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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

34. Mocking God’s Word – [Isaiah 28:1-29](#)

Introduction – Isaiah 28-39 (725-682 BC) – True Deliverance is not found in Egypt, but in the Lord!

- A. Ahaz (evil)
 - 1. Looked to Assyria for deliverance
 - 2. Contrast the reign of the promised Messiah
- B. Hezekiah (good)
 - 1. Looked to Egypt and Babylon for deliverance
 - 2. No promises other than proclamation of sure destruction
- C. Outline
 - 1. The Lord’s Purposes – ch. 28-29
 - 2. Judah’s Alliance with Egypt – ch. 30-31
 - 3. The Certainty of Salvation – ch. 32-33
 - 4. God’s Sovereignty Manifested in Judgment – ch. 34-35
 - 5. The Conclusion of the Assyrian Period – ch. 36-37
 - 6. The Introduction of the Babylonian Period – ch. 38-39

I. Tragedy is Coming – [vs. 1-4](#) (722 BC)

A. Woe to the Proud Crown, Samaria – [Amos 4:1; 6:1](#)

- 1. Luxury
- 2. Licentiousness
- 3. Complacency
- 4. But it is all fading away

B. Behold the Lord’s Strength

- 1. The Sovereign One will carry out His purposes
- 2. He will forcefully throw them down and they will be trampled
- 3. Like early ripe fruit – rapidly approaching destruction – [Nahum 3:12](#)
- 4. Those who enjoy God’s good gifts but despise the Giver by abusing the gifts may expect such gifts to be suddenly cut off.

II. Symptoms of Spiritual Stupor – [vs. 5-8](#)

A. The Lord is Our True Crown of Glory – [Gal. 6:14](#)

- 1. He will bring forth true judgment
- 2. He is the power (strength) of those who win the victory – resisting the enemy at the gate

B. But Judah is also Intoxicated (priests and prophets)

- 1. They err in vision (blurry vision, seers)
- 2. They stumble in judgment (stagger, uncertain steps)
- 3. Their teaching is vile and unclean – the table (for eating and nourishment) is filled with filthy vomit (false teaching spewed out)
- 4. There is “no place” (standing place, firm foundation)

III. The Babbling Annoyance of Truth – [vs. 9-13](#)

A. Mocking the Prophet

- 1. Your teaching is too simple, beyond elementary
 - a. We know what we are doing, we don’t need to hear what he says (doesn’t apply to us)
 - b. We’ve outgrown his teaching – stop treating us like children

2. His teaching is a list of petty annoyances, one command after another, constantly coming – incoherent inapplicable instructions
 - B. Very Well Then – [Isaiah 6:9-10](#)
 1. Hearing you will not understand
 2. God will speak to you in a language you do not know (dominated by foreign powers)
 - C. God Has Spoken Clearly
 1. This is rest, let the weary enjoy it
 2. But they were not willing to hear – [Matt. 23:37](#)
 - D. The Consequences of Mocking God’s Word – [Isa. 8:15](#)
 1. They might go – God’s Word compels them, drives them to proceed to their destruction
 2. They will stumble over it backwards
 3. They will be broken
 4. They will be trapped and taken
- IV. Hear God’s Word, You Scoffers – [vs. 14-22](#)
- A. Not Ignorant Pagans, but Rulers of Judah – [Prov. 29:8](#)
 - B. A Covenant with Death
 1. You act as though death and the grave will pass you by, as if you are exempt
 2. Your refuge is lies – [Jer. 8:6](#)
 - C. I Lay in Zion a Cornerstone
 1. I – the Lord
 2. In Zion, not Egypt
 3. A Cornerstone – [Psa. 118:22](#); [Peter 2:4-10](#)
 - a. Immovable
 - b. Unchangeable
 - c. Unshakable
 - d. Tested and Reliable – the stone by which others are proven usable/a stumbling block
 - D. The Standard of measure – justice and righteousness
 1. Divine judgment (hail) will sweep away the refuge of lies
 2. You will not be exempt, but obliterated by wave after wave of continual overflowing judgment
 - E. On Hearing Isaiah They Mocked, Now They Will Tremble
 1. Their bed is too short – no comfort, no cover
 2. Perazim – [2 Sam. 5:20](#)
 3. Gibeon – [Joshua 10:8-14](#)
 4. The Lord will come down on the nation, it will seem unusual, even foreign
 - F. Scoff Not! – You are bound by false hopes – [Isa. 10:23](#)
- V. A Parable – [vs. 23-29](#)
- A. Four Commands
 1. Give ear – Listen
 2. Hear my voice – heed, obey
 3. Listen – pay attention
 4. Hear my words – heed, obey
 - B. Rhetorical Parable – the answer should be “no”
 1. Tills, Sows, Plants (deliberate, determined process and procedure)
 2. God has taught the farmer the right way
 3. There is a right way and a wrong way
 4. God employs what will best carry out His holy will
 5. God causes counsel to be wonderful and magnifies wisdom