

Lesson 12: Isaiah 28-29

Questions

1. Who does Isaiah pronounce woe upon and what does the Lord do to them (28:1-4)?
2. What is the Lord to the residue of his people (28:5-6)?
3. What is the problem with the priest and the prophet of Isaiah's day (28:7-8)?
4. How do the priest and the prophet respond to Isaiah's rebuke (28:9-10)?
5. Who will speak to the people and how will the word of the Lord come to them (28:11-13)?
6. How are the rulers of Jerusalem described (28:14-15)?
7. What does the Lord lay in Zion (28:16)?
8. What does the Lord do to the scoffing and lying rulers in Jerusalem (28:17-22)?
9. What lesson does Isaiah teach about the farmer and how does he apply this lesson to the Lord (28:23-29)?
10. What city does Isaiah pronounce woe upon and how is it described (29:1)?

11. What does the Lord do to this city (29:2-4)?
12. What happens to the foes that fight against this city (29:5-8)?
13. What does the Lord do to the prophets and the wise men among the people and what is the result (29:9-12)?
14. What is the basic spiritual problem of the people and what is the result (29:13-14)?
15. What do the people try to hide from the Lord and what is their attitude toward him (29:15-16)?
16. What change is going to take place in the future in the land and among the people (29:17-21)?
17. What will the children of Jacob do to the Lord in the future (29:22-24)?

Digging Deeper

1. What chapter in Isaiah has already mentioned the Lord's "woes" upon his people (28:1)?
2. Who is Ephraim and who does he represent in the book of Isaiah (28:1, 3)?
3. Where in the NT are Isaiah 28:11-12 and Isaiah 28:16 quoted?

4. What is the “covenant with death” (28:15, 18)?

5. What does Isaiah 28:20 mean?

6. What did the Lord do in Mount Perazim and in the valley of Gibeon (28:21)?

7. What does Ariel mean (29:1)?

8. Where in the NT are Isaiah 29:13 and Isaiah 29:14 quoted? Where in the NT is Isaiah 29:16 referenced?

Applications for Today

1. Alcohol (strong drink) causes people to err in their judgment, their words, and their actions (28:7-8; Prov. 20:1; 23:20-21, 29-32).
2. God offers the people a message of rest and refreshment, but some people don't want to hear it (28:12; Mt. 11:28-30).
3. Jesus is the foundation stone that is laid in Zion and anyone can believe in him if he desires to (28:16; Rom. 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:6).
4. The Lord is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom (28:29; Rom. 11:33).
5. People who do not want to serve the Lord faithfully will not search for truth nor will they understand the Lord's word (29:9-12; Mt. 13:11-15; 2 Thess. 2:9-12). On the other hand, the humble people who do serve the Lord will understand (29:18-19, 24; Mt. 5: 3-6; 11:5).
6. We must be careful in our religion that we do not say we honor the Lord while having a heart that is far removed from serving him (29:13; Mt. 15:8-9; Mk. 7:6-7).
7. We cannot hide from God who made us (29:15-16; Psa. 139:1-16; Heb. 4:13).
8. The Lord's children need to sanctify the Lord and stand in awe of him (29:23; Heb. 12:28-29).