

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 32

Chapters 28-35 of Isaiah: The six “woe” passages and their message

Judah’s rebellion against the Lord in favor of trusting foreign nations
cannot cancel the **promises of God** for the remnant of Israel.

Chapters 30 & 31

Chapters 30 and 31 reveal the foreign nations in chapters 28 & 29 to be Egypt and Assyria. Both chapters **begin with judgment** and **end with blessing**.

Chapter 30

Chapter 30:1-17 describe the **punishment of Judah** for her alliance with **Egypt**.

We continue this evening with verses 8-17.

Verses 8-11: The Lord details the treachery of rebellious sons in Judah. They refused to listen to the Lord's instruction. They told their prophets not to speak any more of the Holy One of Israel. They only wanted to hear things that were pleasant, even if they were pure fantasy. ↑ Just like the times we live in today – see **2Ti 4:1-4**.

Verses 12-17: The Holy One of Israel gets the last word. Because they have rejected His word, and put their trust in extortion and fraud, He will bring disaster upon them. Notice the rich and varied imagery the Lord uses to make His point here.

Chapter 30:18-33 describe **the destruction of the Assyrian armies** and the glories of the **Kingdom**.

The pivotal verse in chapter 30 is **verse 18**. The Lord expresses His heart for the Jews: grace, compassion, justice and blessing.

Verses 19-26 describe the amazing blessings that the Lord will pour out upon His people during the reign of the Messiah. See **Amos 5:13-15** for more.

The “day of the great slaughter” in **verse 25** refers to what is often (incorrectly) referred to as the battle of Armageddon¹. When the Lord returns, He will destroy all of the nations that come against Jerusalem. See **Zechariah 12:8-9**.

Verses 27-33 prophesy the destruction of the Assyrian armies. Two things are noteworthy here.

Verse 28 serves as a foretaste of the battle of “Armageddon”. Second, there is a jarring contrast between the terrified Assyrian armies and the rejoicing Jewish remnant (verses 29, 32).

Chapter 30 is full of references to **the attributes of God**: His character and nature.

Let’s read the chapter again and see how many we can identify.

¹ Armagedon appears once in the Bible - **Rev 16:16**. It is a gathering place for war, No battle will occur on the plains of Megiddo.

Chapter 31

Chapter 31 is the “Readers Digest” version of chapter 30.

Chapter 31 repeats the pattern of chapter 30. Let’s read chapter 31 now.

Verses 1-3 predict the destruction of Egypt and the pro-Egypt faction in Judah.

Verses 4-9 foretell the destruction of the Assyrian army and the deliverance of the remnant of Judah.

The key verse in chapter 31 is **verse 6**.

The following chart shows how chapter 30 lines up with chapter 31:

Chapter 30	Chapter 31	Subject	In common
30:1-17	31:1-3	Destruction of Egypt and pro-Egypt faction in Judah	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woe• Egypt• Horses• The Holy One of Israel
30:18-26	31:4-7	Deliverance of the remnant of Judah	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Idols• On (In) that day: 30:23,25; 31:7• Pivotal verses: 30:18 with 31:6• “He longs to be gracious to you....return to Him”
30:27-33	31:8-9	The Assyrians will fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terror• Fire