

# Isaiah 30-32 Notes

## Precept study on Isaiah Part 1, Lesson 12

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### 1 Review

- Isaiah 1-5: God judges His people. Call to repentance. Promise of future restoration.
- Isaiah 6: Isaiah before God's throne
- Isaiah 7-9: Fear God, not man.
- Isaiah 9-12: Judgement on Israel and Assyria. The Branch, His anger turns away.
- Isaiah 13-23: Oracles concerning Babylon, many other nations.
- Isaiah 24-25: the destruction of the whole earth. The LORD swallows up death for all time!
- Isaiah 26: The righteous contrasted with the wicked. You (the LORD) have also performed all our works (v12). The righteous trusts, confesses, and waits for Him. Your dead will live. The wicked are trampled, do not learn; their dead will not live.
- Isaiah 27: Let him make peace with Me. The LORD guards His vine.
- Isaiah 28: the scoffers stagger
  - Isaiah 28:1-8: Woe the drunken priests and prophets, giving poor judgement and false visions.
  - Isaiah 28:9-13: nonsense for nonsense. They mock the LORD's word as nonsense, and so are given nonsense. See also Hosea 5:11, the only other use of Tsav: Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, Because he was determined to follow man's **command**.
  - Isaiah 28:14-22: the scoffers make a packet with death, take refuge in lies. The LORD cancels their pact.
- Isaiah 29: Woe to Ariel
  - Woe to Ariel
  - Woe to those who hide their plans from the LORD,
  - concealing themselves with deception (28:15).

- Yet the needy will rejoice the deaf hear, the blind see, Jacob will stand in awe of the God of Israel.
- The ruthless will come to an end.

## **2 Isaiah 30: Do not walk in your own way; walk in the LORD's way**

### **2.1 Isaiah 30:1-5: Woe to rebellious children**

- What was the rebellious plan?
- An enemy coming from the north
- so they seek help from the south (Egypt)

### **2.2 Isaiah 30:6-12: They refuse to listen**

- see 28:15, 29:15: trust in lies and deception
- v11: they refuse to walk in the right way; contrast with v21.

### **2.3 Isaiah 30:13-17: Therefore they will be shattered**

- v15: in repentance you will be saved.
- see 26:3-4, 26:12, 32:17

### **2.4 Isaiah 30:18-22: Yet the LORD is gracious**

### **2.5 Isaiah 30:19-22: When they cry, He will listen**

- yet he waits to have compassion
- when they cry out, He will listen ... and answer
- v21: they hear the right way; contrast with v11

### **2.6 Isaiah 30:23-26: Then the LORD will bless them**

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### **2.7 Isaiah 30:27-33: The LORD will fight for them**

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### **3 Isaiah 31: Do not rely on Egypt; rely on the LORD**

#### **3.1 Isaiah 31:1-3: Woe to those who trust Egypt**

- they trust Egypt, but do not rely on the LORD

#### **3.2 Isaiah 31:4-7: the LORD wages war to protect Zion**

- see how fiercely God defends His people ... us!
- contrast v5 (He will pass over) with the overwhelming scourge (28:15)
- key verse:

Return to Him from whom you have deeply defected, O sons of Israel. For in that day every man will cast away his silver idols and his gold idols, which your sinful hands have made for you as a sin. (Isaiah 31:6-7)

#### **3.3 Isaiah 31:8-9: Assyria will fall**

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### **4 Isaiah 32: The fool speaks nonsense; the noble will stand**

#### **4.1 Isaiah 32:1-2: A king will reign**

- with righteousness and justice
- like water in a dry land

#### **4.2 Isaiah 32:3-8: Blind eyes will see, the noble will stand**

- whose eyes are blind? who is deaf? who cannot discern?
- the rebellious children, who refuse the truth and take refuge in lies and deception, who call the word of the LORD stammering nonsense.
- YET: the blind shall see, deaf hear, the hasty discern truth, the stammerer speak
- this gives hope - even to the worst, who repent. He longs to be gracious to us.

### 4.3 Isaiah 32:9-14: Listen, foolish women!

- compare v6 with 28:10, the nonsense ditty
- the rogue devises wicked schemes, and relies on slander
- YET the noble man devises noble plans, and by noble plans he stands (v8, key verse)
- so listen up! the fertile field will become wilderness, the city forsaken

### 4.4 Isaiah 32:15-20: Until the Spirit is poured out on us...

- UNTIL: the Holy Spirit is poured out
- wilderness becomes a fertile field (again),
- key verses. Do we do this ourselves? Do we work for it?

And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. (32:17)

The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock. (26:3-4)

LORD, You will establish peace for us, Since You have also performed for us all our works. (26:12)

For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength." (30:15)

## 5 Compare/contrast the wicked and the righteous

Who is the fool? Who is the righteous one?

### 5.1 Isaiah 5

Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; And their honorable men are famished, And their multitude is parched with thirst. (Isaiah 5:13)

### 5.2 Isaiah 26

- **the LORD:** keeps us in peace judges, rules, destroys wicked, chastens the righteous, brings life, comes!
- LORD, You will establish peace for us, Since You have also performed for us all our works. (26:12)
- **the righteous:** way is smooth, trusts Him, waits for Him, confesses, prays, dead will live, shouts for joy

O LORD, they sought You in distress; They could only whisper a prayer, Your chastening was upon them. (26:16)

- **the wicked:** trampled, doesn't learn - even when shown favor or punished, dead will not live, LORD wipes out remembrance of them

### 5.3 Isaiah 27

- the LORD: waters/guards His vine, no wrath against it. destroys enemies or makes peace. strikes Jacob, so that they destroy their own idols; heals them. no compassion on those without discernment. gathers the exiles and brings them to Jerusalem

### 5.4 Isaiah 30

- the fool wants to get out of the way of the LORD
- who is this? Is anyone righteous?
- but then (v19): they repent; the LORD hears their cry, and they will weep no longer.
- the LORD gave them hardship (v20), but no longer
- they walked away (v11) but no longer (v21)
- they bowed to idols, but no more (v22)
- then the LORD will bless them (v23 and following).

### 5.5 Isaiah 31

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- THEN the LORD will defend Zion, like a lion defends its prey

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### 5.6 Summary

The fool is the one who stays in his/her sin. The righteous were once fools themselves, unwilling to listen. But with the gracious of the LORD, and through experiencing the natural outcome of their own rebellion, they repent and are forgiven. They benefit not from their own work, but from the LORD.