

ISAIAH 22 vs 1

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Isaiah was instructed of the LORD to address all the major actors, even those who made a **covenant with death and lies, and hell...** people so evil they would murder their own children... even till the time of the end of the Gentile nations; when Messiah comes in power and great glory to set things right... with a cataclysmic event the whole world will know He is on the way.

Check His calendar... Moses fully told us about it: 7 specific workdays for the LORD; 4 days, shadows of things to come are done leaving 3 specific days – **the last days** at the time of the Harvest yet to be fulfilled.

An Oracle Concerning Jerusalem



¹ The oracle of the valley of vision. **What ails you now? Why have you all gone up to the rooftops?** ² **You who are fully aroused, a rowdy city, a noisy city: your slain did not die by the sword, they did not die in battle.**

³ **All your leaders fled together, captured without the bow: all who fled far away were found and taken captive.**

⁴ **So I say, Look away from Me; I will weep bitterly, do not try to comfort Me, about the destruction of the daughter of My people** / the Lord God had great plans when He created this world; but quickly He learned not everyone wanted to join Him on the journey of a lifetime, but don't weep for Him; those in Jerusalem needed to weep for themselves.

⁵ **For the LORD God of hosts has a troubling day:** trampling and confusion in the valley of vision -- broken walls, and crying in the mountains / Jerusalem had been like a towering mountain, but in its faithless rebellion became a dark, constricted lowlife town.

⁶ **Elam / Iran, the Persians... took up missiles with chariots, infantry and horsemen; and Kir / the Medes... uncovered the shield.**

⁷ **And it will happen that your choicest valleys will be full of chariots, and the horsemen will take fixed positions at the gates** / on that day of trouble, the gates -- the most vulnerable part of the fortress; they will take their positions, with all their finest military gear strategically positioned,

⁸ and **on the day** you depended on the weapons in the House of the Forest He removed the defense of **Judah**, / when Judah, one of **the 3 faithless shepherds** no longer really relied on the Lord God of Host,

⁹ **when you saw the breaches of the City of David were many: and you gathered water from the lower pool** / the underground passages; Hezekiah's tunnel and the Gihon river still flows in Jerusalem today, cut in the rock of Zion; knowing that after 3 days without water you begin to die.

¹⁰ **You counted the houses in the City of David, so you could tear some down to fortify the wall;**

¹¹ and you made a reservoir between the walls for the water of the old pool: but you did not look to its Maker or consider the One who planned it long ago. / you did not depend on God who made you,

¹² So, **on that day** the LORD God of hosts called you to weep and to wail; to shave the head and wear sackcloth / time for a little humility:

¹³ but instead, there was **joy** and **gladness**, slaying the cows, and slaughtering the sheep, **eating** of meat and **drinking** wine let us eat and drink; **for tomorrow we will die** / so they were much like the genius 21st century; so it is the unfaithful who secured this hedonistic lifestyle: eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.

¹⁴ The LORD of hosts directly revealed to me, Surely this **crime** will **not** be pardoned as long as you live, says the LORD God of hosts / so did the Lord say to those rebels, okay, **your will be done**; it certainly sounds like He wrote some of them off, as if He never knew them.

¹⁵ Thus says the LORD God of hosts, Go, get to the steward, even to Shebna **who is over the royal household**, and say, / the treasurer, who watches over the money, ¹⁶ **What are you doing here? Who here told you to cut out a tomb for yourself, like those cutting out a tomb on a high place, and who carves a resting place for himself in a rock?** / what a mighty noise they must have been making; and prophet Isaiah confronts Shebna on the job...he asks, what business do you have here? / what grand VIP idiot are you allied with? none of the biblical greats – Abraham, Moses, King David or the prophets thought to erect a huge tomb for themselves; but Shebna thought it made sense.

¹⁷ Look, the LORD will carry you away with captives and will surely cover you O strong man./ big boy; so the LORD had other plans for him,

¹⁸ He will roll you up into a ball and violently hurl you into a vast region: there you will die, and there your glorious chariots will be a disgrace to your master's house.

¹⁹ And I will remove you from your office, and pull you down from your position.

²⁰ Then it will happen on that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

²¹ and I will clothe him with your tunic, and tie your sash securely about him, I will entrust him with your authority: and he will be a father to the residents of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

²² Then I will put the key of the house of David on his shoulder: what he opens, no one will close; and what he closes, no one will open / in the last days, this verse is fulfilled in the church at Philadelphia, who was weak, yet did what the Lord asked: [they keep the word of His endurance and did not deny His name](#); therefore, they will be kept from the terrible hour that will come upon the whole earth – Rev. 3.

²³ And I will fasten him like a nail in a secure place. He will be a throne of honor to his father's house / the sense is: all that is valuable to the nation will surely rest securely on Eliakim.

²⁴ They will hang on him all the glory of his father's descendants and branches, from the least vessels -- from cups and bowls to large pots.

And to be clear about this genius Shebna with all the great plans, the LORD repeats himself:

²⁵ On that day, says the LORD of hosts, the nail fastened in the secure place will abruptly give way, and will break off and fall; and the load hanging on it will be cut off: / Shebna would suddenly tumble, and that is what history tells us happened...

for the LORD has spoken.