

Isaiah 29:1-24 **Judgment against Jerusalem & against her foes**

Jerusalem will be brought down to the dust

1 "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! Add year to year; Let feasts come around.
2 Yet I will distress Ariel; There shall be heaviness and sorrow, And it shall be to Me as Ariel.
3 I will encamp against you all around, I will lay siege against you with a mound, And I will raise siegeworks against you.
4 You shall be brought down, You shall speak out of the ground; Your speech shall be low, out of the dust; Your voice shall be like a medium's, out of the ground; And your speech shall whisper out of the dust.

Judgment against the foes of Jerusalem

5 "Moreover the multitude of your foes Shall be like fine dust, And the multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff that passes away; Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.
6 You will be punished by the Lord of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise, With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire. 7

The multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, Even all who fight against her and her fortress, And distress her, Shall be as a dream of a night vision.

8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams, And look — he eats; But he awakes, and his soul is still empty; Or as when a thirsty man dreams, And look — he drinks; But he awakes, and indeed he is faint, And his soul still craves: So the multitude of all the nations shall be, Who fight against Mount Zion."

The Blindness of Disobedience

9 Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; They stagger, but not with intoxicating drink.
10 For the Lord has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers.
11 The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."
12 Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I am not literate."

13 Therefore the Lord said:

"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,
14 Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden."

15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, And their works are in the dark; They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Future Restoration of the Kingdom age

17 Is it not yet a very little while Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, And the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?

18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.

19 The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nothing, The scornful one is consumed, And all who watch for iniquity are cut off — 21 Who make a man an offender by a word, And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, And turn aside the just by empty words.

22 Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:
"Jacob shall not now be ashamed, Nor shall his face now grow pale;

23 But when he sees his children, The work of My hands, in his midst, They will hallow My name, And hallow the Holy One of Jacob, And fear the God of Israel.

24 These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, And those who complained will learn doctrine."

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Facts Revealed:

Jerusalem will be brought down to the dust

✧ Yahweh described the error of the priests and prophets who rule over His people in Jerusalem bringing on the city the wrath and judgment of God Most High. [\[Isaiah 28:7-15\]](#)

✧ "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! Add year to year; Let feasts come around.

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✧ Though in their pride, everything seems to continue as before, yet Yahweh issued a firm warning that the time is coming when He will bring the Lofty City down to the dust at the hand of foes He is bringing to punish the foolishness of the rulers of Jerusalem.

✧ Scoffers will continue to the end. [\[Isaiah 28:22, 1 Peter 3:1-7, Jude 1:16-19\]](#)

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- ✧ After Jerusalem is brought down for her sins, Yahweh will bring judgment on those nations who destroyed her.
- ✧ The time is coming in the future (the Kingdom Age) that the destruction of Jerusalem will seem as a dream which has passed away.
- ✧ This has been done in the past by the king of Babylon followed by the fall of Babylon.
- ✧ It's final fulfillment will occur throughout the Great Tribulation and at the Judgment Seat of Christ. [Revelation 16:12- - 19:4, 11-21, 21:4, Matthew 25:31-46]

The Blindness of Disobedience

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Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I am not literate." [Isaiah 29:9-12]
- ✧ Because the prophets and priests of Jerusalem have turned away from their God, Yahweh has given them a blindness of heart so the vision is confused as by drunkenness.
- ✧ Jewish tradition has kept them in blindness and will continue so until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled and the Kingdom is ushered in. [Romans 11:25]
- ✧ However, through it all, many Jews have found Salvation from the founding of the Church to today, yet hold to their traditions. [Acts 21:20]
- ✧ Therefore the Lord said:
"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden." [Isaiah 29:13-14]
- ✧ Blindness is upon the prophets and priests because of their hypocrisy, pretending to honor God through the traditions of men which the Lord Yeshua condemned. [Matthew 15:1-8]
- ✧ Yahweh will cause their wisdom and understanding to perish and disappear.
- ✧ Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, And their works are in the dark; They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"
Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? [Isaiah 29:15-16]
- ✧ Thinking that God does not see or know what we do and say is considering the matter upside down, forgetting that Yahweh knows our thoughts from afar. [Psalm 138:6]
- ✧ All will answer to God for:
Every idle word they have spoken. [Matthew 12:36-37]
Ungodly and harsh words against God. [Jude 1:14-15]
Lack of understanding. [Daniel 12:10]
False prophesy. [Jeremiah 23:9-40, Matthew 7:13-23]
Scornfulness and their delight in evil. [Isaiah 29:20-21]
Thoughts and motives of their heart. [1 Corinthians 4:5]
Causing others to sin. [Matthew 18:7, Luke 7:1-2]

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The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel. [\[Isaiah 29:17-19\]](#)
- ◇ In the restoration of the Kingdom age, which is a short time in the eyes of God, the land of Lebanon will be bountifully fruitful.
The deaf will hear and the blind will see as evidence of the presence of Yeshuah. [\[Matthew 11:4-5, Luke 7:22-23\]](#)
- ◇ The humble and the poor will rejoice in the Joy of the Lord. [\[Matthew 5:3, 5, Luke 6:20\]](#)
- ☆ For the terrible one is brought to nothing, The scornful one is consumed, And all who watch for iniquity are cut off — Who make a man an offender by a word, And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, And turn aside the just by empty words. [\[Isaiah 29:20-21\]](#)
- ◇ All evil will be purged from the earth as the Kingdom is set up. [\[Matthew 13:36-43\]](#)
- ☆ Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:
"Jacob (Israel) shall not now be ashamed, Nor shall his face now grow pale;
But when he sees his children, The work of My hands, in his midst, They will hallow My name, And hallow the Holy One of Jacob, And fear the God of Israel.
These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, And those who complained will learn doctrine." [\[Isaiah 29:22-24\]](#)
- ◇ In the Kingdom age, the reproach of Israel will be ended and all Israel will come to understand the full purpose of God and His plan of Salvation.
- ◇ All Israel will respect and fear the God of Israel in truth.
- ◇ At that time, all Israel will be saved. [\[Romans 11:25-31\]](#)