

Isaiah 22

King James Version (KJV)

22 The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops? (burden = oracle, prophecy – better translation)

(When trouble is near, the watchman is supposed to go to the house top and watch, so that he can warn the people) Mathew-24:17-18

NOTE: (The valley of vision is Jerusalem)

²Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, joyous city: thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle. (They were slain by famine in the past)

(In the future, they will be spiritually starved by deception <starved for the truth of God's Word>. They will hear nothing but false doctrines and tradition of men)

³All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, which have fled from far. (Crooked rulers fill their pockets through corruption; and then they flee when trouble arrives)

⁴Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. (When the antichrist is there, Jerusalem will be a sad sight. Antichrist will spoil her with his false doctrines)

⁵For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

(When people wake up and realize that they have worshipped antichrist, in their ignorance; they will pray for the mountains to fall on them. They will be too ashamed to face Jesus Christ when He arrives at the 7th Trump) See Revelation-6

⁶And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. (Elam = eternity) (Kir = the fortress)

⁷ And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate. (Jerusalem will be invaded by their enemies)

⁸ And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest. (house of the forest was where Solomon placed the weapons and armor of the army in Jerusalem)

(Weapons and armor will not save the people against antichrist and his deception. They should look to God for defense; not to their armor and weapons)

See Ephesians-6 (We must put on the Gospel Armor to stand against antichrist)

⁹ Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. (They gathered the water to control the peoples' thirst and the fires in the battle; but your walls have breaches everywhere)

¹⁰ And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall. (They have even given up their comforts in order to increase their defenses)

¹¹ Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago. (As good as they are, all of your defenses won't help you; if you leave God out of the equation)

(Look to God for your defenses from the confusion. Look to Him for your salvation in the end days. Antichrist will have the whole world turned upside down. God's faithful will be a small minority in those days; but they will prevail against the antichrist)

¹² And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: (These are all symbols of mourning and shame)

¹³ And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die. (They are fools. They partied and feasted, knowing that the end was near; instead of repenting and returning to God for the victory)

¹⁴ And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts. (That's because they refuse to repent and set things right with God. They will die in their sins)

¹⁵ Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say, (Shebna means vigor; he was probably a Kenite – living well off of the people's treasury)

¹⁶ What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? (You're preparing a fancy grave for yourself. But death is death, and looking good won't help you on your way to hell)

Comment: (I saw this in Moscow, Russia. The big time communists made fancy mausoleums and grave stones for themselves. Meanwhile they had lived rich lives of luxury; while persecuting and killing the Christian Russian people. Those mausoleums and fancy grave stones won't help those communist atheist persecutors on judgment day)

¹⁷ Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. (We will all receive exactly what we deserve)

¹⁸ He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house. (This is judgment for the corrupt Shebna. He made himself rich by taking the people's treasury for himself)

NOTE: (The same will happen to the corrupt politicians, the corrupt judges, the corrupt preachers, the corrupt bankers and the corrupt corporatists; who steal the wealth of the people to enrich themselves. They aren't getting away with anything. God is watching them)

¹⁹ And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. (Shebna is going down – to hell. His ill gotten gains won't save him)

NOTES: (There is nothing wrong with being wealthy – provided that you earned those riches honestly. God is against those who get rich by corruption or by theft)

(HE is also against all rich people who treat poor people badly, because they can. Never let money become your god. That is a form of idol worship)

²⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah: (Eliakim = raised up by God; Hilkiyah = God is my portion)

²¹ And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. (Eliakim will do the people right. He will rule justly and fairly)

(Here, Eliakim is a type for Jesus; who will return to be King of kings and Lord of lords in the Millennium)

²² And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. (Prophecy for Jesus Christ)

See Revelation-3:10 (The key of David is about knowing the true Christ and His lineage; as well as knowing the false one <antichrist> and his lineage)

(Having the key of David will keep us from being deceived by antichrist during his stay as ruler of the world. We will know who he is; and we will not fall for his lies and false doctrine)

²³ And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. (A metaphor; they had pegs driven into the walls to hang things on, like tools, pottery, etc. Jesus is like a strong peg; that we can hang onto for our salvation)

²⁴ And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

²⁵ In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it. (Jesus, in the flesh, will be framed by the Kenites and crucified by the Romans)

(But those hanging onto Him for salvation will not be cut off. Jesus will resurrect after three days and sit at the right hand of the Father. He

will rule as the King of kings and Lord of lords forever. They who remain faithful to Him will have eternal life in the Third Age)