

ISAIAH –Lesson 33

Learn: Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence even the them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto they also were appointed. I Peter 2:6-8

Read: Isaiah 28:1-29

Chapters 24:1-27:3 are a reminder of God's coming judgment. Chapter 28:1-29 gives the result that will come upon Ephraim. Ephraim is the chief tribe of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and is often used to denote the Northern Kingdom.

1. Ephraim is prideful and wears it like a crown, how does the Lord describe that crown?
v 1b

2. What does God call Ephraim? v 1

3. What will happen to them? vv 2-4

4. What does the Lord promise to the remnant that wait for him? vv5, 6

When will this blessing come to pass?

5. What is the cause behind this coming judgment? vv7, 8

NOTE: The problem of drinking alcoholic beverages is clear – it causes people (especially leaders) to be deceived (they don't think clearly).

The words “strong drink” are from the Hebrew shekar which is used 24 times. The word for “wine” is the Hebrew yayin which is used 139 times. –David Hocking

6. According to the following verses, who was not allowed to drink any alcohol, and when, and why?

Leviticus 10:1-11

Numbers 6:2-4

Proverbs 31:4-7

7. What is presented to us in Proverbs 23:29-35?

8. It used to be that believers in Jesus Christ would abstain completely from any alcohol, but in these last years the “church” has become more enlightened sighting their freedom in Christ to do what they please. How might the following verses help us to make the appropriate decision concerning the use of alcohol for a believer?

Ephesians 5:17-19

Romans 14:21-22

I Corinthians 6:12

I Thessalonians 5:21-22

9. How does the Lord describe the condition around the drunkards of Ephraim? vv 7,8

10. Verses 9-13 speak of precepts which the people of Ephraim did not understand. What are people complaining about in verse 9?

11. On the other hand, how would Proverbs 22:6 be a response to these people?

12. Why must the truth of God's Word be taught in the way complained about by the people in verse 10? That is, instruction repeated carefully and continuously.

13. How did the Lord continually teach Israel in the way explained in verse 10?
Nehemiah 9:30; II Chronicles 36:15

14. The people refused to listen and learn, so how did the Lord say they would have to be taught? v11 Also see Isaiah 33:19; Deuteronomy 28:49-50

15. In I Corinthians 14:21-22 this verse of Isaiah 28:11 is quoted, what does the context of the Isaiah passage lead us to understand about the use of tongues, which may seem different from what many people practice today?

16. If the people had listened to and obeyed God's message, what would have been the result for them? v 12

17. Why then, if the people refused to listen, did God keep repeating His Word to them?
v13

18. What had the rulers of Jerusalem done instead of listening to God? vv14,15

19. What did the Lord proclaim to the rulers because of their self deception? vv 16,17

20. How do Romans 9:30-33 and I Peter 2:4-8 which quote this verse of Isaiah 28:16 relate to it?

21. What does the Lord do about the covenant these leaders have made? vv18-20

22. The LORD is going to do a “strange work” –something unusual- as He had in Mount Perazim. What did He do there? I Chronicles 14:8-17

23. How far would God’s anger extend? v22

In verses 23-26 God gives a Parable of Sowing –the emphasis is on God’s instruction and teaching. Verses 27-29 are a Parable of Reaping- the emphasis is on the fact that God’s judgment will not be unfair and will not go on forever.

24. Judgment (reaping) also comes from the Lord as surely as His instruction and warnings (sowing) –it reveals two things about our Lord. What are they? v29

Also see Psalm 139:6