

Isaiah 30 New King James Version

Futile Confidence in Egypt

30 "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD,
"Who take counsel, but not of Me,
And who ^[a]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 ^[b]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
^[c]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
[d]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 ^[e]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 ^[f]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 ^[g]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 ^[h]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 ^[u]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.

Footnotes

- a. [Isaiah 30:1](#) Lit. *weave a web*
- b. [Isaiah 30:6](#) *oracle, prophecy*
- c. [Isaiah 30:7](#) Lit. *Rahab Sits Idle*
- d. [Isaiah 30:14](#) A piece of broken pottery
- e. [Isaiah 30:17](#) A tree stripped of branches
- f. [Isaiah 30:20](#) *oppression*
- g. [Isaiah 30:23](#) *rich*
- h. [Isaiah 30:29](#) Lit. *the Rock*
- i. [Isaiah 30:31](#) Lit. *shattered*

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