

ISAIAH 28-29
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Ch. 28 – POLITICIANS WARNED

It is foolish to trust in humans or political alliances instead of trusting in God.

I. WOE TO ISRAEL (28:1-6)

II. WOE TO JUDAH (28:7-15)

A. Wicked leaders denounced (28:7-13)

B. Contrast between false hope and true security (28:14-22)

1. 28:16 – “W. E. Vine observed that the Jews laid their cornerstones so as to give strength to the two walls that they connected. So Christ unites: time and eternity, deity and humanity, Old Testament and New Testament, mercy and justice, etc.” (Jackson, 48).

C. Parable of the farmer illustrates God’s actions (28:23-29)

1. “Just as the farmer employs different methods in the production of food – plowing now, harrowing later, sowing different types of crops, etc. (vv. 23-25) – even so the Lord God utilizes various devices, some seemingly harsher than others, to bring about his redemptive purpose. Nature is a kind of school in which Jehovah instructs man of the need of diverse methodology (v. 26). God may teach through the prophets, or he may discipline by the use of a foreign power. The point is this: finite men need to recognize that the Creator is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom (v. 29). What he does is right and for the ultimate good of mankind. Let us therefore trust him and yield to his will” (Jackson, 48-9)!

Ch. 29 – WOE TO JERUSALEM

I. JERUSALEM IN DENIAL (29:1-14)

A. Deep crisis (29:1-4)

B. Dramatic Deliverance (29:5-8)

C. Their true spiritual condition (29:9-14)

II. ARROGANT INSUBORDINATION (29:15-16)

III. FUTURE BLESSINGS FORESEEN (29:17-24)

DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

1. We **MUST** remain humble and teachable (cf. 28:9-13; James 4:6, 10).
2. If we trust God, we have no reason to panic (28:16).
3. Foolish arrogance denies the existence and / or the authority of God (29:15-16).