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Woes...
28 – Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim [Northern Israel]
29 – Woe to Ariel of God] – the Southern Kingdom...
29 – Woe to those HIDE from the LORD...
30 – Woe to the REBELLIOUS children [do NOT to God]
31 – Woe to those go down to EGYPT...
33 – Woe to Destroyer – the Kingdom of Assyria!
Rises...
just when it seemed all was – the Lord would STAND up...
SPIRIT [רוּחַ] of the – His FIRE – would

consume them like chaff and stubble...

- And when the people of ZION [Jerusalem] saw what God did to Assyria...
- The SINNERS would FEAR – but the UPRIGHT would dwell in the safety of the ROCKS [רָצָח]
- Then hearts of the people would PONDER on what happened to the TERROR [Assyria]
- They no longer saw them – because they were GONE...
- He would give Judah VICTORY – He would FORGIVE their sins!

● **1ST – DAY OF THE LORD... vs. 1-8**

- 1st – Wrath of God... vs. 1-3

▪ All nations... vs. 1-2

- Come near you nations to hear - and heed you people!
- Let the earth hear and all that is in it. The world and all things that come forth from it.
- For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations and His fury against all their armies!
- The NATIONS [גוֹיִם] must listen [imperative] – people need to pay ATTENTION [imperative]
- Let ALL [כָּל] of the earth – everyone in it – all who come from it LISTEN...
- Because [כִּי] the WRATH of God is against ALL [כָּל] the NATIONS [הַגּוֹיִם] and their ARMIES!
- For SIX chapters Isaiah had warned His people about Assyria...
- Of the JUDGMENT He brought against the Northern Kingdom [722 B.C.] – **II Kings 17:18**
- And warning to Judah [Southern Kingdom] - they were NEXT...
- But He moves BEYOND Israel – to address the WHOLE world!
- The Bible is NOT written to just ONE people [Jews] – it addresses EVERY nation...
- The WARNINGS given might address a specific time in history...
- But the LESSONS learned apply to EVERY generation!

▪ Slaughter... vs. 2-3

- He has utterly destroyed them. He has given them over to the slaughter.
- Also their slain shall be thrown out. Their stench shall rise from their corpses.
- And the mountains shall be melted with their blood!
- The LORD has [perfect] wiped out [hiphil] the ARMIES of men [צָבָאִים]
- Given them over [perfect] to the SLAUGHTER...
- Their BODIES will be cast out – rotting where they fall [stink]
- The mountains will be COVERED [niphil] in their BLOOD!
- **Revelation 16:16** – “They gathered together to the place called in Hebrew Armageddon!”
- God gathered THEM [all of the nations of the world] – to ARMAGEDDON...
- [Ἀρμαγεδδών] – the HILL [הַר] of MEGIDDO [מִגְדּוֹן]
- The Hill [city] of Megiddo sits in a long valley in the central portion of Israel [300km long]
- It is part of the Via Maris [way of the sea] – connecting Asia – to Europe – and Africa...
- It is literally at the crossroads of the World!
- This will be the place where the Antichrist – and ALL the NATIONS he has deceived...
- Will gather together in a FUTILE attempt to go to war with Jesus [God]
- It will NOT be much of a battle – Jesus will just say ONE word – **II Thessalonians 2:8**
- The BLOOD will flow TWO meters deep – for THREE hundred kilometers – **Revelation 14:20**

- 2nd – Return of the King... vs. 4-7

▪ Heavens Shaken... vs. 4

- All the host of heaven shall be dissolved - and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll.
- All their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine - and as fruit falling from a fig tree!
- The HEAVENS [visible universe] will be ROLLED [niphil] up like [כִּי] a SCROLL...
- Then ALL [כָּל] of the HOST of heaven will WASTE [niphil] away...

- The HOSTS of heaven will FALL – like [כ] the leaf FALLS from the vine or tree...
 - This is NOT speaking of END - because the JUDGMENT continues - **II Peter 3:10**
 - It is the WRATH of God in the Day of the LORD - **Matthew 24:29**
 - The HOSTS [צְבָאוֹת] – likely refer to an army [or the spiritual powers behind them]!
 - **Revelation 12:7-9** – “War broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon – and the dragon and his angels fought but they did not prevail - nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out!”
 - This is WAR has yet to occur – it will take place at the MID point of the TRIBULATION...
 - While Antichrist stands in the Holiest proclaiming to be God – **Revelation 13:4**
 - Behind the scenes there is a SPIRITUAL battle taking place...
 - MICHAEL [מִיכָאֵל] – who is like God – the ARCHANGEL [chief] – **Jude 1:9**
 - He and his angels – will go to WAR with the DRAGON [satan] and his angels...
 - But the DRAGON will lose – and there was no longer a place for them in HEAVEN!
- Come down... vs. 5
- For My sword shall be bathed in heaven.
 - Indeed it shall come down on Edom - and on the people of My curse for judgment!
 - Once the SWORD of the LORD has had its fill [piel] in Heaven [victory]
 - Then the SWORD will come down to EDOM [עֲדוֹם]
 - Upon the PEOPLE who are CURSED – to be JUDGED!
 - **Revelation 12:13** – “Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth. He persecuted the woman [Israel] who gave birth to the male Child [Jesus]!”
 - After the Abomination of Desolation – **Matthew 24:15**
 - Israel will be RUSHED away quickly to the safety of PETRA [in Edom]
 - And remain there for a TIME + TIMES [two] + half a TIME [three and a half years]
 - An ARMY [flood] will be sent by the COMMAND of the Antichrist...
 - Hoping [subjunctive] he can destroy the people of Israel – **Revelation 12:16**
 - But God will save His people – by causing the EARTH to open and swallow up the ARMY!
- Refuge in Bozrah... vs. 6-7
- The sword of the LORD is filled with blood - it is made overflowing with fatness.
 - With the blood of lambs and goats. With the fat of the kidneys of rams.
 - For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
 - The wild oxen shall come down with them - and the young bulls with the mighty bulls.
 - Their land shall be soaked with blood - and their dust saturated with fatness!
 - The SWORD of the LORD will be FILLED [perfect] with BLOOD...
 - A great SACRIFICE in BOZRAH [fortress in Edom – geographically associated with PETRA]
 - Men who are as strong as AUROCHS [אַרְעֹחַ] will come down and die...
 - AUROCH [אַרְעֹחַ] – extinct cow that could weigh 1500kg – stand almost TWO meters high...
 - The land will be SOAKED [piel] with BLOOD – the dust SATURATED [pual] by them!
 - PETRA [the rock] – is in the modern-day country of Jordan...
 - The city of PETRA [Greek] – is called in the Hebrew SELA [סֵלָע]
 - The city is in the MOUNTAINS to the EAST of Israel – **Matthew 24:16**
 - And when Jesus returns – He will come from BOZRAH [Jordan] – **Isaiah 63:1**
 - **Psalms 18:2** – “The LORD is my rock [סֵלָע] and my fortress and my deliverer.”
- Cause of Zion... vs. 8
- For it is the day of the LORD’s vengeance. The year of recompense for the cause of Zion!
 - Because [כי] – this is the DAY [יוֹם] of the VENGEANCE of the LORD...

- The YEAR when God will REPAY [שְׁלֹם] the enemies of ZION [Jerusalem]!
- God will PROVIDE and PROTECT Israel in PETRA for THREE and half years [1260 days]
- LAST half of the TRIBULATION – culminating in the RETURN of Jesus – **Revelation 19:16**
- Only a THIRD of the JEWISH nation will make it to SAFETY - **Zechariah 13:8**
- Then all the Jews who REMAIN - will look up and see Jesus – **Zechariah 12:10**
- At which time all of them will put their FAITH in Jesus – and be SAVED – **Romans 11:26**
- They will be the SHEEP who get to enter into the Millennial Kingdom – **Matthew 25:34**

● **2ND – JUDGMENT OF THE LORD... vs. 9-17**

○ 1st – Destruction... vs. 9-10

▪ Brimstone... vs. 9

- Its streams shall be turned into pitch and its dust into brimstone.
- Its land shall become burning pitch!
- The STREAM will be turned [niph'al] into burning TAR [pitch]
- And the DUST shall become BRIMSTONE [גְּפִרִית]
- Edom becomes a prophetic picture of the final judgment - the Lake of Fire...
- Those who REJECT the Gospel of Jesus Christ – end up there!
- **Revelation 14:10-11** – “He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... and the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever.”

▪ Forever... vs. 10

- It shall not be quenched night or day. Its smoke shall ascend forever.
- From generation to generation it shall lie waste no one shall pass through it forever and ever!
- The FIRE there will NEVER go out – the SMOKE comes up FOREVER...
- From generation to generation [without end] – it will be DESOLATE [תָּרֵב]
- And NONE [אֵין] will EVER be able to PASS through there!
- **Revelation 20:15** – “This is the second death. Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire!”
- There is a common teaching today that says that HELL does not exist...
- The TERROR of being eternally separated with NO hope of escape – is too much to accept...
- The common view is either that BAD people just cease to exist – annihilationism...
- Or that there is some sort of penance [purgatory] that gives them a SECOND chance...
- But HELL is very real – referenced at least FORTY times with various New Testament terms!
- The SECOND [spiritual] death – is eternal separation from God...
- It is SAD for those who have rejected Jesus – because this is the END...
- They will be ETERNALLY separated from God – NO hope of redemption!

○ 2nd – Desolate... vs. 11-15

▪ Without form... vs. 11

- But the pelican and the [heron] shall possess it. Also the owl and the raven shall dwell in it.
- And He shall stretch out over it - the line of confusion and the stones of emptiness!
- In the aftermath the Day of the Lord – the return of Jesus Christ...
- Edom will become a WILDERNESS – devoid of any people...
- PELICANS [waterfowl] – HERON – OWLS – and RAVENS will live there [four UNCLEAN birds]
- HERON [קָפֹד] – is a more likely translation than PORCUPINE – **Zephaniah 2:14**
- And in this UNCLEAN place – God will make it without FORM [תִּהְיֶה] and VOID [בְּהֵי]
- It will be the REVERSE of what God did in the BEGINNING – **Genesis 1:2**

▪ No leaders... vs. 12-13

- They shall call its nobles to the kingdom.
 - But none shall be there and all its princes shall be nothing.
 - And thorns shall come up in its palaces. Nettles and brambles in its fortresses.
 - It shall be a habitation of [dragons] - a courtyard for ostriches!
 - There will [imperfect] NOT [אין] be any NOBLES to call to...
 - Because ALL [כָּל] of the PRINCES will be GONE [אָפֶס]
 - Their PALACES will become overgrown with WEEDS and THORNS...
 - A place where DRAGONS [תַּנִּינִים] and OSTRICHES can be found [no people around]!
 - The Day of the LORD marks the END of human leadership...
 - Rather than a world that is governed by FLAWED men...
 - The world will become a place where Jesus is ultimate authority [Millennial Kingdom]
- Gathering... vs. 14-15
- The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the jackals.
 - And the wild goat shall bleat to its companion - also the night creature shall rest there.
 - And find for herself a place of rest. There the arrow snake shall make her nest and lay eggs.
 - And hatch - and gather them under her shadow. There also shall the [vultures] be gathered.
 - Everyone with her mate!
 - Having given us a description of an EMPTY land – and LEADERLESS land...
 - Isaiah goes on to describe FIVE wild BEASTS of the desert who will meet there...
 - JACKAL [3 – [אָץ in OT – a howling creature [jackal]
 - Wild GOAT [שְׁעִיר] – in this context it can refer to a goat-demon – **Leviticus 17:7**
 - Night CREATURE [לַיְלִית] – only here - later associated in Jewish tradition with night demon...
 - Darting SNAKE [קִפּוּז] – only here – thought to be a venomous snake [jumps out]
 - VULTURE [2 – [אֲדָמָה in OT – birds of prey that feed on DEAD animals...
 - These are very challenging verses to interpret...
 - Some scholars take the angle that they refer to supernatural creatures...
 - While others just hold they are ordinary animals that speak of a DESOLATE place...
 - In light of them having MATES – and OFFSPRING – I would lean towards the LATER!
 - The common thread between all FIVE creatures [whatever they might be]
 - They speak of a place with DANGER – DARKNESS – and DEATH...
 - A place that is DEVOID of any human habitation!
- 3rd – Book of the Lord... vs. 16-17
- The Command... vs. 16
- Search from the book of the LORD and read:
 - Not one of these shall fail. Not one shall lack her mate.
 - For My mouth has commanded it - and His Spirit has gathered them!
- In light of this statement of DEVASTATION – the JUDGMENT of the DAY of the LORD...
 - God commands [imperative] for us to SEARCH His Book [scroll]
 - We must CALL out [imperative] and see if ANY of these statements have FAILED...
 - The answer is NO – because the LORD has commanded them...
 - The answer is NO – because the His Spirit is the one who has gathered them!
 - God does NOT give us His word for us to IGNORE...
 - He does NOT tell us what is going to happen in the FUTURE so we can be IGNORANT...
 - He wants us to SEARCH it – He wants us to see that it is TRUE...
 - God is trying to tell us what is COMING – so we can be READY!

- Forever... vs. 17
 - He has cast the lot for them and His hand has divided it among them with a measuring line.
 - They shall possess it forever. From generation to generation they shall dwell in it!
 - Why do we want to be READY – because of our LOT [גורל]
 - God will divide our LOT – where we will dwell for ETERNITY [forever]!
 - We want to make sure our LOT is in HEAVEN with the LORD...
 - We know what is coming – the Bible tells us the Day of the LORD is close...
 - What we need to do is be READY – the END is coming soon!
 - **Matthew 24:44** – “Therefore you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
- **3RD – HIGHWAY OF THE LORD... vs. 1-10**
 - 1st – Rebirth... vs. 1-2
 - Blossom... vs. 1
 - The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them.
 - And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose!
 - In the AFTERMATH of the Day of the Lord - the JUDGMENT of God...
 - The WILDERNESS - the DESERT - will blossom [imperfect] like [ג] a ROSE!
 - This was fulfilled after the FALL of the Assyrian army [701 B.C.]
 - But it will ultimately be fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom!
 - **Romans 8:21** - “The creation looks forward to the day when it will join... in glorious freedom from death and decay.” [NLT]
 - See the Lord... vs. 2
 - It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing.
 - The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it. The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.
 - They shall see the glory of the LORD - the excellency of our God!
 - In that day the LAND will BLOSSOM - and the people will rejoice with JOY and SINGING [piel]
 - As Israel becomes as GLORIOUS as [the] Lebanon - [the] Carmel - and [the] Sharon...
 - All three very LUSH and FERTILE regions of the Middle east...
 - A place that had become a DESERT - would see the LORD their God transform it!
 - Rewind HUNDRED years and Israel was a wasteland...
 - Mark Twain: Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery - Palestine must be the prince.
 - Hills are barren - a hopeless - dreary - heart broken land... [that] sits in sackcloth and ashes...
 - Israel today has BLOSSOMED - they have planted 250 million trees...
 - They are an exporter of FLOWERS - and other produce to the world...
 - The desert has BLOOMED - and even Israel knows it has to be because of the LORD!
 - Even though we may have allowed SIN to devastate...
 - This is what our God does - He takes RUINED lives and makes them BLOSSOM...
 - He takes BEAUTY from ASHES - and JOY from MOURNING - **Isaiah 61:3**
 - 2nd – Restoration... vs. 3-7
 - Do not Fear... vs. 3-4
 - Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.
 - Say to those who are fearful-hearted: Be strong - do not fear!
 - Behold your God will come with vengeance - with the recompense of God.
 - He will come and save you!
 - We must say [imperative] to those with a racing [niphall] heart [fearful]

- Be STRONG [imperative] - and do NOT [jussive] choose to FEAR...
- The Lord will give STRENGTH [piel] to limp hands - weak knees - **Hebrews 12:12**
- Your God of VENGEANCE will come to REPAY [גָּמַל] your enemies...
- He will come [imperfect] to SAVE [יִשַׁע] you!
- Fear is NOT a response – it is a CHOICE – we CHOSE based on who we are looking at...
- If we are looking at our circumstances – then we choose to be AFRAID...
- If we look to the Lord – then we will be STRONG – and have nothing to FEAR!
- **Romans 8:31** – “If God is for us - who can be against us?”

▪ Healing... vs. 5-6

- Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened - and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- Then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb sing.
- THEN [יָזַח] - after CHOOSING to come to the LORD rather than giving into FEAR...
- The EYES of the blind and the EARS of the deaf - will open [niph'al]
- The lame shall LEAP [piel] and the TONGUE of the mute will sing!
- This reminds us of the ministry of Jesus Christ...
- He opened BLIND eyes - DEAF ears - the LAME leapt - and the MUTE spoke - **Matthew 11:5**
- But the point was NOT the healing - it was WHO healed them!
- When we STOP looking at CIRCUMSTANCES - stop living in FEAR...
- Our EYES opened to see Jesus - our EARS to hear His Word...
- We are able to LEAP over any obstacle - as we SING praises to Him!

▪ New Life... vs. 6-7

- For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness - and streams in the desert.
- The parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water.
- In the habitation of jackals where each lay - there shall be grass with reeds and rushes!
- Because [כִּי] the SPLIT [niph'al] rock in the WILDERNESS...
- Formed [perfect] WATERS and STREAMS in the DESERT...
- DRY ground became [perfect] pools of WATER...
- Where DRAGONS [תַּנִּינִים] used to lie [desolate] - it was filled with GRASS and REEDS!
- When God brough Israel out of Egypt into the Wilderness of Sin - they had NO water...
- Moses STRUCK the ROCK of Horeb and WATER flowed out - **Exodus 17:6**
- **I Corinethian 10:4** - “They drank of the spiritual Rock that followed them - that Rock was Christ.”
- Because the ONLY way to be SATISFIED in life - is by coming to Jesus...
- He is the ONE who gives us LIVING water in the DESERT of this life!
- **John 7:38** - “He who believes in Me... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

○ 3rd – The Road... vs. 8-10

▪ Holiness... vs. 8

- A highway shall be there and a road - and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.
- The unclean shall not pass over it - but it shall be for others.
- Whoever walks the road - although a fool - shall not go astray!
- The Lord will make a HIGHWAY [lifted up] - only here in OT...
- It will be called [niph'al] the WAY [דֶּרֶךְ] of HOLINESS...
- Those who are UNCLEAR will NOT be able to walk down it...
- But to those who want to GO [לָקַח] - even FOOLS - they will NOT go astray!
- Highways are incredible feats of ENGINEERING...
- Raised roads that lead over RIVERS [bridge] - through MOUNTAINS [tunnels]
- They allow a STRAIGHT path to get from one place to another!

- Matthew 7:14 - "Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life."
 - Jesus has provided the Holy HIGHWAY to get to HEAVEN...
 - It is the ONE and ONLY way that we can be SAVED!
- Redeemed... vs. 9
- No lion shall be there. Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it.
 - It shall not be found there - but the redeemed shall walk there!
 - There will NOT be any LION [singular] there - or danger [thief] is there...
 - Instead this is where the REDEEMED [גָּאֵל] will walk!
 - **I Peter 5:8** - "Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion."
 - When we are walking on the HIGHWAY of Holiness...
 - The THIEF [פֶּרִיץ] who wants to STEAL our Joy - our lives - **John 10:10**
 - He cannot touch us - we are SAFE - because we have been REDEEMED!
- Ransomed... vs. 10
- And the ransomed of the LORD shall return - and come to Zion with singing.
 - With everlasting joy on their heads they shall obtain joy and gladness.
 - And sorrow and sighing shall flee away!
 - Then those who are RANSOMED by the LORD will come back to ZION...
 - They will come SINGING [praise] - having [hiphil] JOY and GLADNESS...
 - Their SORROW and GROANING will be gone!