### Isaiah

## Chapter 31

1‘Woe to those who seek help from Egypt…  
 Those trusting in their chariots and horses  
 Because their chariots are many,  
 And because they have many horses.  
  
 ‘These are people who just will not listen…  
 In IsraEl’s Holy One, they’ve not put faith  
 And they haven’t searched for their God!  
  
 2‘Thus He’ll wisely bring evil upon them,  
 So His Word will not be annulled.  
 Against their houses, He will arise,  
 And oppose their vain, wicked hopes.  
  
 3‘Egyptians are men… They aren’t Gods;  
 And their horses are no help at all,  
 Because they too are just flesh!  
 So against them, Jehovah will soon raise His hand  
 And make those who are helping them tired…  
 And thereafter, they’ll perish together.’  
  
  
4Then the Lord told me this:  
  
 ‘In the same way that a lion or its cub  
 Will roar over game that it’s taken,  
 And then continue to roar over it  
 Until the mountains are filled with its voice  
 And all the prey has been scattered,  
 Because they’ve been frightened away;  
 That’s how Jehovah of Armies will be  
 In the time that He comes against Zion.  
  
 5‘But Jehovah of Armies can be like a bird  
 That flies above JeruSalem,  
 In order to rescue, save, and protect.  
  
 6‘O you sons of IsraEl who have gathered  
 So as to discuss lawless things;  
 It’s time for you to turn back!  
 7For, the day will come when you’ll turn from your idols…  
 Those things that you’ve molded from silver and gold…  
 The things that you’ve made with your hands!  
  
 8‘Then [Assyria] will fall, but not by men’s swords…  
 No, she’ll not be devoured by swords,  
 Nor will she flee before daggers!  
 But her young men will all have been conquered…  
 9They’ll be picked up and beaten like rocks for a siege,  
 And those who flee will be captured.  
  
And this is what Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘Blest are those who have offspring in Zion,  
 And those with families in JeruSalem.’