

ISAIAH CHAPTER 22

¹ The word of the valley of Zion. What has happened to you, that you now are all going up to the housetops, which do not help you? ² The city is filled with shouting; your slain are not slain with swords, nor are your dead those who have died in battle. ³ All your princes have fled, and *your* captives are tightly bound, and the mighty *men* in you have fled far away.

⁴ Therefore I said, "Let me alone, I will weep bitterly; labor not to comfort me for the breach of the daughter of my people." ⁵ For *it is* a day of trouble, and of destruction, and of treading down, and *there is* perplexity *sent* from the Lord of hosts; they wander in the valley of Zion; they wander from the least to the greatest on the mountains. ⁶ And the Elamites took *their* quivers, and *there were* men mounted on horses, and *there was* a gathering for battle. ⁷ And it shall be *that* your choice valleys shall be filled with chariots, and horsemen shall block up your gates.

⁸ And they shall uncover the gates of Judah, and they shall look in that day on the choice houses of the city. ⁹ And they shall uncover the secret places of the houses of the citadel of David; and they saw that they were many, and that one *had* turned the water of the old pool into the city; ¹⁰ and that they *had* pulled down the houses of Jerusalem, to fortify the wall of the city. ¹¹ And you procured for yourselves water between the two walls within the ancient pool; but you did not look to Him that made it from the beginning, and did not regard Him that created it.

¹² And the Lord, the Lord of hosts, called in that day for weeping, and lamentation, and baldness, and for girding with sackcloth; ¹³ but they engaged in joy and gladness, slaying calves, and killing sheep, so as to eat flesh, and drink wine; saying, "Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die." ¹⁴ And these things are revealed in the ears of the Lord of hosts; for this sin shall not be forgiven you, until you die.

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Go into the chamber, to Shebna the treasurer, and say to him, 'Why are you here? ¹⁶ And what have you to do here, that you have hewn yourself a tomb, and made yourself a tomb on high, and have graven for yourself a dwelling in the rock?' ¹⁷ Behold now, the Lord of hosts casts forth and will utterly destroy *such* a man, and will take away your robe and your glorious crown, ¹⁸ and will cast you into a great and unmeasured land, and there you shall die; and He will bring your fair chariot to shame, and the house of your prince to be trodden down. ¹⁹ And you shall be removed from your stewardship, and from your place.

²⁰ "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah; ²¹ and I will put on him your robe, and I will grant him your crown with power, and I will give your stewardship into his hands; and he shall be as a father to them that dwell in Jerusalem, and to them that dwell in Judah. ²² And I will give him the glory of David; and he shall rule, and there shall be none to speak against him; and I will give him the key of the house of David *upon* his shoulder. And he shall open, and there shall be none to shut; and he shall shut, and there shall be none to open. ²³ And I will make him a ruler in a sure place, and he shall be for a glorious throne in his father's house. ²⁴ And everyone that is

glorious in the house of his father shall trust in him, from the least to the greatest; and they shall depend upon him in that day."

²⁵ Thus says the Lord of hosts: "The man that is fastened in the sure place shall be removed and be taken away, and shall fall; and the glory that is upon him shall be utterly destroyed; for the Lord has spoken it."