

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

Teaching Summary for Week 34

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**.

## 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>

## Discussion Guide

1. Why does the Lord pronounce a woe on Judah in Isaiah 31:1-2?
2. What was Jerusalem's root problem (see Isaiah 30:8-11; 1:31)?
3. In Isaiah 30:15, the Lord tells Judah the way for them to be delivered. What was that? What mistakes did they make? Why are so many people making that same mistake today?
4. What names and incidents of Scripture can you recall of God's people using illegitimate ways to accomplish what they thought was God's will for them?
5. Why did the Lord keep promising to forgive and bless the people of Judah, even as they kept defying Him and finally refused to listen to Him any longer?
6. What lessons should we learn from the error that Judah made in trusting Egypt without consulting the Lord or his spokesman Isaiah?
7. As members of Christ's body, who are our enemies? What has the Lord instructed us to do so that we will be delivered from their attacks? What schemes do some Christians use instead?
8. The Lord told Judah that there was an easy way and a hard way to receive the Lord's blessings. What are the easy ways and hard ways for Christians to live? What scriptures come to mind? What are the consequences for us when we choose the hard way?
9. When have you been tempted to rely on the world's ways rather than trust the Lord's ways? What advice does the Lord give us in His word about how we should handle such temptations?