

Thursday Evening Bible Study  
**Series: The Book of Isaiah**

Teaching Summary for Week 33

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**.

**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 9:13-15** for more.

The “day of the great slaughter” in **verse 25** refers to what is often (incorrectly) referred to as the battle of Armageddon<sup>1</sup>. 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).

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Verse 33: **Topheth**: the place of burning outside the southwest corner of Jerusalem. It was located in Gehenna. Child sacrifice was performed there.

Jesus used Gehenna as a symbolic depiction of hell. In His time, it was a garbage dump with maggots. There were bodies of dead animals and criminals. The burning never ceased. Smoke arose continually.

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.**

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