

The Life and Times of Isaiah:

The Valley of Vision: The Coming Judgment on Jerusalem, Isaiah 22

Isaiah 22:1 The oracle concerning the valley of vision. What is the matter with you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops?

Isaiah 22:2-3 You who were full of noise, you boisterous town, you exultant city; Your slain were not slain with the sword, nor did they die in battle. All your rulers have fled together, and have been captured without the bow; All of you who were found were taken captive together, though they had fled far away.

Isaiah 22:4-5 Therefore I say, "Turn your eyes away from me, Let me weep bitterly, do not try to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people." For the Lord God of hosts has a day of panic, subjugation and confusion in the valley of vision, a breaking down of walls and a crying to the mountain.

Isaiah 22:6-9 Elam took up the quiver with the chariots, infantry and horsemen; And Kir uncovered the shield. Then your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took up fixed positions at the gate. And He removed the defense of Judah. In that day you depended on the weapons of the house of the forest, and you saw that the breaches in the wall of the city of David were many; And you collected the waters of the lower pool.

Isaiah 22:10-11 Then you counted the houses of Jerusalem and tore down houses to fortify the wall. And you made a reservoir between the two walls for the waters of the old pool. But you did not depend on Him who made it, nor did you take into consideration Him who planned it long ago.

Isaiah 22:12-13 Therefore in that day the Lord God of hosts called you to weeping, to wailing, to shaving the head and to wearing sackcloth. Instead, there is gaiety and gladness, killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die."

Isaiah 22:14 But the Lord of hosts revealed Himself to me, "Surely this iniquity shall not be forgiven you until you die," says the Lord God of hosts.

Isaiah 22:15-17 Thus says the Lord God of hosts, "Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is in charge of the royal household, 'What right do you have here, and whom do you have here, that you have hewn a tomb for yourself here, you who hew a tomb on the height, you who carve a resting place for yourself in the rock? 'Behold, the Lord is about to hurl you headlong, O man. And He is about to grasp you firmly and roll you tightly like a ball, to be cast into a vast country;

Isaiah 22:18-19 There you will die and there your splendid chariots will be, you shame of your master's house.' "I will depose you from your office, and I will pull you down from your station.

Isaiah 22:20-21 Then it will come about in that day, that I will summon My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your tunic and tie your sash securely about him. I will entrust him with your authority, And he will become a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

Isaiah 22:22-23 “Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, when he opens no one will shut, when he shuts no one will open. I will drive him like a peg in a firm place, and he will become a throne of glory to his father’s house.”

Isaiah 22:24-25 So they will hang on him all the glory of his father’s house, offspring and issue, all the least of vessels, from bowls to all the jars. In that day,” declares the Lord of hosts, “the peg driven in a firm place will give way; it will even break off and fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut off, for the Lord has spoken.”