

Isaiah 28

King James Version (KJV)

(Written to the ten northern tribes of Israel)

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! (Ephraim stands for the 10 northern tribes of Israel; to the north of Judah)

(Samaria was the crown of Ephraim. The proud rich leaders are drunk in their own ego. The fading flower is wilting and will die soon, without producing fruit)

NOTE: (Today, the US is that crown of pride < "American Exceptionalism">. Our egos are out of control. The ten tribes of today are the US, Canada, and Western Europe)

²Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. (a mighty and strong enemy – this is antichrist. God will use him to chastise Ephraim for their sins. HE will abase them for their pride)

³The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: (God allowed the Assyrians to take them, as a chastisement for their egotism, and idol worship. Right from the beginning, Jeroboam made 2 golden calves for them to worship and it never got any better)

Future: (antichrist <the Assyrian> will take them spiritually. They will be confused by his lies because they have not studied God's Word – chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

⁴And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. (The Assyrian will devour them. He will turn them into a wasteland)

⁵In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, (The residue of His people are those who remain faithful to God; those who are not deceived by antichrist. God is proud of them)

⁶And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. (The gate of the city was where judgments were pronounced. God will judge the judges – the good ones and the bad ones. They will all get exactly what they deserve)

(The next verses are written to Judah and to Jerusalem)

⁷But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. (They made wrong right, and right wrong)

(They call homosexuality – diversity; they call faithful Christians who reject perversion – bigots; they call abortion – a woman’s right to choose, instead of the murder of a baby)

⁸For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. (The tables are meant for the harvest offerings to God. This is what God thinks of their behavior and of their offerings. He doesn’t want them)

⁹Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. (These are the people who mocked Isaiah and his prophecies; saying that he talks down to them as children)

NOTE: (God’s prophets were mocked, ridiculed, persecuted and murdered by the very people that they were sent to help)

¹⁰For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: (Still mocking Isaiah; these words form a rhyme in the Hebrew language)

¹¹For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. (They don’t take Isaiah seriously because he is warning them about the Assyrian. They see the Word of God as if it was a foreign language that they can’t understand)

¹²To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. (Instead of getting peace of mind from God’s Word through Isaiah; they refused to even listen to him)

¹³ But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. (This is the chastisement by God for their arrogance. It led to the destruction of their nation and to their captivity by their enemy)

¹⁴ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. (Jerusalem then; Washington today?)

¹⁵ Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: (death is Satan; they made a deal with the devil)

(Falsehood is the rapture theory, and other false teachings. It will lead the people to be deceived by antichrist)

¹⁶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. (The cornerstone is Jesus Christ. Our foundation is the Word of God. Jesus is that living Word) John-1:1, Mark-12:10, Matthew-21:42, Psalms-118:22-24

(He who believes won't be hasty and fooled by the antichrist, which arrives at the 6th Trump. He will wait for the return of Jesus at the 7th Trump)

¹⁷ Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. (The plummet is a plumb bob. It is used to set a true vertical line when building something straight, which will hold up over time. A crooked house built on lies and deceit won't stand for long – especially when God shakes heaven and earth)

¹⁸ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. (The people who make a deal with the antichrist will be crushed by their agreement when the true Messiah returns at the 7th Trump. They will be so ashamed that they will pray for the mountains to fall upon them, rather than to face God)

(By God's mercy, however, even those who were deceived by antichrist will be given a chance to make the right choice, during the Millennium. They will be taught the true Word of God. If, after that, they still choose to side with Satan, then their time will be up)

¹⁹ From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. (To understand the report of Isaiah; in verses 9-11, the people mocked Isaiah. They won't be mocking him anymore)

(God will see to it that they listen to what Isaiah was talking about, when they are in the Millennium)

²⁰ For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. (The false teacher's deceit & lies will not cover him)

²¹ For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. (God punished the enemy with a mighty hand at Perazim and at Gibeon)

(This time, He will correct His own people with that same mighty hand. That will be His strange act)

²² Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth. (Don't mock or fight against God's judgment; or you'll just end up hurting yourself. God's chastisement upon the whole world will happen whether you like it or not)

²³ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. (Pay attention. God is about to teach us a proverb)

²⁴ Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

²⁵ When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place? (A metaphor – God deals with different people in different ways; each in his own time and in his own place)

(Like the farmer who plants his crops, each in their own time of the season; and each in their own place in the field)

²⁶ For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him. (God taught man about farming and crop rotation)

NOTE: (Today, farmers have forgotten all of those lessons. They plant the same crops in the same fields every year. Then they have to use chemical fertilizers just to keep the ground producing crops. The result is that our food is no longer healthy. People develop all sorts of chronic illnesses because of these poor farming practices)

²⁷ For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. (The farmer uses the right tools in order to harvest each of his crops)

(Likewise, God deals with all people in the way that is right for them)

²⁸ Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen. (It is only threshed until it is of the right consistency and no more)

(God only corrects people until they have learned the lesson and no more)

²⁹ This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working. (Excellent in working = excellent in wisdom – better translation)

(Don't mock God like these people did. God knows what He is doing. HE can save us all; but we must make the choice to be saved)