

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**
- **Easter Pageant tickets on available!**

Hymn Intro

**My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my
heart and my portion forever.**

-Psalm 73:26

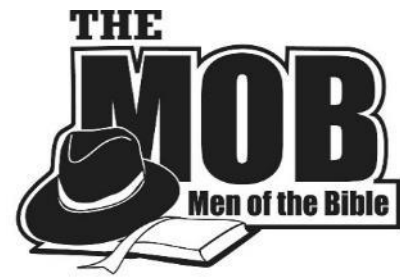
Be Thou My Vision

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**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art:
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.**

Be Thou My Vision

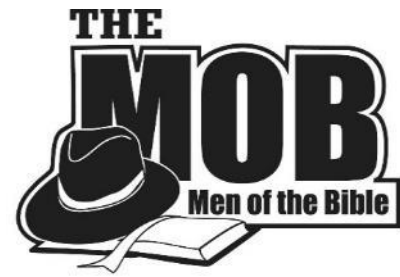
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**Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true
Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

Be Thou My Vision

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**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

Be Thou My Vision

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**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heaven's Sun!**

**Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Memory Verse

Isaiah 29:16 (ESV)

**You turn things upside down,
as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it,
“You did not make me”?
Can the pot say to the potter,
“You know nothing”?**

Isaiah 29:16 (ESV)

Our Study of Isaiah

Last 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.***

This Meeting:

- **Isaiah 29, The Siege of Jerusalem**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 29:16**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 189-196; Motyer, pp. 236-244***
- **Refreshment Host: Small Group C**

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



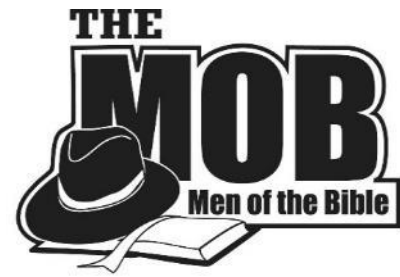
Isaiah Outline

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								Historic Transition		Messianic Hope					
	You are here!															
Place	Israel & Judah															
Time	740 - 680 B.C.															

Lesson Overview

Two Woes Against Jerusalem

Isaiah Chapter 29:1-24



- **Judah's Religious Hypocrisy 29:1–4**
- **Restoration Following Judgment 29:5–8**
- **The Reason For Judgment 29:9–14**
- **The Remedy For Spiritual Blindness
29:15–24**

– Tom Constable, [*Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible*](#) (Galaxie Software, 2003)

Lesson Overview

Isaiah Chapter 29:1-24

- **Two More Woes That Deal With Jerusalem...The 2nd and 3rd of Six**
 - vv. 1-14 & 15-24
 - **These Two in Addition to those in Chapter 28, 30 & 33**
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Isaiah 29:1-4

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Add year to year; let the feasts run their round.**

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**³ And I will encamp against you all around, and will besiege you with
towers and I will raise siegeworks against you.**

**⁴ And you will be brought low; from the earth you shall speak,
and from the dust your speech will be bowed down;
your voice shall come from the ground like the voice of a ghost,
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God Is Sovereign!

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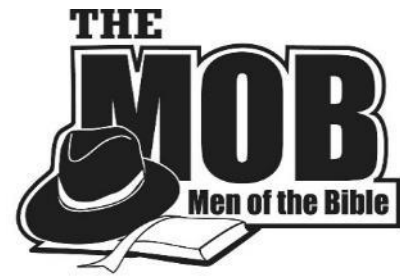
Judah's Religious Hypocrisy



- Ah = Woe!
- Ariel – Three Possibilities...Lion of God...Altar Hearth...City of Salem; Jerusalem for Sure!
- Altar Hearth Has a Special Meaning
- Assyria is the Clearest Foe...but not named.
- Feasts – Special Jewish Religious Festivals

Isaiah 29:5-8

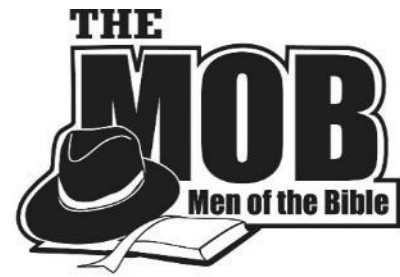
Restoration Following Judgement



- 5 But the multitude of your foreign foes shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the ruthless like passing chaff. And in an instant, suddenly,**
- 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.**
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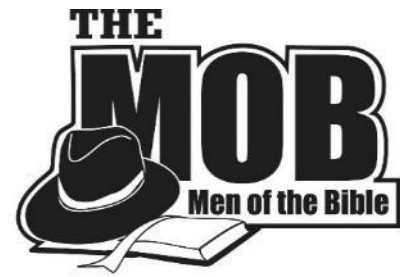
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- **Small Dust...Easily Blown Away**
- **“In An Instant” – Extremely Quickly**
- **“With” – God Is Not In the Events...But causes them**
- **The Seige of Jerusalem by Its Adversaries Will Not Be Satisfying**

Isaiah 29:9-14

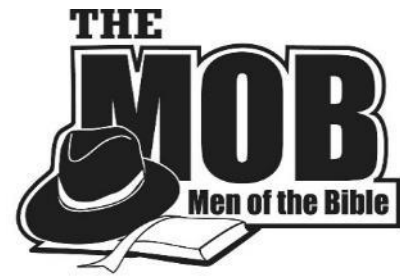
The Reason for Judgement



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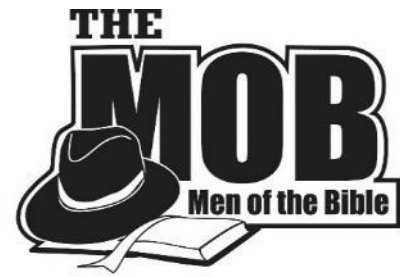
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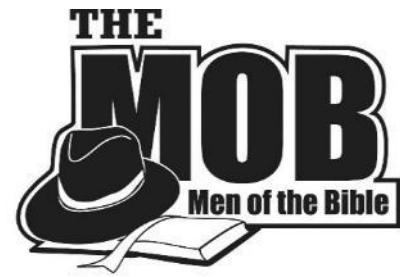
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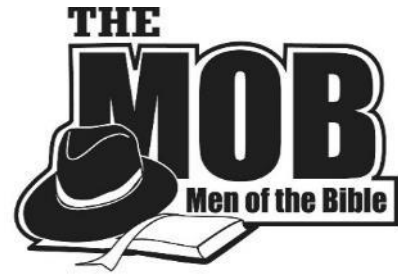


- **God Has Closed Their Hearts and Minds**
- **The Real Cause of The Closure Is Their Stubbornness.**
- **Drunk; Staggering...Indications of the Stupidity of the People.**
- **For the Lord has poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep...Like the Pouring Out of a Drink Offering**



Isaiah 29:15-24

The Remedy for Spiritual Blindness



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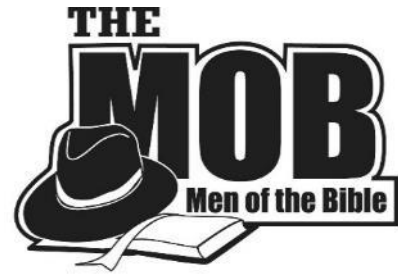
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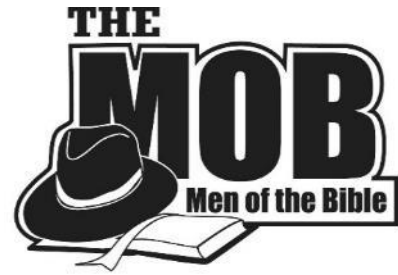
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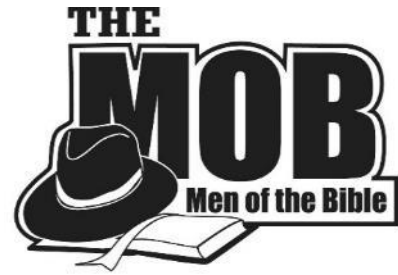


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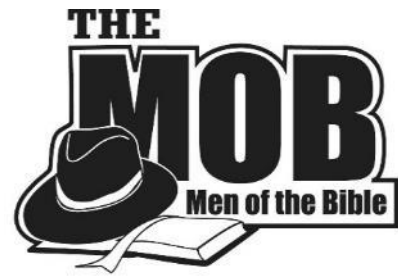


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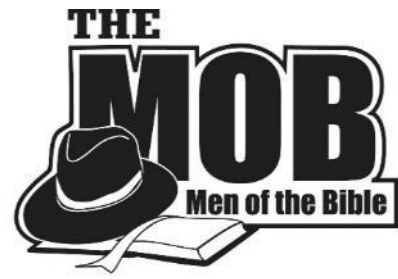
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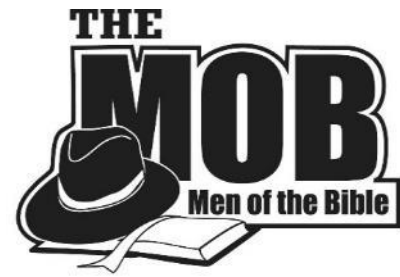
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The Remedy for Spiritual Blindness



- Ah = Woe
- VV 15-21 – Overall Theme of Reversal
- Can the Pot Reverse Roles With Its Maker?
- But...YHWH Will Turn Things Upside Down in VV 18-21
- Vs 23 – The People Will See “The Work of My Hands” and Come to an Understanding

Recurring Themes Conclusion



God is Sovereign

Don't Be Blind to God Working in Our World

Psalm 1

Next Meeting – Feb 28

Review:

- Isaiah 29, The Siege of Jerusalem
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 29:16
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.189-196; Motyer, pp.236-244*

Study:

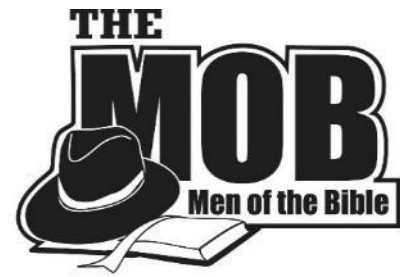
- Isaiah 30 – Do Not Go to Egypt, Rebellious People, God is Gracious
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 30:1
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.196-204; Motyer, pp. 244-253*
- Refreshment Host: Group D

Discussion & Application

1 of 1

- Why would Isaiah start off with another “Woe” as we get into Isaiah 29?
- What’s your understanding of Isaiah’s use of the word “Ariel” to describe the city of Jerusalem?
- How do you explain the change in tone beginning in verse 5?
- What are the consequences, according to this passage of delaying in responding to the call and will of the Lord?
- How does Isaiah describe the quality of the worship of “this people”?
- What’s the basis for Isaiah’s second “woe” in this chapter?
- What’s your understanding of Isaiah’s statement, “You turn things around” in the context of the rest of Isaiah 29:16?
- What does Isaiah mean when he says that “in a little while...Jacob will not be ashamed” of his descendants?
- What will you take with you from this lesson?

Closing



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

