

Isaiah 29

The Blinding of Jerusalem

1. 29:1-8 – The LORD Against Ariel

- a. 1 - Ariel = lion or altar of God = Jerusalem – due to it devouring sacrifices.
- b. 2-3 – The city will be consumed by God – see “I will” 4x
- c. 4 – You will be brought down and speak as those already dead
- d. 5-8 – Their enemies suddenly blown away and will not get satisfaction. Isa 37, Rev 20:9
- e. 6 – The day of visitation of the Lord – Rev 4:5, 11:13, 16:18
 - i. They did not know the day of visitation – Lk 19:42-48
 - ii. “*devouring fire*” – Exo 24:17, Lev 10:2, Ps 18:8, Lam 2:3, Lk 9:35, Heb 12:29

2. 29:9-14 – Book Sealed to Blind Jews

- a. 9 – Drunk and stagger because of the destruction, quake, visitation, etc.
- b. 10 – Why? The Lord blinds them – Isa 6:9-10, Jer 26:8-11
 - i. This happens again during Jesus’ day of visitation, see Rom 11:7-10
- c. 11-12 – “*book*” mentioned 5x only in Isaiah 29-34, 3x in Isa 29
 - i. Why/how are they blind? The book is sealed. Dan 12:9, Jn 6:45, Lk 8:8-11
 - ii. Here is a book with many seals being opened → Isa 8:16, Rev 5:1-9, 6:1
 - iii. Learned say “it is sealed”, unlearned say “I’m not learned”, one problem is worse
- d. 13 – A popular passage and reference: Jesus applies it to Pharisees - Mt 15:7-9, Mk 7:67
 - i. The point: what unlocks the book → the heart, ears, and eyes of faith.
- e. 14 – “*a marvellous work*” – described in Hab 1:5, exemplified Jn 9:29-41, applied against the wise of this world by Paul in 1 Cor 1:19

3. 29:15-16 – Woe to Those in Darkness

- a. Woe ~*def.* Expression of grief, sorrow, or indignation. 6x in ch 28-33, 2x in Isa 29
- b. 15 – “*seek deep to hide ...*” – Ps 94:9, Jer 23:24, Heb 4:12-13
 - i. Jesus condemns (8x) these men who do in secret as blind guides - Mt 23:2,13,23
- c. 16 – God blinds whom he will, and calls to mercy whom he will.
 - i. He calls them his own by his word, those that hear - Romans 9:19-21

4. 29:17-24 – The Redemption of Jacob

- a. 17 – “*a very little while*” and Israel will be fruitful → see Romans 11
- b. 18-19 – Who hears and sees? The once deaf and blind that are healed.
 - i. “*in that day...the Holy One*” – is he the One? Jesus says Lk 4:18, 7:20-23
- c. 20-21 – “*the terrible one*” – There is one? Allusion to the binding of Satan, a/c
- d. 22-23 – Notice the emphasis on Jacob (Israel) and his salvation (this not the church)
- e. 24 – When Jacob sanctifies, then all Israel shall be saved, hear, learn – Rom 11:26
- f. Isa 28 = they need to hear and believe. Isa 29 = they need the light, the word, the book.