

The Life and Times of Isaiah:
Return to Him, Isaiah 31

Divine woe for those trusting in Egypt

Isaiah 31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord!

Isaiah 31:2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster and does not retract His words, but will arise against the house of evildoers and against the help of the workers of iniquity.

Isaiah 31:3 Now the Egyptians are men and not God, and their horses are flesh and not spirit; So the Lord will stretch out His hand, and he who helps will stumble and he who is helped will fall, and all of them will come to an end together.

Psalms 20:7 Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God.

God's Protection of Jerusalem

Isaiah 31:4 For thus says the Lord to me, "As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey, against which a band of shepherds is called out, and he will not be terrified at their voice nor disturbed at their noise, so will the Lord of hosts come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill."

Isaiah 31:5 Like flying birds so the Lord of hosts will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it; He will pass over and rescue it.

Return to Him: Repent and Be Restored

Isaiah 31:6-7 Return to Him from whom you have deeply defected, O sons of Israel. For in that day every man will cast away his silver idols and his gold idols, which your sinful hands have made for you as a sin.

Isaiah 31:8 And the Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of man will devour him. So he will not escape the sword, and his young men will become forced laborers.

Isaiah 31:9 "His rock will pass away because of panic, and his princes will be terrified at the standard," declares the Lord, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.