

# Isaiah 22

## An oracle concerning Jerusalem

The oracle concerning the valley of vision.

What do you mean that you have gone up,  
all of you, to the housetops,

<sup>2</sup> you who are full of shoutings,  
tumultuous city, exultant town?

Your slain are not slain with the sword  
or dead in battle.

<sup>3</sup> All your leaders have fled together;  
without the bow they were captured.

All of you who were found were captured,  
though they had fled far away.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore I said:

“Look away from me;

let me weep bitter tears;

do not labour to comfort me

concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people.”

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day  
of tumult and trampling and confusion  
in the valley of vision,

a battering down of walls  
and a shouting to the mountains.

<sup>6</sup> And Elam bore the quiver  
with chariots and horsemen,  
and Kir uncovered the shield.

<sup>7</sup> Your choicest valleys were full of chariots,  
and the horsemen took their stand at the gates.

<sup>8</sup> He has taken away the covering of Judah.

In that day you looked to the weapons of the House of the Forest, <sup>9</sup> and you saw that the breaches of the city of David were many. You collected the waters of the lower pool, <sup>10</sup> and you counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. <sup>11</sup> You made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who did it, or see him who planned it long ago.

<sup>12</sup> In that day the Lord GOD of hosts  
called for weeping and mourning,  
for baldness and wearing sackcloth;

<sup>13</sup> and behold, joy and gladness,  
killing oxen and slaughtering sheep,  
eating flesh and drinking wine.

“Let us eat and drink,  
for tomorrow we die.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD of hosts has revealed himself in my ears:

“Surely this iniquity will not be atoned for you until you die,”  
says the Lord GOD of hosts.

<sup>15</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, “Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: <sup>16</sup> What have you to do here, and whom have you here, that you have cut out here a tomb for yourself, you who cut out a tomb on the height and carve a dwelling for yourself in the rock? <sup>17</sup> Behold, the LORD will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you <sup>18</sup> and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land. There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master's house. <sup>19</sup> I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. <sup>20</sup> In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, <sup>21</sup> and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house. <sup>24</sup> And they will hang on him the whole honour of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. <sup>25</sup> In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way, and it will be cut down and fall, and the load that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken.”

## Isaiah 23

### An Oracle concerning Tyre and Sidon

The oracle concerning Tyre.

Wail, O ships of Tarshish,  
for Tyre is laid waste, without house or harbour!  
From the land of Cyprus  
it is revealed to them.

<sup>2</sup> Be still, O inhabitants of the coast;  
the merchants of Sidon, who cross the sea, have filled you.

<sup>3</sup> And on many waters  
your revenue was the grain of Shihor,  
the harvest of the Nile;  
you were the merchant of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> Be ashamed, O Sidon, for the sea has spoken,  
the stronghold of the sea, saying:

“I have neither laboured nor given birth,  
I have neither reared young men  
nor brought up young women.”

<sup>5</sup> When the report comes to Egypt,  
they will be in anguish over the report about Tyre.

<sup>6</sup> Cross over to Tarshish;  
wail, O inhabitants of the coast!

<sup>7</sup> Is this your exultant city  
whose origin is from days of old,  
whose feet carried her  
to settle far away?

<sup>8</sup> Who has purposed this  
against Tyre, the bestower of crowns,  
whose merchants were princes,  
whose traders were the honoured of the earth?

<sup>9</sup> The LORD of hosts has purposed it,  
to defile the pompous pride of all glory,  
to dishonour all the honoured of the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Cross over your land like the Nile,  
O daughter of Tarshish;  
there is no restraint anymore.

<sup>11</sup> He has stretched out his hand over the sea;  
he has shaken the kingdoms;  
the LORD has given command concerning Canaan  
to destroy its strongholds.

<sup>12</sup> And he said:  
“You will no more exult,  
O oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon;  
arise, cross over to Cyprus,  
even there you will have no rest.”

<sup>13</sup> Behold the land of the Chaldeans! This is the people that was not; Assyria destined it  
for wild beasts. They erected their siege towers, they stripped her palaces bare, they made  
her a ruin.

<sup>14</sup> Wail, O ships of Tarshish,  
for your stronghold is laid waste.

<sup>15</sup> In that day Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, like the days of one king. At the  
end of seventy years, it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the prostitute:

<sup>16</sup> “Take a harp;  
go about the city,  
O forgotten prostitute!  
Make sweet melody;  
sing many songs,  
that you may be remembered.”

<sup>17</sup> At the end of seventy years, the LORD will visit Tyre, and she will return to her wages and will prostitute herself with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.

<sup>18</sup> Her merchandise and her wages will be holy to the LORD. It will not be stored or hoarded, but her merchandise will supply abundant food and fine clothing for those who dwell before the LORD.

## Cross References

**2 Chronicles 32 v 2 to 4:** <sup>2</sup> And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem, <sup>3</sup> he planned with his officers and his mighty men to stop the water of the springs that were outside the city; and they helped him. <sup>4</sup> A great many people were gathered, and they stopped all the springs and the brook that flowed through the land, saying, “Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?”

**2 Kings 20 v 20:** The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah and all his might and how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

**2 Kings 18 v 18:** And when they called for the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder.

**2 Kings 18 v 37:** Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.

**Revelation 3 v 7, 8:** <sup>7</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

<sup>8</sup> “‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut...”