### Isaiah

## Chapter 22

1The matter of the valley of Zion.  
  
 ‘O what has happened to you  
 That made you foolishly climb to your roofs?  
  
 2‘Although your city is now filled with screaming,  
 Your slain were not killed by the broadsword  
 And your people haven’t died because of a war.  
  
 3‘But your rulers all fled [in fear of] the bow,  
 And now they’re all tied up together…  
 Yes your mighty have all run away!’  
  
Well, because of this, I said:  
  
 ‘Now, please let me go and find someplace to cry… 4And don’t try to offer me any comfort over the destruction of the daughters of my people, 5for this has been a very disturbing day… It’s been a day of trampling and destruction and a day of addiction to delusions that’s come to us from Jehovah of Armies!  
  
 ‘But, in the valleys of Zion, they wander…  
 All from the small to the great…  
 Yes, between the mountains, they wander.  
  
 6‘For the people of ElAm have collected [their arrows]  
 And their men have mounted their horses,  
 Then they gathered in battle array.  
 7So with their chariots, our valleys will be filled,  
 And their horsemen will block all our gates.  
  
 8‘In that day, they’ll reveal Judah’s gates  
 And survey the city’s best homes.  
 9Through the palace of David, they’ll search,  
 And they’ll see how much they can find there.  
  
 10‘You’ll divert the water to the city’s ancient pool  
 And demolish the outsides of your homes  
 To strengthen the walls of JeruSalem.  
 11Yes, between the two walls, you’ll bring water  
 And send it inside to that ancient pool.  
 But to the One who made it, you’ll still fail to look…  
 To its Creator, you will fail to turn.  
  
 12‘For this, Jehovah of Armies  
 Has called for tears in that day…  
 For the beating of chests,  
 For the shaving [of heads],  
 And for the wearing of sackcloth.’  
  
13Yet, they were all happy and leaping for joy…  
 Slaughtering calves and offering sheep,  
 Then eating the meat and drinking the wine,  
 And saying:  
  
 ‘We should all eat and drink,  
 For tomorrow we’re going to die!’  
  
14Since this reached to the ears of Jehovah of Armies,  
 These sins will not be forgiven  
 Until the day that you truly die!  
  
  
15Jehovah of Armies said this:  
  
 ‘Now, go and enter My [Holy Place]…  
 Go to the store-keeper ShevNa and ask:  
  
 16’Just what are you doing here…  
 What [business] have you been conducting?  
 Why did you carve a memorial for yourself,  
 And why have you made an engraving  
 Of yourself in the stones of this Temple?’  
  
 17‘{Look!} Jehovah of Armies will now throw you out…  
 He’ll wipe away such a man!  
 Your [official] clothes, He’ll remove,  
 Along with your garland of honor!  
  
 18‘Then He’ll throw you into a dungeon,  
 And that is where you will die!  
 On your chariot, He will bring dishonor,  
 And He’ll trample the homes of your princes…  
 19[He’ll] remove your position and station!  
  
 20‘In that day, I will call to My servant  
 (EliAkim son of HelkiAh),  
 21And I’ll put your garments on him…  
 Yes, I will give him your garland…  
 Your duties, I’ll put in his hands…  
 And then he’ll become like a father  
 To those in Judah and JeruSalem.  
  
 22‘And around his shoulders, I’ll also put  
 The key to the palace of David…  
 Yes, he’ll be the one who unlocks it!  
  
 ‘To him, I’ll give the glory of David…  
 He’ll rule and no one will argue with him.  
 23For I’ll make him the ruler of a place that’s secure,  
 And he’ll sit on a glorious throne  
 Within the house of his father.  
  
 24‘Then the honorable ones of his father’s house  
 (Those from the least to the greatest)  
 Will thereafter rely upon him…  
 Yes, all the small vessels and cups  
 Will depend on him in that day.’  
  
25Jehovah of Armies also said:  
  
 ‘This man [ShevNa] will now be removed  
 And another will then be entrenched  
 Within that trustworthy place.  
  
 ‘He’ll be removed and he’ll fall,  
 And all of his glory will just waste away.  
 For, Jehovah [of Armies] has spoken!’