

## JOY FOR THE RIGHTEOUS DURING GOD'S JUDGMENTS (30:27-33)

**Isaiah**     <sup>27</sup> Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a distance,  
 His anger burning and the burden heavy,  
 His lips full of indignation,  
 and His tongue like a devouring fire;  
<sup>28</sup> His breath is like an overflowing stream,  
 reaching up to the neck  
 to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction,  
 and a bridle on the jaws of the peoples, for he that leads astray.  
<sup>29</sup> Your song will be as on the night when a festival is sanctified,  
 and rejoicing of the heart, as when one walks with a flute  
 to come to the mountain of the LORD,  
 to the Rock of Israel.  
<sup>30</sup> And the LORD will cause His majestic voice to be heard,  
 and He will show His arm coming down  
 with the indignation of anger  
 and a flame of devouring fire,  
 with a cloudburst  
 and tempest and hailstones.  
<sup>31</sup> For at the voice of the LORD the Assyrians are terrified  
 when He smites with His rod.  
<sup>32</sup> And every stroke with the appointed staff that the LORD lays  
 upon them  
 is to the sound of tambourines and harps,  
 and in the wars that He will fight against them  
 is with brandished weapons.  
<sup>33</sup> For a burning place was arranged long ago;  
 yea, it was prepared for the king.  
 Its pyre was made deep and wide,  
 with much fire and wood.  
 The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone,  
 sets fire to it.

## DIVINE PROTECTION FOR ZION AND JERUSALEM (31:1-9)

**Isaiah**     **31** Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help;  
 they rely on horses,

and they trust in chariots because they are many,  
and in horsemen because they are very strong,

but do not look to the Holy One of Israel,  
nor do they seek the LORD,

<sup>2</sup>and yet He is wise and brings disaster,  
and He will not take back His words,

but He will rise against the house of evildoers  
and against those who help workers of iniquity.

<sup>3</sup>The Egyptians are human and not God,  
and their horses are flesh and not spirit.

When the LORD stretches out His hand, the helper will stumble;  
and he who is helped will fall, and together they all will perish.

<sup>4</sup>For thus the LORD says to me,

**The LORD** “Just as the lion  
or the young lion growls over his prey,  
and though a group of shepherds is called forth against it,  
it is not terrified by their voice,  
nor is it disturbed at their noise.”

**Isaiah** So, the LORD of Hosts will come down to fight for Mount Zion  
and for its hill.

<sup>5</sup>Like birds hovering,  
the LORD of Hosts will defend Jerusalem.

He will protect and deliver;  
He will pass over and rescue.

<sup>6</sup>Return to Him,  
against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

**The LORD** <sup>7</sup>“For in that day everyone will despise his idols of silver  
and his idols of gold, which your sinful hands have made for you.

<sup>8</sup>And the Assyrian will fall by a sword that is not of man,  
and a sword, not of a human, will devour him, and he will flee  
from a sword,

and his young men will become forced laborers,  
<sup>9</sup>and due to terror, he will pass to his stronghold,  
and his officers will be terrified at the ensign,”

**Isaiah** declares the LORD, whose light is in Zion  
and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.