

ISAIAH 28 & 29

TWO WOES

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Introduction

- Woe?
- Hebrew: *HOY*

DOOM!

- Today:
 - Disentangle imagery
 - What's Isaiah saying?
 - What does it mean for us?

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Woe #1: Ephraim & Judah

- **Disentangling the imagery**
 - Ephraim = Israel (v.1-13):
 - Wreath & flower = pride & glory
 - Powerful & strong = Assyria
 - v.14: Judah = target audience
 - Scoffers = godless (v.14)
 - Covenant with death (v.15)
 - Strange work (v.21)
 - Cornerstone = glimpse of hope (v.16-19)

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Woe #1: Ephraim & Judah

● **Isaiah's main points:**

1. God has done this before!
 - Isaiah's track record.
2. Don't switch off from realities of life!
 - Escapism
 - Refusing to face reality
3. Egypt is a false hope leading only to death!
 - What are our false hopes?

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Woe #2 & #3: Ariel/Judah

● **Disentangling the imagery:**

- Ariel = Judah
- Key image: Ariel = alter hearth
- Why?

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Woe #2 & #3: Ariel/Judah

● **Isaiah's main points:**

1. Empty religious observance brings judgment (v.1, 13)
2. Desired Egypt over the LORD.
 - How often does God give us over to what we want by way of judgment? (Rom. 1:24,26)
3. Woe #3 enters – those hiding plans from God
 - Fools
 - LORD's long term plan = redemption (v. 17-24)

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