

Jerusalem Is Warned

29:1 **W**OE, O ¹Ariel, ¹Ariel the city *where* David *once* ^acamped!

Add year to year, ²^bobserve *your* feasts on schedule.

2 And I will bring distress to Ariel,

And she shall be *a city of* lamenting and ^amourning;

And she shall be like an Ariel to me.

3 And I will ^acamp against you ¹encircling *you*,

And I will set siegeworks against you,

And I will raise up battle towers against you.

4 Then you shall ^abe brought low;

From the earth you shall speak,

And from the dust *where* you are prostrate,

Your words *shall* come.

Your voice shall also be like that of a ¹spirit from the ground,

And your speech shall whisper from the dust.

5 But the multitude of your ¹enemies shall become like fine ^adust,

And the multitude of the ^bruthless ones like the chaff which ²blows away;

And it shall happen ^cinstantly, suddenly.

6 From the LORD of hosts you will be ^apunished with ^bthunder and earthquake and loud noise,

With whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a consuming fire.

7 And the ^amultitude of all the nations who wage war against ¹Ariel,

Even all who wage war against her and her stronghold, and who distress her,

Shall be like a dream, a ^bvision of the night.

8 And it will be as when a hungry man dreams—

And behold, he is eating;

But when he awakens, his ¹hunger 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 ¹thirst is not quenched.

^aThus the multitude of all the nations shall be,

Who wage war against Mount Zion.

9 ^aBe delayed and wait.

Blind yourselves and be blind.

They ^bbecome drunk, but not with wine;

They stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of deep ^asleep,

He has ^bshut your eyes, the prophets;

And He has covered your heads, the seers.

11 And the entire vision shall be to you like the words of a sealed ¹ ^abook, which when they give it to the one who ²is literate, saying, “Please read this,” he will say, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”

12 Then the ¹book will be given to the one who ²is illiterate, saying, “Please read

this.” And he will say, “I ³cannot read.”

13 Then the Lord said, “Because ^athis people draw near with their ¹ words
And honor Me with their ² lip service,
But they remove their hearts far from Me,
And their ³ reverence for Me ⁴ consists of ⁵ tradition learned *by rote*, Therefore
behold, I will once again deal ^a marvelously with this people, wondrously
marvelous;
14 And ^b the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
And the discernment of their discerning men shall be concealed.”

15 Woe to those who deeply ^a hide their ¹ plans from the LORD,
And whose ^b deeds are *done* in a dark place,
And they say, “^cWho sees us?” or “Who knows us?”

16 You turn *things* around!
Shall the potter be considered ¹ as equal with the clay,
That ^a what is made should say to its maker, “He did not make me”;
Or what is formed say to him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

Blessing after Discipline

17 Is it not yet just a little while
¹ Before Lebanon will be turned into a ^a fertile field,
And the fertile field will be considered as a forest?

18 And on that day the ^a deaf shall hear ^b words of a book,
And out of *their* gloom and darkness the ^c eyes of the blind shall see.

19 The ^a afflicted also shall increase their gladness in the LORD,
And the ^b needy of mankind shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the ^a ruthless will come to an end, and the ^b scorner will be finished,
Indeed ^c all who ¹ are intent on doing evil will be cut off;

21 Who ¹ cause a person to be indicted by a word,
And ^a ensnare him who adjudicates at the gate,
And ² ^b defraud the one in the right with ³ meaningless arguments.

22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed ^a Abraham, concerning the house of
Jacob,

“Jacob ^b shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now turn pale; But when ¹ he
sees his ^a children, the ^b work of My hands, in his midst,

23 They will sanctify My name;
Indeed, they will ^c sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,
And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

24 “And those who ^a err in ¹ mind will ^b know ² the truth,
And those who ³ criticize will ⁴ ^c accept instruction.

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^a 2 Sam. 5:9

² Lit., *let your feasts run their round*
^b Is. 1:14; 5:12; 22:12, 13; 29:9, 13
^a Is. 3:26; Lam. 2:5
^a Luke 19:43, 44
¹ Lit., *like a circle*
^a Is. 8:19
¹ Or, *ghost*
¹ Lit., *strangers*
^a Is. 17:13; 41:15, 16
^b Is. 13:11; 25:3; 29:20
² Lit., *passes away*
^c Is. 17:14; 30:13; 47:11; 1 Thess. 5:3
^a Is. 10:3; 26:14, 21
^b 1 Sam. 2:10; Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Rev. 11:13, 19; 16:18
^a Mic. 4:11, 12; Zech. 12:9
¹ V. 1, note 1
^b Job 20:8; Ps. 73:20; Is. 17:14
¹ Lit., *soul*
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^a Is. 54:17
^a Is. 29:1
^b Is. 51:17, 21, 22; 63:6
^a Ps. 69:23; Is. 6:9, 10; Mic. 3:6; Rom. 11:8
^b Is. 44:18; 2 Thess. 2:9-12
¹ Or, *scroll*
^a Is. 8:16; Dan. 12:4, 9; Matt. 13:11
² Lit., *knows books*, also v. 12
¹ Or, *scroll*
² Lit., *does not know books*
³ Lit., *do not know books*
^a Ezek. 33:31; Matt. 15:8, 9; Mark 7:6, 7
¹ Lit., *mouth*
² Lit., *lips*
³ Lit., *fear of Me*
⁴ Lit., *is*
⁵ Lit., *commandment of rulers*
^a Is. 6:9, 10; 28:21; 65:7; Hab. 1:5
^b Is. 44:25; Jer. 8:9; 49:7; 1 Cor. 1:19
^a Ps. 10:11, 13; Is. 28:15; 30:1
¹ Lit., *counsel*
^b Job 22:13; Is. 57:12; Ezek. 8:12
^c Ps. 94:7; Is. 47:10; Mal. 2:17
¹ Lit., *like*
^a Is. 45:9; 64:8; Jer. 18:1-6; Rom. 9:19-21
¹ Lit., *And*

^a Ps. 84:6; 107:33, 35; Is. 32:15

^a Is. 35:5; 42:18, 19; 43:8; Matt. 11:5; Mark 7:37

^b Is. 29:11

^c Ps. 119:18; Prov. 20:12; Is. 32:3

^a Ps. 25:9; 37:11; Is. 11:4; 61:1; Matt. 5:5; 11:29

^b Is. 3:14, 15; 11:4; 14:30, 32; 25:4; 26:6; Matt. 11:5; James 1:9; 2:5

^a Is. 29:5

^b Is. 28:14

^c Is. 59:4; Mic. 2:1

¹ Lit., *watch evil*

¹ Lit., *bring a person under condemnation*

^a Amos 5:10

² Lit., *turn aside*

^b Is. 32:7; Amos 5:12

³ Lit., *confusion*

^a Is. 41:8; 51:2; 63:16

^b Is. 45:17; 49:23; 50:7; 54:4

¹ Or, *his children see*

^a Is. 49:20-26

^b Is. 26:12; 45:11; Eph. 2:10

^c Is. 5:16; 8:13

^a Is. 30:21; Heb. 5:2

¹ Lit., *spirit*

^b Is. 41:20; 60:16

² Lit., *understanding*

³ Lit., *murmur*

⁴ Lit., *learn*

^c Is. 54:13

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.