### Isaiah

## Chapter 10

1‘Woe to those who write wicked [laws];  
 For the reasons that they write them are evil…  
 2To deny equal rights to the poor,  
 And snatch away justice from the needy…  
 To loot the orphans and ravage the widows!  
  
 3‘So, what will you do in the day of inspection…  
 When hard times come from afar?  
 Yes, whom will you run to for aid,  
 And to whom will you give all your wealth…  
 4For, won’t you be forced to be slaves?  
  
 ‘And if you should hide under those who are killed,  
 You’ll see that this won’t bring an end to His rage…  
 For His hand will still be held high.  
  
 5‘Woe to Assyria (the rod of My wrath)…  
 Those who hold My rage in their hands.  
 6But, on that lawless nation, I’ll also send rage…  
 I’ll order My people to plunder and loot them,  
 Then trample their cities and turn them to dust.  
  
 7‘But now, they aren’t thinking about this,  
 For their souls have failed to reflect.  
 [No, Assyria’s king] doesn’t know…  
 He just wants to destroy many nations.  
  
 8‘He’ll ask:  
  
 ‘Am I not your sole ruler?  
 9Isn’t all above Babylon mine,  
 As well as CalNeh, where the tower was built?  
  
 ‘Haven’t I conquered Arabia,  
 As well as Samaria and Damascus?  
 10Thus, in the same way that I’ve taken all these,  
 I will conquer the rest!  
  
 ‘So shriek, O carvings in JeruSalem;  
 11For, as I did to Samaria and her idols  
 (Those things that they made with their hands),  
 I’ll also do to JeruSalem  
 And to all of the idols that are there!’  
  
 12‘But, after Jehovah completes all these things  
 That He’ll do to JeruSalem and Zion;  
 He’ll arise and strike that great mind…  
 Yes, the mind of Assyria’s king,  
 And the haughty glory of his eyes.  
  
 13‘For, [this great ruler] has dared to say:  
  
 ‘I will act in a very strong way.  
 And in my wisdom and great understanding,  
 I’ll remove the boundaries of nations  
 And bring an end to their powers.  
  
 14‘I’ll shake the cities in which they all live,  
 And grab hold of the people who live there  
 As I’d take a bird’s nest in My hands…  
 And then, I’ll deport the survivors.  
  
 ‘No, none will evade or oppose me…  
 They’ll just open their mouths and let out a chirp.  
  
 15‘Does the axe really have any glory  
 Unless there is someone to swing it?  
 Does the saw really have any value  
 Unless there is someone to draw it…  
 And can a rod swing itself?  
  
 16‘So, dishonor will replace all his honor…  
 And this will be done by Jehovah of Armies.  
 Upon his glory, He’ll send fire,  
 And [that king] will be consumed by its flames…  
 17Then this fire will serve as IsraEl’s light.  
  
 ‘For He’ll make her holy through fire,  
 Which will eat her like grass in the woods in that day.  
 18It will burn through her mountains, forests, and hills,  
 And devour all the life from her flesh.  
  
 ‘Then, those who flee will be running from flames,  
 19And very few will remain…  
 An infant could write down their numbers!  
  
 20‘But in that day, those who remain in JeruSalem  
 Won’t go along [with what’s bad] anymore.  
 For [the sons] of Jacob who then will be saved  
 Won’t put up with those who have wronged them.  
 They will only be yielding to God,  
 And to the truths of IsraEl’s Most Holy One.  
  
 21‘Then, those of Jacob who survive  
 Will return to their Almighty God.  
 22And the people of IsraEl will then grow to be  
 As many as the sands of the seas  
 From the very few that were left.  
  
 23‘So, this matter will be finished in justice;  
 For, Jehovah is the One who is drawing the line.  
 Yes, Jehovah of Armies will act  
 Throughout the world [of mankind].  
  
 24‘For this reason, Jehovah of Armies has said:  
  
 Don’t fear the Assyrians, My people…  
 Yes, you who are dwelling in Zion.  
 Although they’ll strike with a rod  
 And distress you as they’re [marching] towards Egypt;  
 25In a very short time, My anger will end,  
 And I’ll turn My rage towards their plans.  
  
 26‘The God of Armies, Jehovah, will rise  
 And bring calamity upon them  
 As He did to MidiAn’s people  
 In the Place of Oppression.  
  
 ‘For His rage [will be expressed] by the sea  
 As they are traveling towards Egypt.  
 27Their terrible yoke, He’ll lift from your shoulders,  
 After He has destroyed them.  
  
 28‘They’ll enter the City of AngAi;  
 But, they will bypass MegidDo…  
 Then they’ll drop their weapons at MichMash.  
  
 29‘They’ll enter the valley at AngAi;  
 So, those in Rama will be gripped with fear,  
 And the city of Saul will then flee.  
  
 30‘At that time, O daughter of GalLim;  
 Your voice will sound just like snorting.  
 And be careful [O you] at LachIsh…  
 And you at AnathOth must also be wary.  
  
 31‘There’ll be fear in Gebim and MadMenah…  
 32To survive, you must all band together  
 As [Assyria] is marching your way!  
  
 ‘O daughter of Zion;  
 You must then flee to the mountains,  
 And gather upon JeruSalem’s hills!’  
  
  
33O Lord, Jehovah of Armies,  
  
How Your strength has scattered the famous  
 And broken the insolence of the haughty  
 To teach them the need to be humble!  
 34For the haughty will all be cut down with swords,  
 And Lebanon will fall with the rest of the proud!