

ISAIAH CHAPTER 31

¹ Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, who trust in horses and chariots, for they are many; and in horses, *which are* a great multitude; and have not trusted in the Holy One of Israel, and have not sought the Lord. ² Therefore He has wisely brought evils upon them, and His word shall not be frustrated; and He shall rise up against the houses of wicked men, and against their vain hope, ³ *even* an Egyptian, a man, and not God; the flesh of horses, and there is no help *in them*; but the Lord shall bring His hand upon them, and the helpers shall fail, and all shall perish together.

⁴ For thus said the Lord unto me: "As a lion roars, or a lion's whelp over prey which he has taken, and cry over it, until the mountains are filled with his voice, and *the animals* are awe-struck and tremble at the fierceness of his wrath; so the Lord of hosts shall descend to fight upon Mount Zion, *even* upon her mountains. ⁵ As birds flying, so shall the Lord of hosts defend; He shall defend Jerusalem, and He shall rescue, and save and deliver."

⁶ Turn, you children of Israel, who devise a deep and sinful counsel. ⁷ For in that day men shall renounce their silver idols and *their* golden idols, which their hands have made.

⁸ And the Assyrian shall fall; not the sword of a great man, nor the sword of a mean man shall devour him; neither shall he flee from the face of the sword; but the young men shall be overthrown; ⁹ for they shall be compassed with rocks as with a trench, and shall be overcome; and he that flees shall be taken. Thus says the Lord: "Blessed is he that has a seed in Zion, and household friends in Jerusalem."