

## ISAIAH CHAPTER 8

<sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to me, "Take to yourself a volume of a great new *book*, and write in it with a man's pen concerning the making a rapid plunder of spoils; for it is close at hand. <sup>2</sup> And make for Me witnesses *among* faithful men, Uriah, and Zechariah the son of Berechiah."

<sup>3</sup> And I went in to the prophetess; and she conceived, and bore a son. And the Lord said to me, "Call his name, Spoil Quickly, Plunder Speedily. <sup>4</sup> For before the child shall know *how* to call *his* father or *his* mother, *one* shall take the power of Damascus and the spoils of Samaria before the king of the Assyrians."

<sup>5</sup> And the Lord spoke to me yet again, *saying*, <sup>6</sup> "Because this people chooses not the water of Siloam that goes softly, but wills to have Rezin, and the son of Remaliah *to be* king over you; <sup>7</sup> therefore behold, the Lord shall bring upon you the water of the river, strong and abundant, *even* the king of the Assyrians, and his glory; and he shall come up over every valley of yours, and shall walk over every wall of yours; <sup>8</sup> and he shall take away from Judah *every* man who shall be able to lift up his head, *and everyone* able to accomplish anything; and his camp shall fill the breadth of your land, *O Immanuel*." <sup>9</sup> Know, you Gentiles, and be conquered; listen, even to the extremity of the earth; be conquered, after you strengthened yourselves; for even if you should again strengthen yourselves, you shall again be conquered. <sup>10</sup> And whatever counsel you shall take, the Lord shall bring it to nought; and whatever word you shall speak, it shall not stand among you; for God is with us.

<sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord, "With a strong hand they revolt from the course of the way of this people, saying, <sup>12</sup> 'Let them not say, "*It is hard*,'" for whatsoever this people says, is hard; but do not fear their fear, neither be dismayed." <sup>13</sup> Sanctify the Lord Himself; and He shall be your fear. <sup>14</sup> And if you shall trust in Him, He shall be to you for a sanctuary; and you shall not come against *Him* as against a stumbling stone, neither as against the falling of a rock; but the houses of Jacob are in a snare, and those who dwell in Jerusalem are in a pit. <sup>15</sup> Therefore many among them shall be weak and fall, and be crushed; and they shall draw near, and men shall be taken securely.

<sup>16</sup> Then those who seal themselves, that they may not learn the law, shall be made manifest. <sup>17</sup> And *one* shall say, "I will wait for God, who has turned away His face from the house of Jacob, and I will trust in Him." <sup>18</sup> Behold I and the children which God has given me; and they shall be *for* signs and wonders in the house of Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion.

<sup>19</sup> And if they should say to you, "Seek those who have in them a divining spirit, and those that speak from out of the ground"—those that speak vain words, who speak out of their belly; shall not a nation diligently seek their God? Why do they look to the dead concerning the living? <sup>20</sup> For He has given the law for a help, that they should not speak according to this word, concerning which there are no gifts to give for it. <sup>21</sup> And famine shall come sorely upon you, and it shall come to pass, *that* when you shall be hungry, you shall be grieved, and you shall speak evil of the prince and of your fathers' ordinances; and they shall look up to heaven above, <sup>22</sup> and they shall look on the earth below, and behold severe distress, and darkness, affliction, and anguish, and darkness so that *no one* can see; and he that is in anguish shall not be distressed only for a season.