

ISAIAH –Lesson 26

Learn: Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Psalm 127:1, 2

Read: Isaiah 21:11- 17

1. Who is this burden brought against? v 11
2. We know that the “watchman” is the one who stands up and warns of God’s judgment. Who are the people of Seir calling out to?
3. The people of Seir-Edom are looking at the devastation of their ally Babylon, and they are in a panic. What is meant by their cry “Watchman, what of the night?”
4. What do we learn from the following scriptures, concerning the “night” that has come upon Edom?
Numbers 24:18

Psalm 137:7

Obadiah 1:16
5. What is the prophet’s reply and why should it be an encouragement?
Also see Obadiah 1:17-21
6. What is Edom’s only hope?

NOTE: Arabia literally refers to Arabs. Today, not every Arab is Islamic, and not every Islamic is Arab. It is interesting to note that actually Islam treats Arabs badly. Today there

are many Arabs who are Christian and endure great suffering at the hands of Islam, all over the Middle East.

Tema is an oasis south of Eilat, which is in Israel, and east of the Gulf of Aquaba. Kuwait is the direct descendant of Kedar, which was a powerful Arabian tribe.

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7. What do Genesis 10:6, 7 And Ezekiel 27:15 tell us about Dedanim?

8. What did the people of Tema do for the traveling companies of Dedanim? v 14

9. Why were the traveling companies of Dedanim in need? v 15

10. What would happen to the mighty of Kedar? vv 16, 17a

11. Why will it happen? v 17b

NOTE: In 715 BC, Sargon came against Arabian tribes who lived in the area of Tema. In 703 BC, Arabian tribes joined with Merodach-Baladan in rebellion and were crushed by Sennacherib.

Read: Isaiah 22:1-13

This concerns Jerusalem's destruction.

12. This coming judgment or burden is against the "valley of vision." What is "the valley of vision?" Psalm 125:2

13. What is happening in the "joyous city?" vv 1-3 Also see Isaiah 23:7; 32:13; Jeremiah 14:18; Lamentations 2:20

14. What is the prophet's response? v 4

15. Who causes “the day of trouble”? v 5

16. Who attacked and how? vv 6, 7

17. How did the city try to defend itself? vv 8-11

18. Why would the defense of the city fail? vv 11, 12a Also see Psalm 127:1

19. What was the Lord’s call to the people of Jerusalem? v 12

20. Instead of repenting, what do the people do? v 13

21. What is the warning for us in this judgment against Jerusalem? See Luke 17:26-29.