Isaiah 31

King James Version (KJV)

31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! (Woe to those who put their trust in men, instead of trusting God. God freed them from Egypt; and yet, when they needed help, they went to Egypt, instead of going to God) (Horses and chariots are types for military strength)

(When Moses led Israel out of Egypt, God told them never to return to Egypt for anything. As usual, they didn't listen)

- ²Yet he also is wise, and will bring <u>evil</u>, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. (evil = calamity, disaster)
- ³ Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.
- ⁴ For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. (A lion is fearless when making a kill. Nothing can scare it away)
- ⁵ As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it. (Like birds flying over their nest, they will defend it)
- ⁶Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. (Look at the US today; where atheists and Muslims have the upper hand over Christians)
- ⁷ For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. (On the Lord's Day, the idols and precious things of man will seem unimportant)

- *Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. (The two edged sword is the word of God-> Revelation-1:16) (Ezekiel-38 & 39 God, not man, will defeat the enemy)
- ⁹ And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem. (Antichrist, their kings and their strongholds won't be able to save them) (His furnace in Jerusalem = the hearth of God = Ariel)