

due February 5, 2017

**The burden of Jerusalem and Tyre (22:1; 23:1)**  
**You have not looked unto the Maker (22:11)**  
**Isaiah 22-23**

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps. 119:18)!

Remember to pray for Spirit-filling to understand and enjoy this study as you **mark, meditate, memorize, and master** these scriptures (Lk. 11:13)!

**Isaiah Outline (LAB adapted)**

A. Words of **Judgment** 1-35

1. Judgments of Israel and Judah (1-12)
2. Judgment of heathen nations (13-23)
3. Judgment in God’s purpose (24-35)

B. **Events** during the reign of Hezekiah (36-39)

C. Words of **Comfort** 40-66

1. The future Release (40-48)
2. The future Redeemer (49-57)
3. The future kingdom (58-66)

Monday (January 30)—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 22:1-6.

**Please emphasize in class time the questions marked with an asterisk (\*), thanks.**

1. What is the burden (message regarding) in Isaiah 22 (22:1)?  
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(preliminary help in this survey of the book of Isaiah) “That Isaiah was speaking of Jerusalem is evident in 22:9-10” (*Bible Knowledge Commentary*, John Walvoord/Roy Zuck). It would be helpful to read this chapter in another translation; I recommend either the ESV or GW (*God’s Word Bible*). The ESV is a literal translation while GW is more “dynamic,” meaning that it gives up a little of the word-for-word (literal) translation to use words that interpret a little more, to make it more immediately understandable.

2. Read the GW translation of the first two verses (following), and then explain what you think is happening. Feel free to stay with the KJV on this (and ignore other translations, if you so desire)!

(GW) Isa 22:1 This is the divine revelation about the valley of Vision. What’s the matter with you? Why do all of you go up on the roofs?

Isa 22:2 You are a city filled with shouting, a town filled with noise and excitement. Your people weren’t killed with swords. Your dead didn’t die in battle.

Explain what you think is happening in these first two verses.  
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3. Do you think 22:3 is future relative to verses 1-2 (I am returning to the KJV for my questions)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who does Isaiah see as breaking down the walls of this city, and of bringing grief to her (22:5)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was attacking Jerusalem (22:6)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses to think about. \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday (January 31)—prayerfully read Isaiah 22:7-18.

1. What is happening in 22:7-9? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the Israelites doing in 22:10-11, and what are they failing to do (v. 11)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What had the LORD called for, and what were the people doing (22:12-13)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When would this partying iniquity be purged from this people (22:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was the treasurer, and what had he built (22:15-16)?  
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(bonus) Would Shebna get to enjoy what he had built for himself (22:17-18)? \_\_\_\_\_

(double bonus) What thought in this section could be used to begin to develop a theology for basketball (this question is dedicated to Mr. Kirkpatrick)? \_\_\_\_\_

\*6. Apply to your life 22:12-13 (and take with you for the day).  
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Wednesday (February 1)—prayerfully read Isaiah 22:19-25.

1. Isaiah seems to be continuing to talk to Shebna (begins in verse 15); whom does the LORD call to take the leadership position of Shebna (22:19-21)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you suppose the key of 22:22 represents? \_\_\_\_\_

\*(bonus) Does this verse make you think of any NT passage, and do you think there is a connection? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What word picture does Isaiah paint in 22:23-24 pertaining to the nail and cups? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What nail do you suppose will be cut down (and removed and fall) in 22:25? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why will these prophecies come to pass (22:25)?  
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6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day).

Thursday (February 2)—prayerfully read Isaiah 23:1-6.

1. What is Isaiah's burden in this chapter (23:1)? \_\_\_\_\_

(help) "This was a famous city in Phoenicia, which exceeded in renown and grandeur all the cities of Syria and Phoenicia [country near Israel on Mediterranean coast including where modern day Lebanon and Syria are], and was much known for its trade and navigation, for which it was well situated by the sea; and indeed

new Tyre stood in it, about half a mile from the shore, before it was joined to the continent by Alexander the Great: but this seems to be old Tyre, and, was upon the continent, which was built by the Phoenicians before the Trojan war, and two hundred and forty years before the temple of Solomon." John Gill

(additional help) John Gill also writes that Tarshish was a Spanish city which traded with Tyre and helped make Tyre rich, and that Chittim was a city in Greece which also was witnessing what was happening to Tyre.

2. What seems to have been the source of Tyre's wealth (23:2-3)?  
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3. Who also was told by Isaiah to be ashamed (23:4)? \_\_\_\_\_

(more help from John Gill) "[Zidon was a] city near to Tyre, about twenty five miles from it; [one scholar] says it was within a day's walk of it; these two cities, as they were near to each other, so they were closely allied together, and traded much with one another, so that the fall of Tyre must be distressing and confounding to Zidon; and besides, Tyre was a colony of the Zidonians, and therefore is called the daughter of Zidon (23:12), and could not but be affected with its ruin, and the more, as it might fear the same would soon be its case..."

4. To what nation is the painful fall of Tyre compared (23:5)?  
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5. "Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle" (23:6). The meaning here seems to be that Isaiah is telling the inhabitants of Tyre to flee to Tarshish ("inhabitants of the isle" is another name for the inhabitants of Tyre)—John \_\_\_\_\_ gives this as a possible meaning.

6. Take these thoughts with you today (that the Lord is sovereign over all nations).

Friday (February 3)—prayerfully read Isaiah 23:7-13.

1. Had the "joyous city" been around long (23:7) \_\_\_\_\_

(bonus) What city do you suppose was the "joyous city"?  
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2. What city was “the crowning city,” and who purposed to stain (pollute) its pride (23:8-9)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Tyre (apparently) is called “the joyous city” in verse 7 and “the crowning city” in verse 8; what is she called in verse 11?  
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4. What two things would be no more for Tyre (“daughter of Zidon”) (23:12)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Take a break.
- \*6. Contemplate that joy is a blessing (inferred from verses 7 and 12), and that it is God’s plan for our lives!

Saturday (February 4)—prayerfully read Isaiah 23:14-18.

1. Who founded and developed the land of the Chaldeans (23:13)? \_\_\_\_\_  
  
(bonus) Who do you suppose is the “he” in “he brought it [land of the Chaldeans I suppose] to ruin”? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do you suppose was “the strength of Tarshish” in 23:14?  
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3. For how many years shall Tyre be forgotten (23:15)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How will Tyre be remembered (23:15-16)?  
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5. After seventy years the LORD apparently will restore Tyre—what shall she do then (23:17)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(bonus) Who will benefit from Tyre’s merchandise (v. 18)?  
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6. Contemplate (think about) how the Lord takes care of His children in different ways (considering v. 18).  
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Sunday (February 5)—prayerfully review Isaiah 22-23.