

# Isaiah 36-39

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## PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.









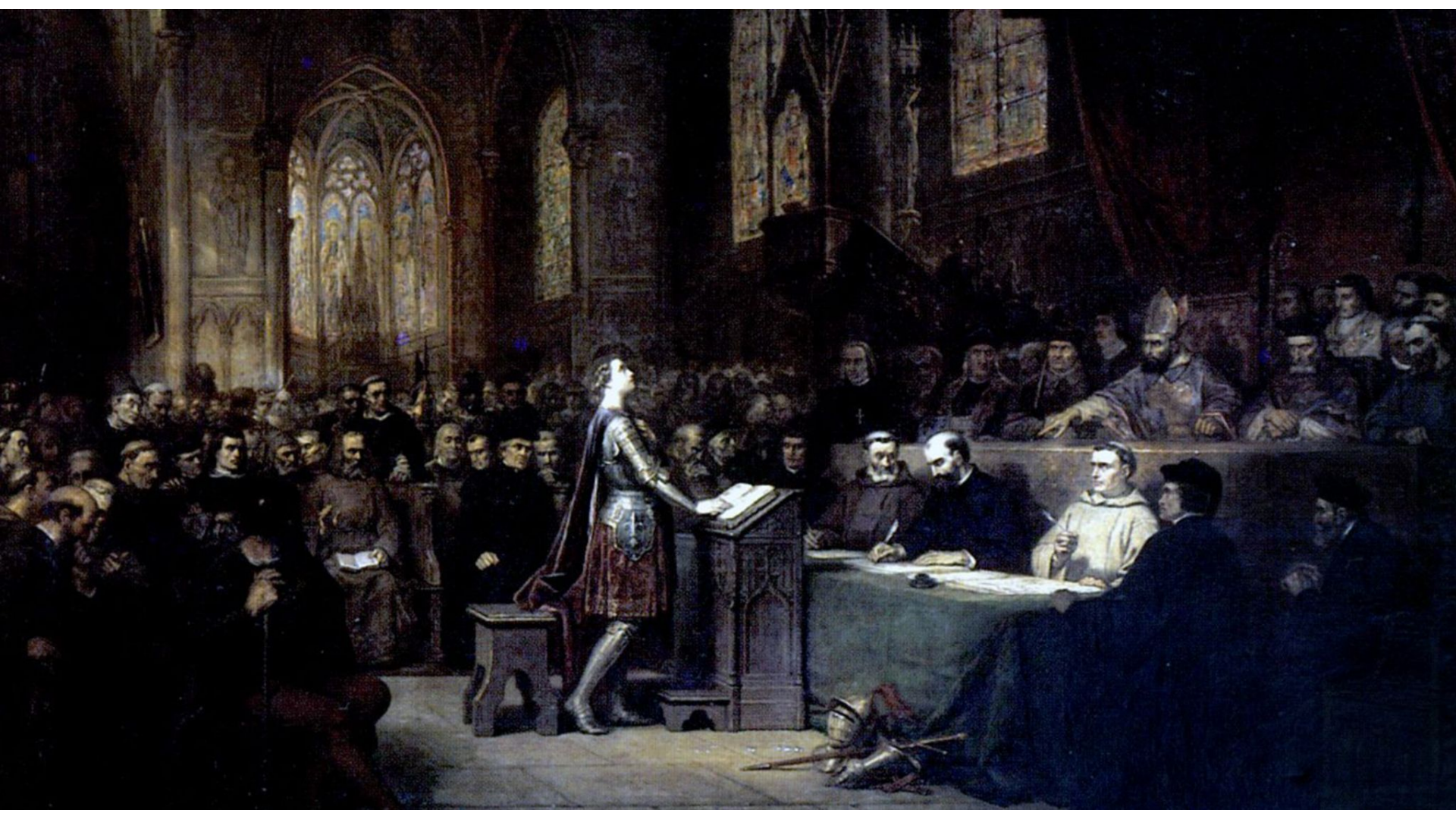
## Matthew 21:1-3

Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, **2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; 3** so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.

## Acts 23:6-7

But when Paul perceived that one part were Sad'ducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brethren, **I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees**; with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead I am on trial." And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sad'ducees; and the assembly was divided.









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## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**15** Thus says the Lord God of hosts,  
“Come, go to this steward, **to**  
**Shebna, who is over the**  
**household**, and say to him: **16**  
What have you to do here and  
whom have you here...?”

## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**19** I will thrust you from your office, and **you will be cast down from your station.** **20** In that day I will call my servant Eli'akim the son of Hilki'ah...



## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**21** and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and **will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem...**

Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**22** And I will place on his shoulder **the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.**

## **Matthew 16:18-19**

**18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. **19** I will give you **the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever **you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven**, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

## Matthew 21:38-41

**40** When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" **41** They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, **and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.**"



## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**23** And **I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place**, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. **24** And they will hang on him **the whole weight of his father's house**, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons.

## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**25** In that day, says the Lord of hosts, **the peg that was fastened in a sure place will give way;** and it will be cut down and fall, and the **burden that was upon it will be cut off,** for the Lord has spoken."

## Luke 22:31-34

**31** “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, **32** but **I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren.”**

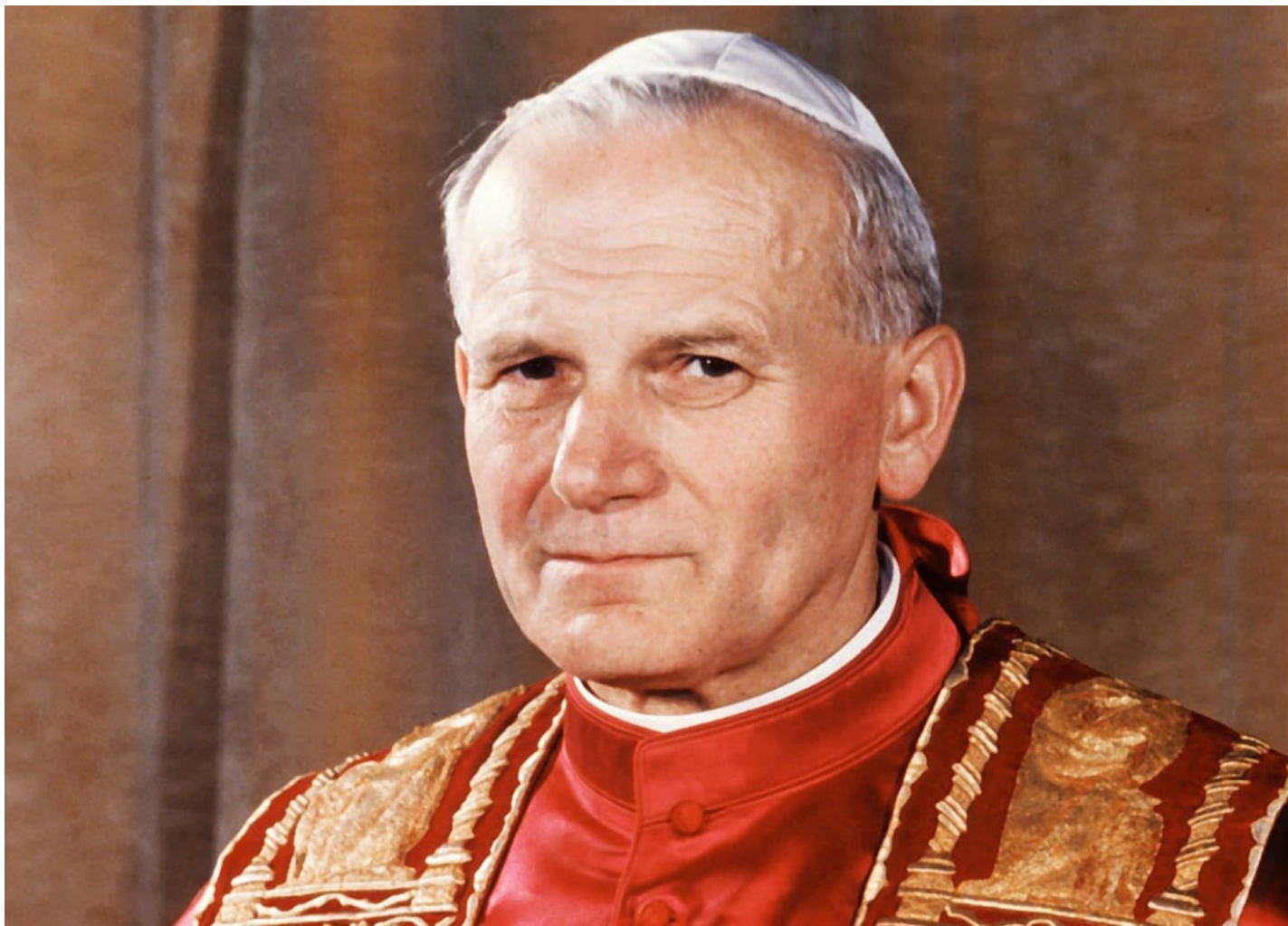
## Luke 22:31-34

**33** And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” **34** He said, “I tell you, Peter, **the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me.**”

















## Isaiah 24:1

Behold, the Lord will lay waste  
the earth and make it desolate,  
and he will twist its surface  
and **scatter its inhabitants.**



Isaiah 24:2

And it shall be, as with the  
people, **so with the priest;**  
as with the slave, **so with his**  
**master;** as with the maid, **so**  
**with her mistress;**

Isaiah 24:2

...as with the buyer, **so with the seller**; **as with the lender**, so with the borrower;  
**as with the creditor**, so with the debtor.

Isaiah 24:11

**There is an outcry in the  
streets for lack of wine;**  
all joy has reached its eventide;  
the gladness of the earth is  
banished.









## Lamentations 2:12

**... infants and babes faint in the streets of the city.** They cry to their mothers, **“Where is bread and wine?”** as they faint like wounded men in the streets of the city, as their life is poured out on their mothers' bosom.





## Psalm 75:8

For in the hand of the Lord there is  
**a cup with foaming wine**, well  
mixed; he will pour a draught from  
it, and all the **wicked of the earth**  
**shall drain it down to the dregs.**

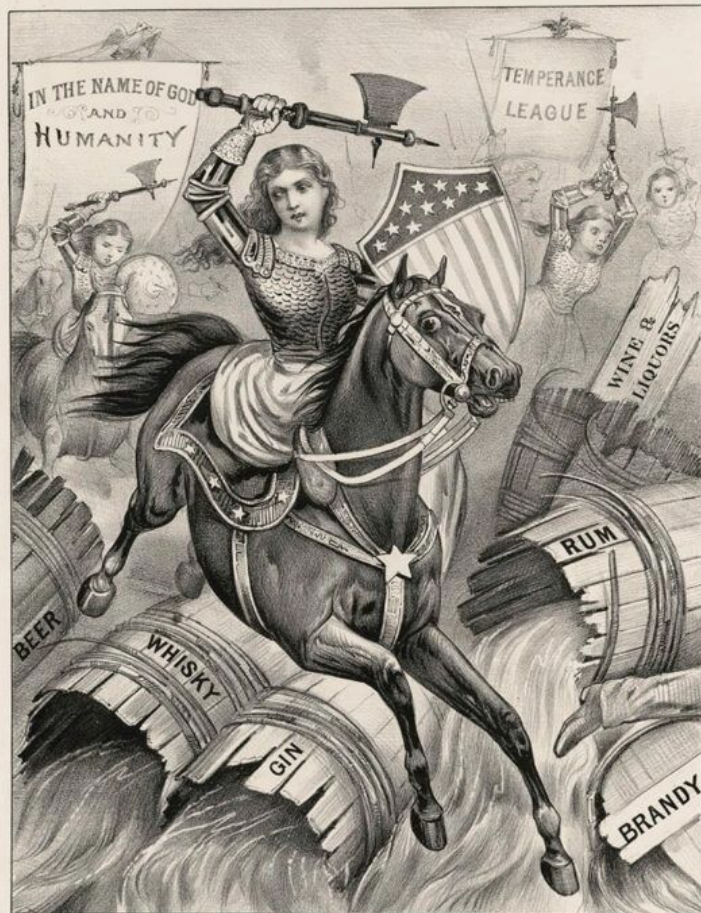




Proverbs 20:1

Wine is a **mock**er, strong  
drink a **br**awler,  
and whoever is led  
astray by it is not wise.





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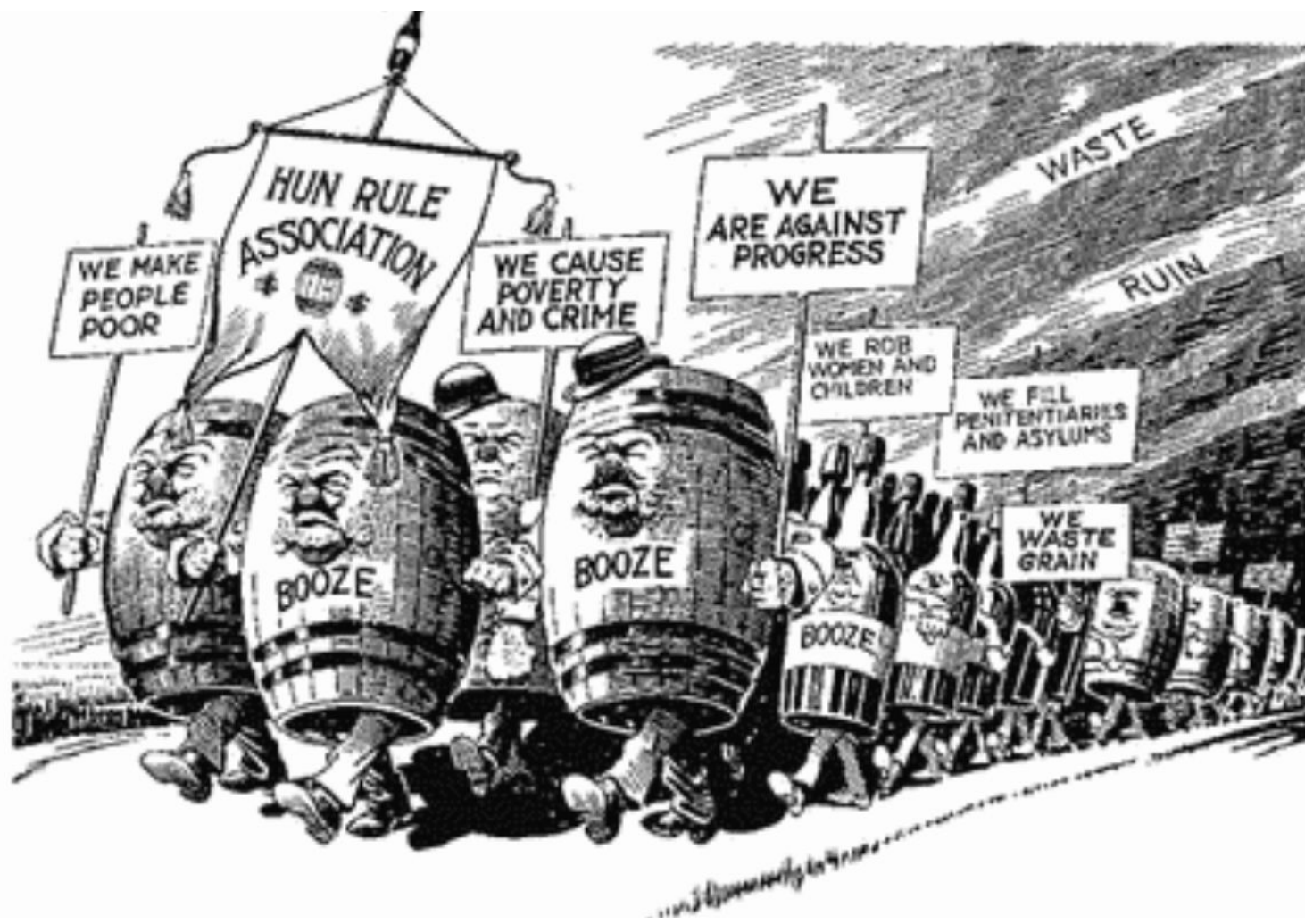
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# WOMAN'S HOLY WAR.

Grand Charge on the Enemy's Works.

LIPS THAT  
TOUCH LIQUOR  
SHALL NOT  
TOUCH OURS







**Sirach 31:27**

**Wine is like life to men**, if you drink it in moderation.

**What is life to a man who is without wine?**

It has been created to make men glad.

**Sirach 31:27**

Wine drunk **in season and temperately** is rejoicing of heart and gladness of soul.

Wine drunk to excess is **bitterness of soul**, with provocation and stumbling.

**Sirach 31:31**

Do not reprove your neighbor at  
a banquet of wine, and **do not**  
**despise him in his merrymaking;**  
speak no word of reproach to  
him.

## Isaiah 25:6

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will make for all peoples a feast of  
fat things, **a feast of wine on the  
lees**, of fat things full of marrow, **of  
wine on the lees well refined.**





Isaiah 25:7

And he will destroy on this  
mountain **the covering** that is  
cast over all peoples, **the veil**  
that is spread over all nations.

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## Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord God will **wipe away tears from all faces**, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.



## Revelation 21:3-4

Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; **he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more**, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.

Psalm 56:8

You have kept count of my  
tossings;

**put my tears in your bottle.**

Are they not in your record?

## Isaiah 26:1

In that day this song will be sung in  
the land of Judah:

“We have a strong city;  
**he sets up salvation  
as walls and bulwarks.**





## 1 Timothy 3:15

...know how one ought to  
behave in the household of  
God, which is the church of the  
living God, **the pillar and  
bulwark of the truth.**

Isaiah 26:1

**Open the gates,**  
that the righteous nation which  
keeps faith may enter in.

## Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, **by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh...**





Isaiah 26:5-6

...the lofty city.

He lays it low,

lays it low to the ground,

casts it to the dust.

**The foot tramples it, the feet of the  
poor, the steps of the needy."**



Isaiah 26:19

**Thy dead shall live, their  
bodies shall rise.**

O dwellers in the dust,  
awake and sing for joy!

Isaiah 26:19

For thy dew is a dew of  
light,

and **on the land of the  
shades thou wilt let it fall.**

## **Nicene Creed**

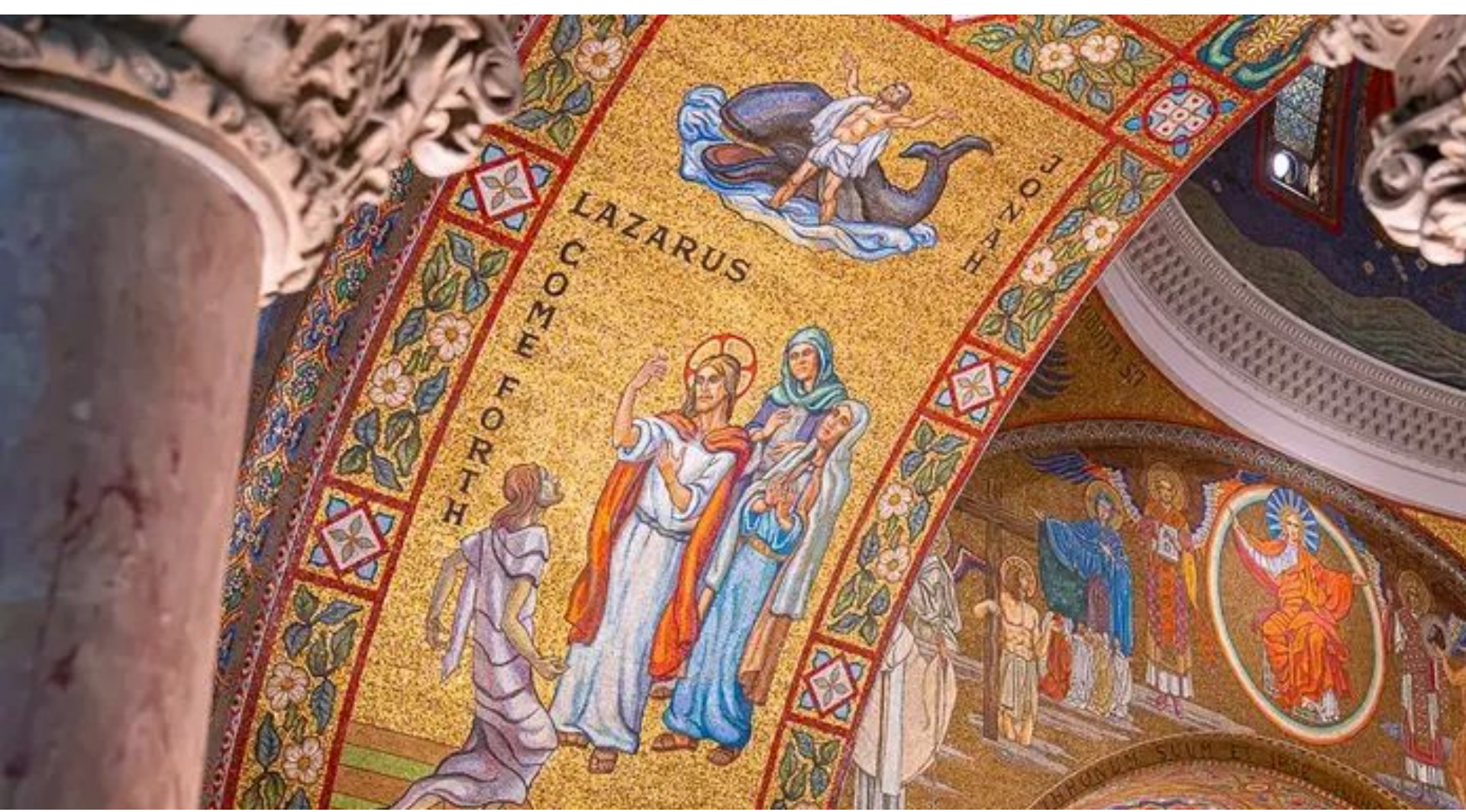
I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

**Expecto resurrectionem mortuorum et vitam venturi saeculi.**













## Isaiah 27:1

In that day the Lord with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the **fleeing serpent**, Leviathan the **twisting serpent**, and he will slay **the dragon that is in the sea.**





## Isaiah 27:6

In days to come Jacob shall take  
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Isaiah 27:7-8

Has he **smitten** them as he  
**smote** those who smote  
them?

Or have they been **slain** as  
**their slayers were slain?**

Isaiah 27:7

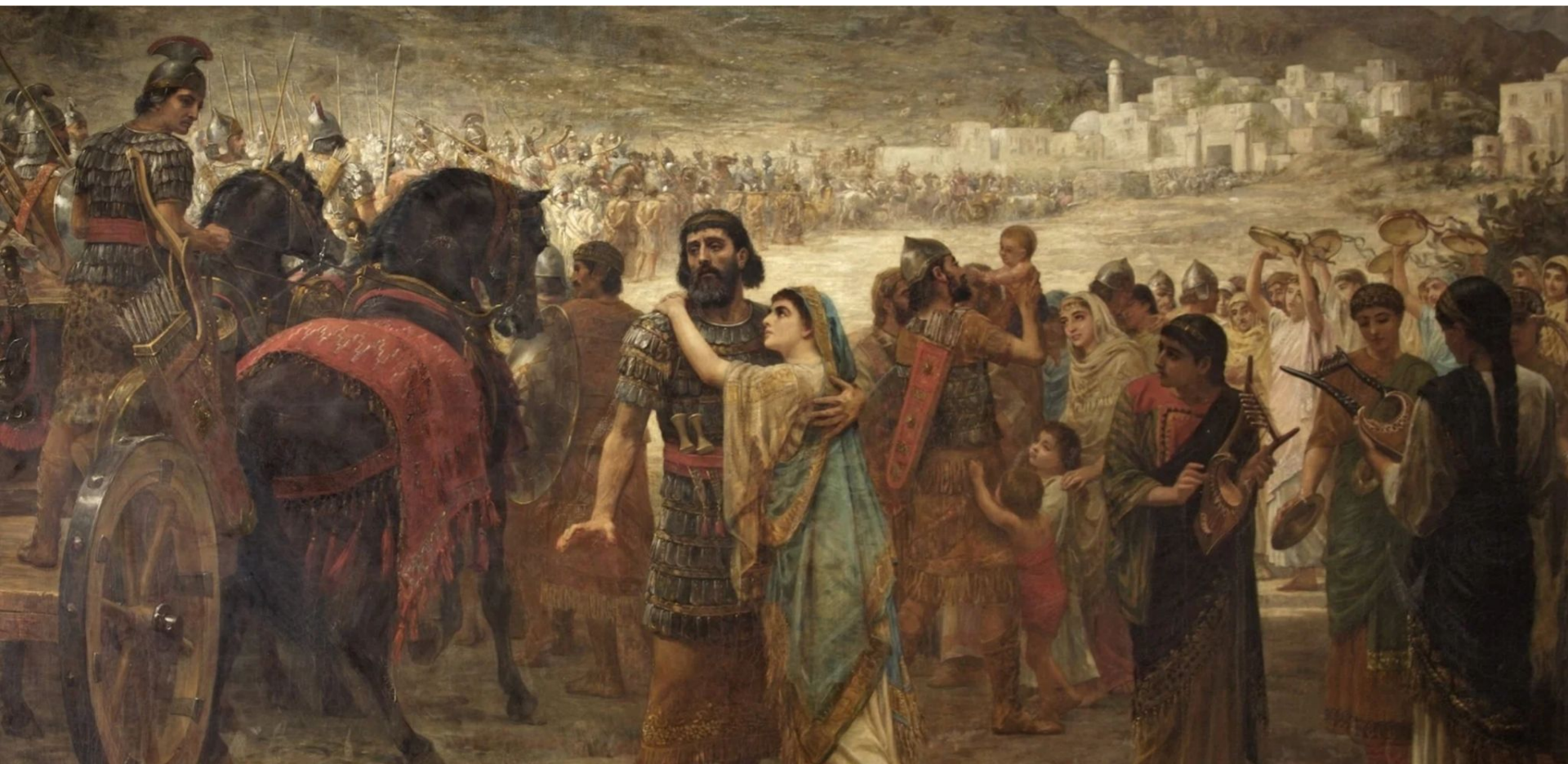
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Isaiah 27:8

**Measure by measure**, by exile  
thou didst contend with them;  
he removed them with his  
**fierce blast in the day of the  
east wind.**







## Isaiah 28:9-10

“Whom will he teach knowledge,  
and to whom will he explain the  
message?

**Those who are weaned from the  
milk, those taken from the breast?**

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ. **I fed you with milk, not solid food;** for you were not ready for it; and even yet you are not ready, for you are still of the flesh.

## Isaiah 28:9-10

For it is precept upon precept,  
**precept upon precept,**  
line upon line, line upon line,  
here a little, there a little.”





Hosea 8:12

Were I to write for him my laws  
by ten thousands,

**they would be regarded as a  
strange thing.**

**Psalm 19:7**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
**reviving the soul;**  
the testimony of the Lord is  
sure,  
making wise the simple.

Isaiah 28:12

...to whom he has said,

“This is rest;

**give rest to the weary;**

and this is repose”;

yet they would not hear.

## Isaiah 30:15

In **repentance** and **rest** you shall be saved; in **quietness** and in **trust** shall be your strength."

**And you would not**, but you said,  
"No! We will speed upon horses."



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Therefore the word of the Lord will  
be to them  
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**here a little, there a little.**

## Isaiah 29:13-14

**“Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men learned by rote; therefore, behold, I will again do marvelous things with this people.**



Isaiah 29:1-2

Ho **Ariel, Ariel,**  
the city where David encamped!  
Add year to year;  
let the feasts run their round.  
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Isaiah 29:2

and there shall be  
moaning and lamentation,  
and she shall be to me  
like **an Ariel.**



Isaiah 29:6

...you will be visited by the Lord of  
hosts

with **thunder and with earthquake  
and great noise,**

**with whirlwind and tempest, and  
the flame of a devouring fire.**

## Isaiah 29:6-7

And the multitude of all the nations  
that fight against Ariel,

all that fight against her and her  
stronghold and distress her,

**shall be like a dream, a vision of  
the night.**

## Akathist of Thanksgiving

When the palaces of earth are suddenly lit up by lightning bursting forth, **how paltry seem our ordinary lights afterward.** In just such a way You suddenly light up my soul during the times of deepest joy in my life.



## Akathist of Thanksgiving

And after the brilliance of Your  
light, like lightning, **how**  
**colorless, dark and unreal**  
**these moments seem. And my**  
**soul rushes in pursuit of You.**

Isaiah 29:11

And the vision of all this has  
become to you like the  
words of **a book that is  
sealed.**

## Isaiah 29:12

When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "**I cannot read.**"

## Revelation 4:2-7

“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, **and I wept much that no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.**

## Revelation 4:2-7

Then one of the elders said to me,  
“Weep not; lo, the Lion of the tribe  
of Judah, the Root of David, has  
conquered, **so that he can open  
the scroll and its seven seals.**”





## Revelation 4:2-7

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, **I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain**, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth; and he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.



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## Isaiah 30:6

An oracle on the beasts of the Negeb.  
Through a land of trouble and anguish, from  
where come the lioness and the lion, the  
viper and the flying serpent, they carry their  
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## Isaiah 31:1-2

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses,  
**who trust in chariots** because they are many and **in horsemen** because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord!





**Psalm 20:7-8**

**Some boast of chariots, and some of horses;**

but we boast of the name of the  
Lord our God.

They will collapse and fall;

but we shall rise and stand upright.



## Isaiah 33:20

Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, **a quiet habitation, an immovable tent**, whose stakes will never be plucked up, nor will any of its cords be broken.



## Philippian 3:20-21

But our **commonwealth** is in heaven,  
and from it we await a Savior, the Lord  
Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly  
body to be like his glorious body, by the  
power which enables him even to  
subject all things to himself.



## Isaiah 34:8-9

And the streams of Edom shall  
be turned into **pitch**, and her  
soil into **brimstone**; her land  
shall become **burning pitch**.





## Isaiah 35:1-2

The wilderness and the dry land shall  
be glad, the desert shall rejoice and  
blossom;

**like the crocus it shall blossom  
abundantly,** and rejoice with joy and  
singing.





## Isaiah 35:3-4

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful  
heart, "Be strong, fear not!"

Isaiah 35:5-6

Then the eyes of **the blind shall be opened**, and **the ears of the deaf unstopped**; then shall the **lame man leap** like a hart, and **the tongue of the dumb sing** for joy.



## Isaiah 35:8

And a **highway** shall be there,  
and  
it shall be called the **Holy Way**;  
the unclean shall not pass over it,  
and fools shall not err therein.

## Acts of the Apostles 9:2

...so that if he found any  
**belonging to the Way** [Ὁδοῦ],  
men or women, he might  
bring them bound to  
Jerusalem.

Isaiah 35:9

**No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast  
come up on it;**

they shall not be found there, but  
the redeemed shall walk there.

## Isaiah 35:10

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, **and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**Baruch 5:8-9**

**The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's  
command.** For God will lead Israel  
with joy, in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness  
that come from him.



# Isaiah 36-39

**Isaiah 36-39**

**The Victory of King  
Hezekiah**

חֶזְקִיָּהוּ

Hezekiah

**“Yah-Is-My-Strength”**

# Chapter 1

## Enemy at the Gates





## Sirach 49:4

Except **David** and **Hezeki'ah** and  
**Josi'ah** they all sinned greatly,  
for they forsook the law of the Most  
High,  
the kings of Judah came to an end.

## Isaiah 36:1-2

**1** In the fourteenth year of King Hezeki'ah, Sennach'erib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. **2** And the king of Assyria sent the Rab'sshakeh... with a great army. And he stood **by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field.**

## Isaiah 7:3-4

And the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and She'ar-jash'ub your son, **at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field**, and say to him, ‘Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remali'ah.

**Isaiah 36:3**

And there came out to him  
Eli'akim the son of Hilki'ah, who  
was over the household, and  
Shebna the secretary, and Jo'ah  
the son of Asaph, the recorder.

## Isaiah 36:4-5

**4** And the Rab'sshakeh said to them,  
“...Thus says the great king, the king of  
Assyria: **On what do you rest this  
confidence of yours?** **5** Do you think that  
mere words are strategy and power for  
war? **On whom do you now rely**, that you  
have rebelled against me?

## Isaiah 36:6-7

**6** Behold, you are relying on Egypt, that broken reed of a staff, **which will pierce the hand of any man who leans on it.** Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him. **7** But if you say to me, "**We rely on the Lord our God,**" is it not he whose high places and altars Hezeki'ah has removed, saying to Judah and to Jerusalem, "You shall worship before this altar"?



## Isaiah 36:10

**10** Moreover, is it without the Lord that I have come up against this land to destroy it? **The Lord said to me,** Go up against this land, and destroy it.”

## Isaiah 36:11

**11** Then Eli'akim, Shebna, and Jo'ah said to the Rab'sshakeh, "**Pray, speak to your servants in Aramaic**, for we understand it; do not speak to us in the **language of Judah** within the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

## Isaiah 36:12

But the Rab'sshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to speak these words to your master and to you, and not to the men sitting on the wall, **who are doomed with you** to eat their own dung and drink their own urine?"



## Isaiah 36:13-14

**13** Then the Rab'sshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah: "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! **14** Thus says the king: '**Do not let Hezeki'ah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you.**

## Isaiah 36:15

Do not let Hezeki'ah make you rely on the Lord by saying, "The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."



## Isaiah 36:16

Do not listen to Hezeki'ah; for thus says the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me; **then every one of you will eat of his own vine, and every one of his own fig tree**, and every one of you will drink the water of his own cistern.

## Isaiah 36:17-18

**17** until I come and **take you away to a land like your own land**, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. **18** Beware lest Hezeki'ah mislead you by saying, "The Lord will deliver us." **Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?**

Isaiah 36:19-20

**19** Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharva'im? Have they delivered Samar'ia out of my hand?

## Isaiah 36:21-22

**21** But they were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's command was, "Do not answer him."

**22** Then Eli'akim (et. al) came to Hezeki'ah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of the Rab'sshakeh.

## Isaiah 37:1-2

**1** When King Hezeki'ah heard it, he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. **2** And he sent Eli'akim (et. al.) clothed with sackcloth, **to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.**

Isaiah 37:3

**3** They said to him, “Thus says Hezeki’ah, ‘This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of disgrace; **children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth.**’



## Isaiah 37:4

**4** It may be that the Lord your God **heard the words of the Rab'shakeh**, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent **to mock the living God**, and will rebuke the words which the Lord your God has heard; therefore **lift up your prayer** for the remnant that is left.'"

**James 5:16-18**

**The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.** Eli'jah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

## Isaiah 37:5-7

**6** Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master, 'Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. **7** Behold, I will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.'"

## Isaiah 37:14-15

**14** Hezeki'ah received [Rabshekah's] letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezeki'ah went up to the house of the Lord, and **spread it before the Lord.**

**15** And Hezeki'ah prayed to the Lord:

## Isaiah 37:16

“O Lord of hosts, God of Israel,  
who art enthroned above the  
cherubim, thou art the God, thou  
alone, of all the kingdoms of the  
earth; thou hast made heaven and  
earth.

## Isaiah 37:17-18

**17** Incline thy ear, O Lord, and hear; open thy eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennach'erib, which he has sent to mock the living God. **18** Of a truth, O Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands,



## Isaiah 37:19-20

**19** and have cast their gods into the fire;  
**for they were no gods**, but the work of  
men's hands, wood and stone; therefore  
they were destroyed. **20** So now, O Lord  
our God, save us from his hand, **that all  
the kingdoms of the earth may know  
that thou alone art the Lord.**"

**Isaiah 37:19-20**

**21** Then Isaiah [said] “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennach'erib king of Assyria, **22 this is the word that the Lord** has spoken concerning him:

Isaiah 37:23

**'Whom have you mocked and  
reviled?** Against whom have  
you raised your voice  
and haughtily lifted your eyes?  
Against the Holy One of Israel!

Isaiah 37:29

Because you have raged against me and your arrogance has come to my ears, **I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth**, and I will turn you back on the way by which you came.'

Isaiah 37:36

And the angel of the Lord went forth, and **slew a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians**; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.





As for Hezekiah, the Jew,  
who did not submit to my yoke, 46 of  
his strong, walled cities, as well as  
the small cities in their neighborhood,  
  
which were without number,—by  
levelling with battering-rams(?)



and counted as spoil. Himself, like  
a caged bird

I shut up in Jerusalem his royal city.  
Earthworks I threw up against him,—  
the one coming out of the city-gate,  
I turned back to his misery.

The cities of his, which I had  
despoiled, I cut off from his land and  
to Mitinti, king of Ashdod,  
Padi, king of Ekron, and Silli-bêl

As for Hezekiah,  
the terrifying splendor of my majesty  
overcame him, and  
the Urbi (Arabs) and his mercen-  
ary(?) troops which he had brought  
in to strengthen  
Jerusalem, his royal city,

to Nineveh, my royal city. To pay  
tribute

and to accept (lit. do) servitude, he  
dispatched his messengers.

I brought out of Bît-Yakin, (from)  
the midst of the swamps and cane-  
brakes,

and counted as spoil. I turned about  
and ruined and devastated his cities:  
I made them like ruin-heaps. Upon  
his ally, the king of Elam,  
I poured out terror. On my return,



## Isaiah 37:37-38

**37** Then Sennach'erib king of Assyria departed, **and went home and dwelt at Nin'evah.** **38** And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adram'melech and Share'zer, his sons, **slew him with the sword, and escaped into the land of Ar'arat.** And E'sar-had'don his son reigned in his stead.

# **Chapter 2**

## **Hezekiah's Illness**



## **Isaiah 38:1**

In those days Hezeki'ah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order; for you shall die, you shall not recover."

## Isaiah 38:2-3

**2** Then Hezeki'ah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, **3** and said, "Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in thy sight." And Hezeki'ah wept bitterly.



## Isaiah 38:4-5

**4** Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah: **5** “Go and say to Hezeki'ah, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life.



## Isaiah 38:7-8

**7** “This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he has promised: **8** Behold, I will make the shadow cast by the declining sun on the dial of Ahaz turn back ten steps.” So the sun turned back on the dial the ten steps by which it had declined.

Isaiah 38:9

A writing of Hezeki'ah king  
of Judah, after he had been  
sick and had recovered  
from his sickness:

**Isaiah 38:10**

I said, In the noontide of my  
days I must depart;  
I am consigned to the gates of  
Sheol for the rest of my years.

**Isaiah 38:11**

I said, I shall not see the Lord  
in the land of the living;  
I shall look upon man no more  
among the inhabitants of  
the world.

**Isaiah 38:13**

I cry for help until morning;  
like a lion he breaks all my  
bones;

from day to night thou dost  
bring me to an end.

## Isaiah 38:14

Like a swallow or a crane I  
clamor, I moan like a dove.  
My eyes are weary with looking  
upward. O Lord, I am oppressed;  
be thou my security!



## Isaiah 38:15

But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it.

All my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.

**Isaiah 38:16**

O Lord, by these things men  
live, and in all these is the life of  
my spirit.

Oh, restore me to health and  
make me live!

## Isaiah 38:17

Lo, it was for my welfare that I  
had great bitterness; but thou  
hast held back my life from the  
pit of destruction, for thou hast  
cast all my sins behind thy back.

## Isaiah 38:18

For Sheol cannot thank thee,  
death cannot praise thee;  
those who go down to the pit  
cannot hope  
for thy faithfulness.

## Isaiah 38:19

The living, the living, he thanks  
thee, as I do this day;  
the father makes known to the  
children  
thy faithfulness.

**Isaiah 38:20**

The Lord will save me,  
and we will sing to stringed  
instruments  
all the days of our life,  
at the house of the Lord.

## Isaiah 38:21-22

**21** Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs, and apply it to the boil, that he may recover." **22**

Hezeki'ah also had said, "What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?"



# **Chapter 3**

## **Visitors from Babylon**

## Isaiah 39:2

And Hezeki'ah welcomed them; and he showed them his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armory, all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezeki'ah did not show them.

## Isaiah 39:1

At that time Mero'dach-bal'adan the son of Bal'adan, king of Babylon, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezeki'ah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered.

## Isaiah 39:3

Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezeki'ah, and said to him, "What did these men say? And whence did they come to you?" Hezeki'ah said, "They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon."

## Isaiah 39:4

He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezeki'ah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them."

## Isaiah 39:5-6

Then Isaiah said to Hezeki'ah, "Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the Lord.

Isaiah 39:7

And some of your own sons,  
who are born to you, shall be  
taken away; and they shall be  
**eunuchs in the palace of the  
king of Babylon."**



## Isaiah 39:8

Then said Hezeki'ah to Isaiah,  
**"The word of the Lord which  
you have spoken is good."** For  
he thought, "There will be peace  
and security in my days."

## Mark 13:1-2

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, **what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!**" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down."

## **Schedule**

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when we have reached the  
fullness of our years, we beseech  
you to guide us home to heaven,  
to live in peace with you, Our  
Mother Mary, and Our Lord  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

