### Isaiah

## Chapter 21

1The Desert Vision.  
  
As a blast of wind from the desert  
 Blows through a land that is dry;  
 2I received a frightening hard vision  
 Concerning those who have no regard…  
 Those who have no respect for the Law.  
  
[I dreamt] that the Persians attacked me;  
 So I moaned and tried to find comfort.  
 3And because of this, my loins became weak  
 As though I was going through birth pangs.  
  
Unrighteously, I chose not to hear,  
 And I rushed away, so I couldn’t see it.  
 4For, in my heart I had strayed,  
 And in lawlessness, I had been wrapped…  
 Then my soul became covered with fear.  
  
5So, prepare the table to eat and to drink…  
 Awaken the rulers and ready the shields!  
 6For, this is what I was told by the Lord:  
  
 ‘You must go and stand as a watchman,  
 And you must announce all that you see!’  
  
7Well at that, I looked up and I saw two riders approaching; one [was riding] a burro, and the other [was riding] a camel.  
  
8[And then I was told that] I should listen and that I should call out to UriAh from Jehovah’s observation tower. So I stood there throughout that whole day, and I kept watch over the camp all throughout that night... 9And then, look! I spotted someone riding on a double chariot, and he was shouting that Babylon had fallen along with all of her idols… Yes, all of her idols had been dashed to the ground!  
  
10So listen, all of you who’ve survived,  
 And all of you who are grieving…  
 Hear what Jehovah of Armies has said…  
 Hear what IsraEl’s God is announcing to you!  
  
  
11The vision of Edom.  
  
From SeIr, He called out to me and He said:  
  
 ‘Now, you must keep watch on the walls…  
 12Stand there from morning ‘til night…  
 Keep watch with Me and you’ll live!  
  
 13‘Then, you should bed down in the evening  
 In the woods on the road to DeDan.  
 14And bring some water for the thirsty you’ll meet…  
 Those who are coming from TeMan!  
  
 ‘Also bring bread for the fleeing…  
 15Because of those being slaughtered…  
 Because of all who must wander…  
 Because of those who are brandishing swords…  
 Because of those with tightly-stretched bows…  
 And because of those who have fallen in war!’  
  
16Then the Lord said this to me:  
  
 ‘In a year (in the time of someone who’s hired)  
 The glory of Kedar will end,  
 17And few will remain of their bowmen;  
 For the Lord God of IsraEl has spoken.’