

# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

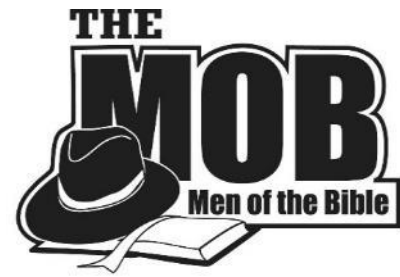
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Announcements

- **Welcome to the MOB!**
- **MOB Website & Resources: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)**
- **Easter Pageant tickets on available!**

# Hymn Intro



## Philippians 2:5–11

**Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name

Let angels prostrate fall

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all

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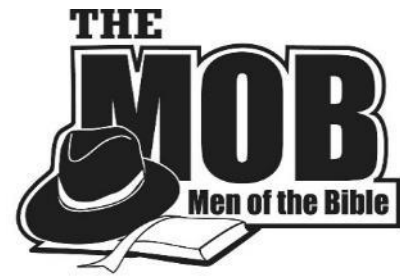
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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Sinners whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall  
Go spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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And crown Him Lord of all

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
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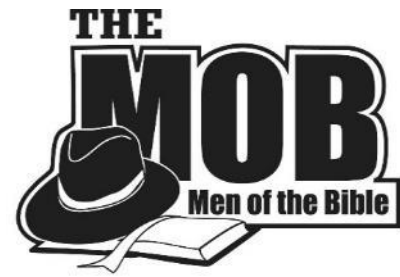
O that with yonder sacred throng  
    We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
    And crown Him Lord of all  
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Crown Him ye morning stars of light  
Who fixed this earthly ball  
Now hail the strength of Israel's might  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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# Memory Verse



## Isaiah 28:16 (ESV)

Therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’”

# Our Study of Isaiah

## Last Meeting:

- **Isaiah 25,26,27, Death Swallowed Up, Perfect Peace, Israel Redeemed**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 25:1**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.165-178; Motyer, pp.207-226.***

## This Meeting:

- **Isaiah 28, Judgment on Ephraim & Jerusalem, A Cornerstone in Zion**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 28:16**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.178-189; Motyer, pp.227-236.***
- **Refreshment Host: Small Group B**

# Isaiah Bible Study Schedule for Spring 2023

#	DATE:	THE BOOK OF ISAIAH – READINGS & TOPICS	HOST SM GRP
20	FEB 7	Isaiah 24 Judgment on the Whole Earth Constable's Notes, pp. 156 - 165, Motyer, pp. 194 - 207	G
21	FEB 14	Isaiah 25, 26, 27 Death Swallowed Up, Perfect Peace, Israel Redeemed Constable's Notes, pp. 165 - 178, Motyer, pp. 207 - 226	A
22	FEB 21	Isaiah 28 Judgment on Ephraim & Jerusalem, A Cornerstone in Zion Constable's Notes, pp. 178 - 189, Motyer, pp. 227 - 236	B
23	FEB 28	Isaiah 29 The Seize of Jerusalem Constable's Notes, pp. 189 - 196, Motyer, pp. 236 - 244	C
24	MAR 7	Isaiah 30 Do Not Go to Egypt, Rebellious People, God is Gracious Constable's Notes, pp. 196 - 204, Motyer, pp. 244 - 253	D
25	MAR 14	Isaiah 31, 32 Woe to Egypt Travelers, Righteous King, Women Warned Constable's Notes, pp. 205 - 211, Motyer, pp. 253 - 261	E
26	MAR 21	Isaiah 33 O LORD Be Gracious to Us Constable's Notes, pp. 211 - 218, Motyer, pp. 262 - 268	F



# Isaiah Outline

Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis		Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1				35:10				36:1	39:8	40:1			66:24		
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nations		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin	Hezekiah's Salvation	Israel's Deliverance	Israel's Deliverer	Israel's Glorious Future			
	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1	39:8	40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:24
Topics	Prophetic Judgement <b>We are here!</b>								Historic Transition		Messianic Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah															
Time	740 - 680 B.C.															

# Lesson Overview

## Isaiah Chapter 28

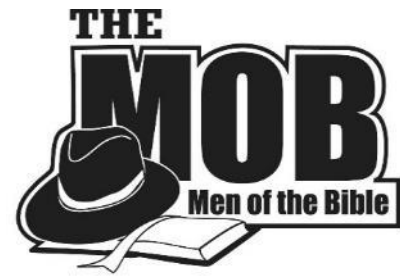
### 28:1–29

- When God’s people reject his word (9–13)
- and covenant (14–15),
- destruction follows (18–22),
- held within divine purposes (23–29)

J. A. Motyer, [\*The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction & Commentary\*](#) (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 228.

# Isaiah 28:1-4

## Judgment on Ephraim



<sup>1</sup>Ah, the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim, and the fading flower of its glorious beauty, which is on the head of the rich valley of those overcome with wine!

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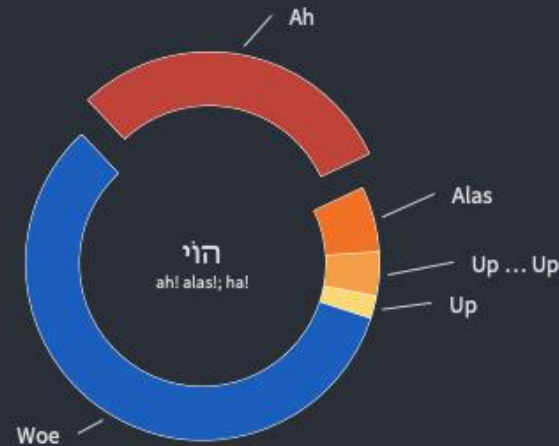
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# Isaiah 28:1-4

## Ah / Woe



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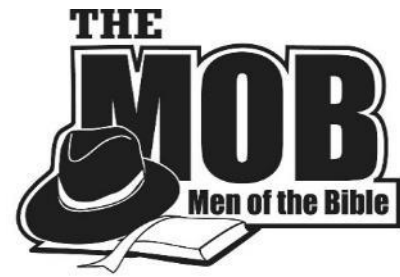
- Is 1:4 **Ah**, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged.
- Is 1:24 Therefore the Lord declares, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: **"Ah**, I will get relief from my enemies and avenge myself on my foes.
- Is 17:12 **Ah**, the thunder of many peoples; they thunder like the thundering of the sea! Ah, the roar of nations; they roar like the roaring of mighty waters!
- Is 18:1 **Ah**, land of whirring wings that is beyond the rivers of Cush,
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- Is 31:1 **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!

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## Fading vs Everlasting

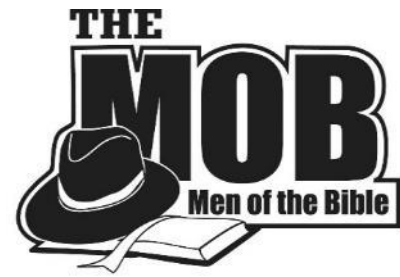


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# Isaiah 28:7-10

## Attention Turns to Home



The priest gave ‘judgment’, the application of the law to individuals and situations. In this function, however, they *stagger* and *stumble*, they are in ministry what they are in private. - Motyer

giving judgment.

<sup>8</sup>For all tables are full of filthy vomit, with no space left.

<sup>9</sup>“To 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?

Isaiah 28:10 (Lexham English Bible)

<sup>10</sup>For it is blah-blah upon blah-blah, blah-blah upon blah-blah, gah-gah upon gah-gah, gah-gah upon gah-gah, a little here, a little there.



# Isaiah 28:11-13

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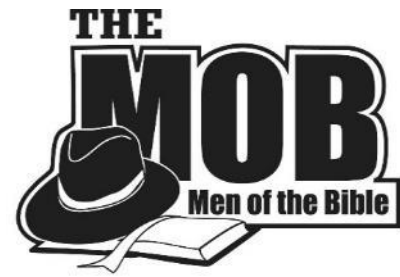
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<sup>13</sup>And the word of the Lord will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little, that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

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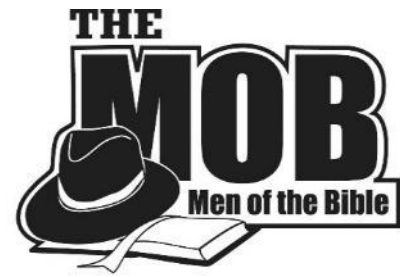
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# Isaiah 28:14-19

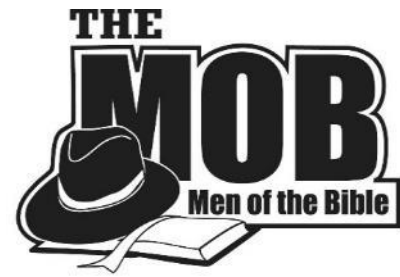
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- Isaiah employs a mocking tone – they certainly hadn't said they made a covenant with death
- Judah had sought shelter outside of the living God
- “Behold, I am the one who has laid a foundation...” – either God the Father or pointing to the coming Messiah
- “Hail” and “waters” – harkens back to verse 17
- Peter points back to this Isaiah passage – 1 Peter 2:4-10

# Isaiah 28:23-29

## A Call for Repentance

<sup>23</sup>Give ear, and hear my voice; give attention, and hear my speech. <sup>24</sup>Does he who plows for sowing plow continually? Does he continually open and harrow his ground? <sup>25</sup>When he has leveled its surface, does he not scatter dill, sow cumin, and put in wheat in rows and barley in its proper place, and emmer as the border? <sup>26</sup>For he is rightly instructed; his God teaches him. <sup>27</sup>Dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge, nor is a cart wheel rolled over cumin, but dill is beaten out with a stick, and cumin with a rod. <sup>28</sup>Does one crush grain for bread? No, he does not thresh it forever; when he drives his cart wheel over it with his horses, he does not crush it. <sup>29</sup>This also comes from the Lord of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom.

# Isaiah 28:23-29

## Two Parables



### Planting Seed

- Scatter dill, sow cumin, and put in wheat in rows...
- Each action has discrimination in how the seed is planted
- Will God not show discrimination in how he responds to Samaria and Judah?
- Earlier in this chapter Isaiah offered a promise of blessing (vv. 5-6), but later he promised blasting (vv. 14-22). God would use both instruments to deal with His people. Using both was not inconsistent. - Constable

### Threshing / Crushing

- Dill – threshed with a threshing sledge
- Cumin – rolled over with a cart wheel
- Dill – beaten out with a stick
- God will demonstrate purposeful, knowing action.
- Each crop has to be gathered in a way appropriate to it; the wrong treatment would destroy the crop. - Motyer
- Vs 29 “He is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom.”

# Recurring Themes

- God's hatred of pride. We started off with this in verses 1 and 3 - Isaiah calls out "the **proud** crown of the drunkards of Ephraim"
- Failure to lead and direct the people - particularly due to drunkenness - vs 7
- Putting hope in something else other than God (vs 14-19)
- Despite the failure of leadership, God will provide one who is just and righteous (vs 16/17)

# Conclusion

- Fight Pride - Philippians 2 pointed us to Christ's humility. We need to walk humbly before our God and Savior. James 4:10 – "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."
- Seek to be receptive to God's Word and His commands.
- Put our hope and faith in the "**precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation**"
- Rest in Him – Matthew 11:28-30

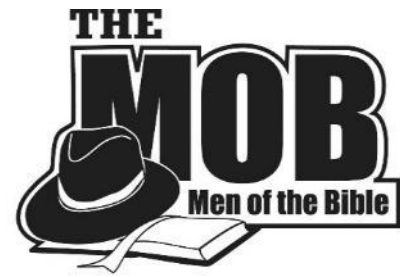
<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

# Next Meeting – Feb 28

- **Review:**
- **Isaiah 28, Judgment on Ephraim & Jerusalem, A Cornerstone in Zion**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 28:16**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.178-189; Motyer, pp.227-236.***
  
- **Study:**
- **Isaiah 29 – The Seige of Jerusalem**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 29:16**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.189-196; Motyer, pp. 236-244***
- **Refreshment Host: Group C**



# Discussion & Application



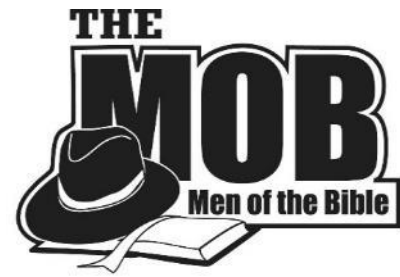
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- In verse 7, Isaiah leads with “These also reel with wine”. Who is he referring to? What context leads you to your answer.
- Despite the “woe” and coming judgment, where do we see hope in Isaiah’s message?
- What is the covenant / shelter being described in verses 14-19?
- Verses 20 has some interesting metaphors. How would you explain them?
- What is the “strange” deed mentioned in verse 21?
- What is Isaiah trying to communicate with his farming language in verses 23-29?

# Closing

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- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

