

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

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- A. *Pronouncing Woe* upon the Leaders of Ephraim and Judah (28:1-29)

B. *Pronouncing Woe* upon Ariel—Jerusalem (29:1-24)

- 1. The *Siege* against Ariel (29:1-4)

29 *Woe, O Ariel, Ariel the city where David once camped!*
Add year to year, **observe your feasts** on schedule.

² I will bring **distress** to Ariel,
and she will be a *city of lamenting* and *mourning*;
and she will be like an Ariel to me.

³ I will **camp** against you **encircling you**,
and I will set siegeworks against you,
and I will raise up **battle towers** against you.

⁴ Then you will be brought low; from the **earth** you will **speak**,
and from the **dust** where you are *prostrate* your **words will come**.

Your **voice** will also be like that of a *spirit* from the **ground**,
and your **speech** will *whisper* from the **dust**.

- 2. The *Punishment* of Ariel’s Enemies (29:5-8)

⁵ But the **multitude** of your enemies will become like *fine dust*,
and the **multitude** of the **ruthless ones** like the *chaff* which **blows away**;
and it will happen *instantly, suddenly*.

⁶ From the **LORD of hosts** you will be punished with *thunder*
and *earthquake* and *loud noise*,
with *whirlwind* and *tempest* and the *flame* of a **consuming fire**.

⁷ And the **multitude** of all the **nations** who **wage war** against **Ariel**,
even all who **wage war** against her and her stronghold,
and who **distress** her, will be like a **dream**, a **vision** of the **night**.

⁸ It will be as when a **hungry man dreams**—and behold, he is **eating**;
But when he **awakens**, his **hunger** is **not satisfied**,
or as when a **thirsty man dreams**—and behold, he is **drinking**,
But when he **awakens**, behold, he is **faint**
and his **thirst** is **not quenched**.

Thus the **multitude** of all the **nations** will be
who **wage war** against **Mount Zion**.

3. The **Spiritual Blindness** of **Judah** (29:9-12)

⁹ **Be delayed** and **wait**, **blind yourselves** and **be blind**;
they become **drunk**, but **not** with **wine**,
they **stagger**, but **not** with **strong drink**.

¹⁰ For **the LORD** has **poured** over you a **spirit** of **deep sleep**,
He has **shut your eyes**, the **prophets**;
and **He** has **covered your heads**, the **seers**.

¹¹ The entire **vision** will be to you like the **words** of a **sealed book**,
which when they give it to the one who is **literate**, saying,
“Please **read this**,” he will say, “I **cannot**, for it is **sealed**.”

¹² Then the **book** will be given to the one who is **illiterate**, saying,
“Please **read this**.” and he will say, “I **cannot** read.”

4. The **Religious Phoniness** of the **People** (29:13-16)

¹³ Then **the Lord** said,
“Because this people **draw near** with their **words**
and **honor Me** with their **lip service**,
but they **remove** their **hearts far from Me**,
and their **reverence** for **Me** consists of **tradition learned by rote**,

¹⁴ Therefore behold, **I will** once again deal **marvelously** with this people,
wondrously marvelous; and the **wisdom** of their **wise men** will **perish**,
and the **discernment** of their **discerning men** will be **concealed**.”

¹⁵ **Woe** to those who **deeply hide** their **plans** from **the LORD**,
and whose **deeds** are **done** in a **dark place**,
and they say, “**Who sees us?**” or “**Who knows us?**”

¹⁶ You **turn things around**!
Shall the **potter** be considered as **equal** with the **clay**,
that what **is made** would say to its **maker**, “**He did not make me**”;
or what **is formed** say to **him** who **formed it**, “**He has no understanding**”?

5. The *Regeneration* of Israel (29:17-24)

¹⁷ Is it not yet just a **little while** before **Lebanon** will be turned into a **fertile field**, and the **fertile field** will be considered as a **forest**?

¹⁸ On **that day** the **deaf** will **hear words** of a **book**, and out of **their gloom** and **darkness** the **eyes** of the **blind** will **see**.

¹⁹ The **afflicted** also will **increase** their **gladness** in the **LORD**, and the **needy** of **mankind** will **rejoice** in the **Holy One** of **Israel**.

²⁰ For the **ruthless** will come to **an end** and the **scorner** will be **finished**, indeed all who are intent on **doing evil** will be **cut off**;

²¹ Who cause a person to be **indicted** by a **word**, and **ensnare him** who **adjudicates** at the **gate**, and **defraud** the **one** in **the right** with **meaningless arguments**.

²² Therefore thus says **the LORD**, who **redeemed Abraham**, concerning the **house of Jacob**:
“**Jacob** shall **not now** be **ashamed**, nor shall **his face** now **turn pale**;

²³ But when **he sees his children**, the **work of My hands**, in his **midst**, they will **sanctify My name**;
indeed, they will **sanctify the Holy One** of **Jacob** and will **stand in awe** of the **God of Israel**.

²⁴ “Those who **err in mind** will **know the truth**, and those who **criticize** will **accept instruction**.”

Isaiah Chapter 29 *Insights* into **God’s Divine Attributes**—

A. *Revealing His Omnipotence* → An “All Powerful God”

⁵ But the multitude of **your enemies** will become like **fine dust**, and the multitude of the **ruthless ones** like the **chaff** which blows away; and it will happen **instantly, suddenly**.

⁶ From the **LORD of hosts** you will be **punished** with **thunder** and **earthquake** and **loud noise**, with **whirlwind** and **tempest** and the flame of a **consuming fire**. (29:5-6)

B. *Revealing His Omniscience* → An “All Knowing God”

¹³ Then **the Lord** said,
“Because this **people draw near** with their **words** and **honor Me** with their **lip service**,

but they **remove** their hearts far from Me,
and their reverence for Me consists of **tradition learned by rote**, (29:13)

C. **Revealing His Omnipresence** → A God who is “**Ever Present**”

¹⁵ **Woe** to those who **deeply hide** their **plans** from the **LORD**,
and whose **deeds** are *done* in a **dark place**,
and they say, “**Who sees us?**” or “**Who knows us?**” (29:15)

D. **Revealing His Sovereign Wisdom**

¹⁴ Therefore behold, **I will** once again deal **marvelously** with this **people**,
wondrously marvelous; and the wisdom of their **wise men** will **perish**,
and the discernment of their **discerning men** will be **concealed**.” (29:14)

E. **Revealing that He is Almighty Creator**

¹⁶ You **turn things** around!
Shall the potter be considered as **equal** with the clay,
that what is **made** would say to its maker, “**He did not make me**”;
or what is **formed** say to him who **formed it**, “**He has no understanding**”? (29:16)

F. **Revealing His Mercy**

¹⁸ On that day the deaf will **hear words of a book**,
and out of *their gloom* and **darkness** the eyes of the blind will see.

¹⁹ The afflicted also will **increase** their gladness in the **LORD**,
and the needy of **mankind** will **rejoice** in the **Holy One of Israel**. (29:18-19)

G. **Revealing that He is Just and Righteous**

²⁰ For the ruthless will come to an **end** and the scorner will be **finished**,
indeed all who are intent on doing evil will be **cut off**;

²¹ Who cause a person to be **indicted** by a **word**,
and **ensnare** him who **adjudicates** at the **gate**,
and **defraud** the **one in the right** with **meaningless arguments**. (29:20-21)

H. **Revealing His Faithfulness** (*particularly towards Jacob*)

²² Therefore thus says the **LORD**, who **redeemed Abraham**,
concerning the **house of Jacob**:
“**Jacob shall not now be ashamed**, nor shall his **face now turn pale**;

²³ But when he sees **his children**, the work of **My hands**, in his **midst**,
they will **sanctify My name**;
indeed, they will **sanctify** the **Holy One of Jacob**

and will stand *in awe* of the **God of Israel**. (29:22-23)

Personal Reflection

“What we **believe about God** is the **most important** thing about **us**.
Our **beliefs about God** are inevitably reflected
in our *attitudes* and our *actions*.” A.W. Tozer