

due February 26, 2017

**Their lips do honor Me (29:13)!**  
**Precept Must Be upon Precept (28: 10,13)**  
**Isaiah 28-29**

Monday (February 20)—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 28:1-8.

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

1. What of Ephraim has faded, and what seems to have caused this fading (28:1)? (This is a difficult verse to understand in KJV; consider the *God's Word* translation of it following.)  
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(*God's Word* translation) How horrible it will be for the arrogant drunks of Ephraim. Their glorious beauty is like a withered flower. They are at the entrance to a fertile valley where they lie drunk from wine.

2. Who will tread down the drunkards of Ephraim (28:2-3)?  
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3. What will replace “the glorious beauty which is on the head of the fat valley” (28:4-5)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In addition to being a crown of glory to the residue (presumably those who trust in the LORD and are not given to drink), what will the LORD be to them (28:6)?  
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5. How do wine and strong drink also affect the priest and prophet (apparently the first six verses are speaking of the civil leaders) (28:8)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses to think about. \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday (February 21)—prayerfully read Isaiah 28:9-20, and then answer the questions.

- \*1. What age group shall He (presumably the LORD through the parents and church) teach knowledge, and how shall they be taught (28:9-10)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What will He (presumably the LORD) speak to His people through foreigners (apparently people whose first language is not the same as the people they are speaking to) (28:11-12)?  
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3. Because they would not hear (verse 12), what happened to them (28:13)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What group was Isaiah addressing in this message (28:14)?  
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(bonus) What did these “misleaders” say would deliver them from the scourge that would be passing through Israel (presumably the mighty and strong one of verse 2) (28:15)?  
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5. What did the LORD place in Zion (Jerusalem) which would be for the believers (28:16)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Read through 28:17-20; Isaiah is painting a picture of the coming judgment sweeping through the land, and like a flood, it is washing away lies and the covenant with death and hell (which flood continues numerous days). In verse 20 he uses another picture (a bed too short and a covering too narrow).  
(bonus) What do you suppose the last part of verse 19 means (“it shall be a vexation only to understand the report”)?  
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Wednesday (February 22)—prayerfully read Isaiah 28:21-29, and answer the following.

1. Who will rise up and be wroth that he may do his work and act, and how are his work and act described (28:21)?  
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2. What did Isaiah hear from the LORD was coming, and what did he tell his audience not to be (28:22)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What extended word picture does Isaiah give in 28:24-28?  
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4. Isaiah 28:25 seems to have to do with planting different seeds in different places (according to what is best-verse 26,

following ground preparation in verse 24). How many different kinds of seeds are planted? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Isaiah 28 27-28 seems to have to do with threshing (or harvesting) the different crops; both planting (verse 25) and harvesting (verses 27-28) are followed by similar thoughts (verses 26 and 29)—what thought do verses 26 and 29 share?  
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6. What is the point of 28:23-29? I think that Isaiah here is communicating to his audience that just as a wise farmer plants and harvests in wisdom, so does the LORD deal with people—do you have a better explanation?! (Please take an applicable thought with you for the day!) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thursday (February 23)—prayerfully read Isaiah 29:1-8, and answer the following.

1. What city is being distressed, and by whom (29:1-3)?  
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2. Can you see any possible connection between the dust of 29:4 and the dust of 29:5? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. We are not actually told in these verses (until verse 7) that there is an attacking army (that I can see); what does the LORD bring against Ariel (Jerusalem) (29:6)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What are we told that the nations which fight against Ariel shall be like (29:7-8)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Take a break (this has been difficult)!
6. Take a thought with you for today from this section (perhaps the thought of the LORD's current mercy to His people).

Friday (February 24)—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 29:9-16, and answer the following.

1. What was not causing the staggering people to stagger (29:9)?!  
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2. What was causing the people to stagger (29:10-11)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What two reasons were given by the people for not reading “the vision” (presumably from the LORD) (29:11-12)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What two reasons were given by the LORD for the wisdom of the wise men perishing (29:13-14)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What foolishness were the people manifesting in 29:15-16?  
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- \*6. Give something you can apply to your life, and take with you for the day. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday (February 25)—prayerfully read Isaiah 29:17-24, and answer the following.

1. (Advanced!) What change (shift) is seen in 29:17-18?  
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2. What shall be increased in that day (29:18-19)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What will be weakened (and perhaps even eliminated) (29:20-21)? \_\_\_\_\_  
  
\*(bonus) Sinfulness (what will be cut off) includes “lay[ing] a snare for him that reproveth in the gate”; what do you suppose that means? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What apparently had caused Jacob to be ashamed (which shame-causing thing would be no more!) (29:22-23)?  
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5. What apparently encourages (provokes) complaining (29:24)?  
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6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day). \_\_\_\_\_  
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