

Isaiah 30

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Futile Confidence in Egypt

1 “Woe to the rebellious children,” says the LORD,

“Who take counsel, but not of Me,  
And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit,  
That they may add sin to sin;

2 Who walk to go down to Egypt,  
And have not asked My advice,  
To strengthen themselves in the strength of  
Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh Shall be  
your shame,  
And trust in the shadow of Egypt Shall be your  
humiliation.

4 For his princes were at Zoan,  
And his ambassadors came to Hanes.

5 They were all ashamed of a people who could

not benefit them,  
Or be help or benefit,  
But a shame and also a reproach.”

6 The burden against the beasts of the South.

Through a land of trouble and anguish, From  
which came the lioness and lion, The viper and  
fiery flying serpent,

They will carry their riches on the backs of  
young donkeys,

And their treasures on the humps of camels, To  
a people who shall not profit;

7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no  
purpose.

Therefore I have called her

Rahab-Hem-Shebeth. A Rebellious People

8 Now go, write it before them on a tablet, And  
note it on a scroll,

That it may be for time to come,  
Forever and ever:

9 That this is a rebellious people,  
Lying children,  
Children who will not hear the law of the  
LORD;

10 Who say to the seers, “Do not see,”  
And to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us  
right

things;  
Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.

11 Get out of the way,  
Turn aside from the path, Cause the Holy One  
of Israel To cease from before us.”

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:  
“ Because you despise this word,  
And trust in oppression and perversity, And rely  
on them,

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you  
Like a breach ready to fall,  
A bulge in a high wall,  
Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.

14 And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel,

Which is broken in pieces;  
He shall not spare.

So there shall not be found among its fragments  
A shard to take fire from the hearth,  
Or to take water from the cistern.”

15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

“ In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.” But you would not,

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 shall flee at the threat of one,  
At the threat of five you shall flee,  
Till you are left as a pole on top of a mountain  
And as a banner on a hill.

God Will Be Gracious

18 Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be

gracious to you;

And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have

mercy on you.

For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; You shall weep no more.

He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your

cry;

When He hears it, He will answer you.

20 And though the Lord gives you

The bread of adversity and the water of affliction, Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner

anymore,

But your eyes shall see your teachers.

21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you,  
saying,

“ This is the way, walk in it,” Whenever you  
turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to  
the left.

22 You will also defile the covering of your  
images of silver,

And the ornament of your molded images of  
gold. You will throw them away as an unclean  
thing; You will say to them, “Get away!”

23 Then He will give the rain for your seed  
With which you sow the ground,  
And bread of the increase of the earth;  
It will be fat and plentiful.

In that day your cattle will feed In large  
pastures.

24 Likewise the oxen and the young donkeys  
that work the ground

Will eat cured fodder,

Which has been winnowed with the shovel and

fan. 25 There will be on every high mountain

And on every high hill

Rivers and streams of waters,

In the day of the great slaughter, When the towers fall.

26 Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun,

And the light of the sun will be sevenfold,

As the light of seven days,

In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His

people

And heals the stroke of their wound.

Judgment on Assyria

27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar,

Burning with His anger,

And His burden is heavy;

His lips are full of indignation,

And His tongue like a devouring fire.

28 His breath is like an overflowing stream,  
Which reaches up to the neck,  
To sift the nations with the sieve of futility;  
And there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the  
people, Causing them to err.

29 You shall have a song  
As in the night when a holy festival is kept,  
And gladness of heart as when one goes with a  
flute, To come into the mountain of the LORD,  
To the Mighty One of Israel.

30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to  
be heard,

And show the descent of His arm,  
With the indignation of His anger  
And the flame of a devouring fire,  
With scattering, tempest, and hailstones.

31 For through the voice of the LORD Assyria  
will be beaten down,  
As He strikes with the rod.

32 And in every place where the staff of  
punishment passes,



Which the LORD lays on him,  
It will be with tambourines and harps;  
And in battles of brandishing He will fight with  
it.

33 For Tophet was established of old, Yes, for  
the king it is prepared.

He has made it deep and large;  
Its pyre is fire with much wood;

The breath of the LORD, like a stream of  
brimstone, Kindles it.









