

## Isaiah 21

King James Version (KJV)

(God doesn't place burdens on people. They bring it on themselves by what they do. This word burden is better translated as prophecy)

**21** The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. (the desert of the sea – Babylon – babyl, confusion; The sea represents the sea of peoples; the desert is dry, arid – without the living water, a wasteland)

(At this time Israel was due to fall to the Assyrians. Assyria was the main power. Babylon wasn't a great power yet. 200 years later, Babylon, under Nebuchadnezzar, would defeat the Assyrians. This prophecy foretells of the fall of Babylon by many years later)

<sup>2</sup>A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. (People rip each other off; there are no morals left) (Elam means eternity) (Medial Persia conquered Babylon 270 years after this prophecy)

<sup>3</sup>Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. (Babylon will fall, due to their own Idolatry and confusion and lack of morals and decency) (In the end times, the whole world will be in confusion and will fall to antichrist)

<sup>4</sup>My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.

<sup>5</sup>Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield. (Prepare for battle. Anointing the shield made it slick so that weapons would slide off to the side when it was hit. Today our anointing comes from following Jesus Christ)

<sup>6</sup>For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth. (The Elect will be the watchmen in the end times)

<sup>7</sup>And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed: (The Medes and the Persians were coming to defeat Babylon)

<sup>8</sup>And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights: (A lion= AS a lion – he roared as a lion – mistranslation)

<sup>9</sup>And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. (Past – Babylon fell to the Medes & Persians; Future – Antichrist's one-world system will fall to Jesus Christ when He returns)

<sup>10</sup>O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you. (The threshing floor; where the good is separated from the bad)

<sup>11</sup>The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? (Dumah = Idumia; akin to Edom or red. Seir was Esau's inheritance – Russia, communism)

<sup>12</sup>The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come. (You can enquire all you want, but God will be silent. He has already warned, over and over. The day is almost over and it's too late)

<sup>13</sup>The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. (Arabs = neither day nor night; neither light nor dark) (Dedan was a son of Abraham and Keturah, his second wife, after Sarah died)

<sup>14</sup>The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. (Tema is the desert) (prevented = met those that fled with bread – mistranslation)

<sup>15</sup>For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.

<sup>16</sup>For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: (Kedar- dark skinned offspring of Abraham and Hagar, his concubine and the mother of Ishmael)

<sup>17</sup>And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it.

