Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Isaiah 29:1—Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. 2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. 8 It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

1. The Judgment of God to compare the men of Jerusalem with the city where David dwelt.
   1. “Woe to Ariel” – A message from God of heavy Judgment unto victory
   2. “Woe to Ariel, to Ariel”
      1. A very simple warning for complicated living, lukewarm-mundane ceremony
      2. A comparing of what is, to what was, to what will be, to what should be. Isa29:1-8, 23-24

The people in Jerusalem are not like David when he dwelt in Jerusalem. The people in Jerusalem are not like the people that dwelt in Jerusalem with David.

* + 1. A triple meaning of the name “**Ariel**” from three Hebrew words
       1. “**Ari**”-Lion “**El**”-God “Ariel” – Lion like men (Lion of God)
       2. “Arieyl”- Altar - (Hearth of God)
       3. <har'el> – (Mount of God)

Ezekiel43:15 **So the altar** <'ari'eyl> <har'el> shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns. 16 And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

* + 1. A triple meaning of the Judgment
       1. Your vain confidence in your strength will not last.
          1. “**Woe** to Ariel” (lion like men shall be brought down to the dust)
          2. “I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow”
          3. “And it shall be unto me as Ariel”

The hearth of the great altar as the seat of the fire of God

* + - 1. Your vain confidence in your sacrifices will not last long.
         1. “add ye year to year” Isa 1:11-15; Jer 7:21; Ho 5:6; 8:13; 9:4; Am 4:4,5; 5:5 Heb 10:1
         2. “let them kill sacrifices” Isaiah 66:3; Mic 6:6,7

The Jews thought themselves holy by offering their sacrifices

The altar would devour the sacrifice that was offered to God

* + - 1. Your unlearned, untrained and undisciplined will come to understanding and seek correction from right doctrine and training. Isaiah 29:24

Isaiah 28:29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

* 1. “the city where David dwelt!”
     1. What it was like when David dwelt in Jerusalem
        1. Known as the “city of David”

2Samuel 5:7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. 9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. 10 And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

* + - 1. Mount Zion is the place of the fortress

Isa 29:8 It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against **mount Zion**.

2Ki 19:31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Ps 48:2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. 11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. 74:2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. 78:68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. 125:1 They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Isa 4:5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. 10:12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. 32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. 16:1 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. 18:7 In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion. 24:23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously. 31:4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. 37:32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Jer 31:6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Ob 1:17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. 21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Micah 4:7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

* + 1. What it is like at the time of the prophecy

1. LORD of hosts is against Mount Zion (Ariel) Isaiah29:1-3,6,10,14-16

2. Nations who wage war against Mount Zion (Ariel) punished 29:7-8

3. Vision like words of a sealed book 29:11

4. The people are false and the LORD of hosts will deal with them 29:13

5. The Clay is not equal with its Maker 29:16

6. The poor, needy and afflicted will rejoice in Holy One of Israel 29:19

7. The watcher and worker of iniquity will be cut off 29:20

8. The children of Jacob will sanctify Holy One of Jacob 29:23

Isaiah 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

29:24 **They also that erred in spirit** shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Isa 28:7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

Ge 49:9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

Nu 23:24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain. Nu 24:9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee. Re 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Isa 10:5 ¶ O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. Jer 50:23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! Jer 51:20 Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;

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Jer 4:7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. Hosea 5:14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.11:10 They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. Joel 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. Amos 3:8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?