers? We might say siege engines?

Verses 4-13

- In what way do the people draw near?
- What about their hearts?
- What did they keep in lieu of true reverence?

Verses 14-21

- What is going on this verse 21? Any of this going on these days?

Verses 22-24

- Will there eventually be vindication?

## Isaiah 30

Verses 1-2

- Going down to Egypt in Scripture always represents going into sin and seeking refuge from someone other than God.

Verses 3-9

- What does God call rebellious people?
- Did you know it is possible to be outwardly religious yet inwardly rebellious? This is what the previous passage is speaking of when it says they honored Him with their lips but their hearts were far from Him.

Verse 10

- Why did the people not want the prophets to see visions?

Verses 11-15

- How would they be saved? Repentance is a change of mind which results in a change of direction. Rest is a picture of Jesus, our Sabbath. Hebrews 3 & 4 warns us about not entering His rest. The reason we fail to enter His rest is due to unbelief.

Verses 16-18

- Therefore is a term of conclusion so it's like saying, "in light of everything we just read... therefore". So, what is this therefore concluding?
- What does the LORD long for?
- What happens when we long for Him?

Verses 19-22

- When would their eyes behold their Teacher?
- What will their ears hear behind them?

Verses 23-26

- Who provides rain? And rich soil?
- When will all this happen?

Verses 27-33

See you tomorrow.