

Isaiah 30

VV.1-5: Israel put their trust in the alliance and armed forces with Egypt. God allows hardships and scary situations to turn our hearts to him for deliverance and prayer. We short-circuit that plan when we call on other-imaginary helpers. We offend God, delude ourselves, and step directly into harm's way. Perhaps this is one reason why the Jews have historically have been given so little to lean on other than God.

The things we trust in will become our shame. Investments and possessions, relationships, abilities, knowledge, strength, etc... The inevitable and unfavorable outcome and experiences from false hopes are designed to break us of such bad dependencies, false hopes and bad habits.

VV.6-7: There is a power to the south (Egypt); and a possible reference to a second neighboring country to the south. They are referred to as the serpent and the fiery-flying serpent.

Read Numbers 21:4-9: The fiery serpent in the Hebrew language meant poisonous snake. Fiery is same word used for Seraphim.

VV.8-11: God is telling Isaiah to record the sad fact that his people left him for Egypt and Pharaoh. It is like a final chapter for this small posse of pilgrim survivors.

Cross refs: Jer. 37:7-10, 40: 1,6, 42:10-16, 43:5-13 & 46:13

VV.12-14: Israel's hardships are not difficult to figure out. They were cruel and ruthless on their own people. They got pay back in the same way they stomped on the helpless.

VV.15-17: To be delivered you must trust God. We do not trust God if we resort to other forms of deliverance and taking measures into our own hands. Can we sit still when we are faced with those looming situations?

VV.18-22: In the millennial kingdom we will throw out our good-luck charms; and rest in God.

VV.23-26: The physical blessings will follow the spiritual healings.

VV.27-33:

Word study example for verse 27: *name, Jehovah, comes, distant place, to burn, anger, tongue, accomplished, indignation, tongue devouring, fire.*

There will be a big difference between the experiences of the sheep and the goats during the 2nd coming and the millennium. Satan will be chained in hell for a thousand years. God will just send an angel to grab him.