

ISAIAH 30 vs 1

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Beginning in chapter 24, Isaiah addresses the major actors when the time of the Gentiles ends; when Messiah comes in power and great glory to set things right. With an awesome event, the whole world will know including **the 3 faithless shepherds** – Zechariah 11; He is on the way. **On a day**, When? Well, check His calendar... Moses told us about it: 7 specific work days for the LORD; 4 days, shadows of things to come have been fulfilled... leaving 3 specific days at the time of the Harvest.



¹ Woe / how terrible it will be to the rebellious children, says the LORD, who take counsel, but **not from Me; and make an alliance, but **not** with My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin:**

² who go down to Egypt, without asking Me; to take refuge in the strength of Pharaoh, and to lean on the shadow of Egypt! / when is the last time, you leaned on a shadow, instead of asking for help from the Lord?

³ so, the strength of Pharaoh will be your **boshet, and leaning on the shadow of Egypt your confusion** / It's a good word to know in Hebrew:= **shame**; with Sennacherib's imminent invasion, they were in a panic. Why didn't Judah call on the Lord? Did they commit spiritual suicide? Hosea said, [My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge](#) they rejected knowing Him so He rejected them.

⁴ For their princes were at ancient **Zoan, and their ambassadors came to Hanes / former **Hyksos capital**, both west of the Nile.**

⁵ Everyone will be mortified of those who cannot profit them, nor are a help or benefit, but are embarrassing, and a reproach.

⁶ The burden of the beasts of the south – of the Negev: through a land in distress and anguish, from where are lioness and lions, vipers and fiery flying serpents, they carry their riches on the backs of young asses, and their treasures on humps of camels, to a nation that will **not profit them;**

⁷ To **Egypt whose help is vain and to **no** purpose; so concerning this I called her: **Rahab** who sits still** / His people are dreamers who destroy mythical monsters (Job 9:13). The Lord knows Egypt, -- will not profit His people. The Lord says His people were willing to risk their lives making this useless trek all the way to some do-nothing... who was just going to sit there.

⁸ Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever / the Lord is still laughing, and says: you gotta write this down, and in a million years everyone who reads will never believe it.

⁹for this is a rebellious people, lying children, faithless sons who will **not** hear the law of the LORD / so they were very much like **Judah** and **Israel** – **Ephraim** and **Manasseh** are today:

¹⁰who say to the seers, as you now do, you must not see visions, and to the prophets, you must not prophesy what is right, but speak to us greasy things, prophesy illusions / yep, things don't change much:

¹¹Get our of the way, turn aside from the path; let us hear **no** more about **the Holy One of Israel** / cuz all religions are the same, blah, blah, blah; what? no more about their Creator and Savior?

¹²So, thus says **the Holy One of Israel**: Since you rejected this word, and lean on oppression and guile, and rely on it / that is where they dropped their anchor:

¹³so, this crime will be like a breach ready to fall, like a bulge in a high wall, whose collapse comes suddenly, rapidly.

¹⁴**And whose collapse will be like the smashing of the potter's vessel that is shattered in pieces; so that a sherd will not be found among its pieces to take fire from the hearth, or to scoop water from a cistern.**

¹⁵For thus says the LORD God, **the Holy One of Israel**: reconsider and rest, you will be saved; in silence, leaning on Me is your strength: but you were **not** willing / like a Father talking to his 3rd grade son: the Lord God corrects their faulty thinking, in words a child understands:

¹⁶**But you said, No! We will flee on horses** / the idea is that they will hurry their course against the approaching Assyrians, supplied with the help of the Egyptian cavalry;

The Father says: so you will flee? / okay! The son says **We will ride swift horses;**

The Father says: **therefore, those who pursue you will be swifter.** The son confidently argues ¹⁷**One thousand will flee at the threat of one of us:** like an atheist using the language of faith; quoting, 1000 will fall by my side, 10,000 at my right hand – Psalm 91;

And the Lord replies: **at the rebuke of five of them, all of you will run: until you are left as a lonely flag on the mountain peak, and as a lonely beacon on a hill** / waving a flag, and shining a light for nobody to see; not even two will be standing together, they all ran.

The Millennial kingdom of the Lord,

¹⁸ **So, the LORD will wait that He may be gracious to you, and so, He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you: for the LORD is a God of justice** / so He is willing to do, what we should have enough sense to do: unlike us, He is slow to anger; and He has lots of time up there: **blessed are all who look for Him** those who look for His coming will be rewarded.

¹⁹ **O people of Zion, residents of Jerusalem: you will no longer weep: He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer.**

²⁰ **Though the LORD gives you the bread of hardship, and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will see your Teacher:**

²¹ **and your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right or to the left** / like a faithful Father following His child's every move; even today.

²² **You will defile your engraved demon images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold** / what this means speaks to us individually as we imagine and make things, the works of our hands, and in the process fall down and worship things and stuff; thinking that substitutes for being made in the image and likeness of God; which only happens when we take to heart His words and ways.
you will throw them away as a dirty cloth; you will say to them, Go! / be gone.

²³ **Then He will give rain for the seed you sow in the ground; and bread from the yield of the earth will be rich and plenteous: the day your cattle graze in spacious pastures.**

²⁴ **The oxen and asses which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which is winnowed with shovel and fork.**

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The Day of the Lord's wrath,

²⁵ **On every lofty mountain, and on every high hill, there will be streams of water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall** / some Bible scholars say this happened 2500 years ago; others say it refers to the great battle Armageddon; I say it refers to both.

²⁶ **And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day the LORD binds up the fracture of His people, and heals the bruise He inflicted.**

²⁷ **Look, the name of the LORD comes from afar; His anger is burning, and its smoke is dense. His lips are filled with wrath; His tongue is like a consuming fire:** / the Lord comes from His eternity; when He came the first time, He paid the price we could not pay; grievous is the flame; dense is the smoke; this burning anger is directed at all who did not return; who were lawless at heart; who were never part of His plan made in His image of love freely given:

²⁸ **and His breath is like an overflowing stream, reaching to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of ruin; and in the jaws of the people, the bridle, which leads to ruin** / to the capital city; to separate friend and foe: like the best cowboy with His lariat snagging all the rabble to be tossed into the fire.

²⁹ **You will have songs in the night when you keep the holy festival; and gladness of heart, as when one dances to the sound of the flute; to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel** / Daniel told us the Rock would come; **Dance like David**

³⁰ **And the LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and the descending of His arm, to be seen in the light of His anger; and in the flame of His consuming fire, in cloudburst, downpour, and hailstones.**

³¹ **For at the voice of the LORD, when He bashes with a rod, the Assyrian will be terrified.**

³² **And every blow of the rod of punishment, that the LORD will lay on him, will be like sweet music, with tambourines and guitars; and in battles brandishing weapons, He will fight him** / the Assyrian govt became the Babylonian govt; that became the Medo-Persian, Greek and last, Roman: and he will punch and knock him around, which will be a sweet moment to the Lord.

³³ **For Tophet / where the garbage is burned the old furnace is ordained; yes, for the Assyrian king it is prepared. He made it deep and large: a pyre of bonfire with plenty of wood. The breath of the LORD, like a rush of brimstone, sets it ablaze.** One day in Jerusalem, He will fry that Assyrian's ass; snap, crackle and pop! Like music to our ears.