### Isaiah

## Chapter 26

1In that day, in Judah, they’ll be singing this song:  
  
 ‘Look! [Ours is now] a fortified city…  
 To save us, He made our walls strong!  
 2So, open the gates and let all those enter  
 Who have guarded justice and truth…  
 3Those who grabbed truth and guarded the peace!  
  
 4‘Upon You, we’ve hoped throughout the ages,  
 O Jehovah, God of ages.  
 5For You’ve humbled and brought down those who lived high…  
 Fortified cities, You have thrown down…  
 You’ve torn them down to the ground,  
 6And as footstools, You’ve set them under Your feet.  
  
 7‘The road for the righteous, You’ve straightened…  
 You’ve prepared a way for the Godly;  
 8For, just are the paths of Jehovah!  
  
 ‘We have put hope in Your Name,  
 And You, we have never forgotten,  
 9Since You’re what our souls have desired!  
  
 ‘In the [morning], my God, I’ll rise early to You,  
 For Your orders bring light to the land.  
  
 ‘So, learn justice, all you who live on the earth!  
 10For the irreverent will soon all be gone,  
 Because they’ve never learned to be fair,  
 Nor have they ever been truthful.  
 So, please remove the ungodly,  
 That they may not gaze on Your glory!  
  
 11‘O Jehovah,  
  
 ‘Although You’ve always held Your arm high,  
 They’ve been unable to see it…  
 But, when they see it, they all will be shamed.  
 Then You’ll snatch up those ignorant ones in Your zeal,  
 And send fire to consume our oppressors.  
  
 12‘O Jehovah our God, send us peace;  
 For, all that we have was given by You!  
 13Please own us, O Jehovah our God;  
 For, we have known no other as Lord…  
 We have only called on Your Name.  
  
 14‘But those dead ones will never see life,  
 Nor will any doctors revive them,  
 Because You attacked and destroyed them…  
 From among them, You took every man.  
  
 15‘O Jehovah,  
  
 ‘Add to them all that is bad,  
 And bring evil upon their glorious ones!  
  
 16‘O Jehovah,  
  
 ‘We thought of You when we were oppressed,  
 And Your instructions were with us during hard times.  
  
 17‘Just like a woman with birth pangs  
 (One who screams before she gives birth),  
 Is how we are in Your presence, O Lord.  
 18For we fear You, Jehovah [our God].  
  
 ‘In fear of You, we conceived in the womb…  
 We went into labor and then we gave birth  
 To the spirit of salvation that You’ve brought to our land.  
  
 ‘So, we will not stumble… Although others may fall,  
 19And our dead will be raised from their tombs.  
 Then, all in our land will be joyful;  
 For like morning dew, You’ll send them a cure,  
 While those in the lands of the godless will fail.  
  
 20‘O my people,  
  
 ‘When you awaken, just stay in your bedrooms…  
 Remain inside and lock all your doors,  
 Then hide in [your homes] for a while!  
 For, this will happen, then that;  
 And the rage of Jehovah will pass.  
  
 21‘Look… From His Most Holy Place,  
 Jehovah sends rage to those on the earth.  
 For, He’s uncovered all of the blood,  
 And He won’t allow the killers to hide.’