

Isaiah 30:1-33

JERUSALEM'S BIG DECISION: V 1 - 7

THE BIG DECISION:

- 1** "Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD,
"Who execute a plan, but not Mine,
And who make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, In order to add sin to sin;
2 Who proceed down to Egypt Without consulting Me,

THE REASON FOR THE BIG DECISION

To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh
And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

THE RESULT OF THE BIG DECISION:

- 3** "Therefore the safety of Pharaoh will be your shame
And the shelter in the shadow of Egypt, your humiliation.
4 "For their princes are at Zoan And their ambassadors arrive at Hanes.
5 "Everyone will be ashamed because of a people
who cannot profit them,
Who are not for help or profit, but for shame and also for reproach."

THE BURDEN OF THE BIG DECISION:

- 6** The oracle concerning the beasts of the Negev.
Through a land of distress and anguish,
From where come lioness and lion, viper and flying serpent,
They carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys And their treasures on camels' humps,
To a people who cannot profit them;
7. Even Egypt,
whose help is vain and empty.
Therefore, I have called her "Rahab who has been exterminated."

THE WORLDVIEW BEHIND JERUSALEM'S BIG DECISION:

- 8** Now go, write it on a tablet before them
And inscribe it on a scroll,
That it may serve in the time to come As a witness forever.
9 For this is a rebellious people, false sons, Sons
who refuse to listen To the instruction of the LORD;
10 Who say to the seers, "You must not see visions";
And to the prophets,
"You must not prophesy to us what is right,
Speak to us pleasant words,
Prophesy illusions.
11 "Get out of the way, turn aside from the path,
Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."
12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
"Since you have rejected this word
And have put your trust in oppression and guile, and have relied on them,
13 Therefore this iniquity will be to you Like a breach about to fall, A bulge in a high wall,
Whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant,
14 Whose collapse is like the smashing of a potter's jar,
So ruthlessly shattered
That a sherd will not be found among its pieces To take fire from a hearth
Or to scoop water from a cistern."

15 For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said,
 “In repentance and rest you will be saved,
 In quietness and trust is your strength.”
But you were not willing, **16** And you said, “No, for we will flee on horses,”
Therefore you shall flee! “And we will ride on swift horses,”
Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift.
 17 One thousand will flee at the threat of one man;
 You will flee at the threat of five,
 Until you are left as a flag on a mountain top And as a signal on a hill.

A RIGHT WORLDVIEW – GOD IS BOTH WILLING AND ABLE TO BE ALL WE NEED: VS 18 - 33

HE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO BE ALL WE NEED:

18 Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you,
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.

 For the LORD is a God of justice;
How blessed are all those who long for Him.

19 O people in Zion,
 inhabitant in Jerusalem,
 you will weep no longer.

He will surely be gracious to you
 at the sound of your cry;
 when He hears it, He will answer you.

20 Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression,
He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but
 Your eyes will behold your Teacher.

21 Your ears will hear a word behind you, “This is the way, walk in it,”
 whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

22 And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing, and say to them, “Be gone!”

HE IS GREAT ENOUGH TO BE ALL WE NEED

23 Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground,
 and bread from the yield of the ground,
 and it will be rich and plenteous;

on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

24 Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder,
 Which has been winnowed with shovel and fork.

25 On every lofty mountain and on every high hill there will be streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and
 the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days,
on the day the LORD binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise He has inflicted.

27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a remote place;

 Burning is His anger and dense is His smoke;
 His lips are filled with indignation And
 His tongue is like a consuming fire;

28 His breath is like an overflowing torrent, Which reaches to the neck,
 To shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, And
 to put in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which leads to ruin.

29 You will have songs as in the night when you keep the festival, And
gladness of heart as when one marches to the sound of the flute,
To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

30 And the LORD will cause His voice of authority to be heard,
And the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger,
And in the flame of a consuming fire In cloudburst, downpour and hailstones.

31 For at the voice of the LORD Assyria will be terrified,
When He strikes with the rod.

32 And every blow of the rod of punishment,
Which the LORD will lay on him, Will be with the music of tambourines and lyres;
And in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them.

33 For Topheth has long been ready,
Indeed, it has been prepared for the king. He has made it deep and large,
A pyre of fire with plenty of wood; The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of brimstone, sets it afire.