

Isaiah 28

King James Version (KJV)

(To 10 ten northern tribes)

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! (Ephraim stands for the 10 tribes to the north of Judah) (Samaria is the crown of Ephraim; the proud rich leaders are drunk in their own ego; the fading flower is wilting and will die soon)

² Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. (a mighty and strong enemy – this is antichrist. God uses him to chastise Ephraim for their sins)

³ The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: (God allowed the Assyrians to take them, as a chastisement for their egotism, and idol worship. Right from the beginning, Jeroboam made 2 golden calves for them to worship and it never got any better) (Future- antichrist <the Assyrian> will take them spiritually)

⁴ And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. (The Assyrian will devour them)

⁵ In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, (Only to those that remain faithful to God)

⁶ And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. (The gate of the city was where judgment were pronounced)

(Next verses to Judah and Jerusalem)

⁷ But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. (They made wrong right, and right wrong; they call homosexuality – diversity; they call faithful Christians who reject perversion - bigots)

⁸ For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. (The tables are meant for offerings to God – this is what God thinks of their behavior and their offerings. He doesn't want them)

⁹ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. (This is the people mocking Isaiah and his prophecies; saying he talks down to them as children)

¹⁰ For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: (Still mocking Isaiah; these words form a rhyme in the Hebrew)

¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. (They don't take Isaiah seriously because he is warning them of the Assyrian. They see the Word of God as if it was a foreign language that they can't understand)

¹² To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. (Instead of getting peace of mind from God's Word through Isaiah, they refused to even listen)

¹³ But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. (Chastisement by God for their arrogance, led to their captivity by their enemy)

¹⁴ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. (Jerusalem then; Washington today?)

¹⁵ Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: (death is Satan) (Falsehood is the rapture. It will lead them to be deceived by antichrist)

¹⁶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. (The cornerstone is Jesus Christ) (He that believes won't be hasty and fooled by the antichrist, which arrives first. They will wait for Jesus at the 7th trump)

¹⁷ Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. (The plummet is a plumb bob. Used to set a true vertical line when building something)

¹⁸ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. (The deceived will be given a chance to make the right choice, in the Millennium. They will be taught the true Word of God)

¹⁹ From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. (To understand the report of Isaiah; God will see to it that they listen to what Isaiah was talking about, when they are in the Millennium)

²⁰ For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. (The false teacher's deceit & lies shall not cover him)

²¹ For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. (God punished the enemy at Perazim and at Gibeon. This time, He will correct His own people. That is the strange work)

²² Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth. (Don't mock or fight against God's judgment or you'll just end up hurting yourself)

²³ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. (Pay attention. God is about to teach)

²⁴ Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

²⁵ When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place? (A metaphor – God deals with different people in different ways; each in his time and in his place)

²⁶ For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.

²⁷ For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. (All people are dealt with in the way that is right for them)

²⁸ Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen. (It is only threshed until it is of the right consistency and no more)

(God only corrects people until they have learned the lesson and no more)

²⁹ This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working. (Excellent in working = excellent in wisdom – better translation) (Don't mock God)