Is your faith in the Messiah growing? Are you serving him more each day?

Lesson 14

2/25/2018

Woes To Ephraim & Judah

Isaiah 28 & 29

Our goal for this lesson is to explain that we must serve God in every aspect of our lives in order to be pleasing to Him.

The next section (Isa 28-35) has been called the "Book of Woes". This section deals especially with Judah's relationship to the nations of Egypt and Assyria, & with Judah's own sins. Throughout we will also see promises of future glory under a righteous king.

1. What does Ephraim represent in verse 1? To what/where does the second half of verse 1 refer?

2. What two crowns are seen in 28:1?

3. Verse 2 appears to refer to the Assyrian army. How is this army described?

4. A contrasting crown is described in 28:5-6. How is it described?

5. In verses 7-8 God appears to turn his attention to the spiritual leaders of Judah. How is their service viewed by God?

6. These drunken spiritual leaders mock Isaiah's message in 28:9-10. What are they saying?

7. Verse 15 indicates that the leaders had made a covenant that will protect them. What is God’s response to them?

8. 28:23-29 uses a farming example. What point is being made?

The meaning of the name "Ariel" is not clear; it is being used symbolically to refer to Jerusalem. It is translated “altar hearth” in Ezekiel 43:15.

9. What event in Judah's history (during Hezekiah's reign) does 29:3 bring to mind?

10. 29:5-9 focuses on the multitude who oppose God's people. What images are used to describe their results?

11. How can *you* apply verses 9-14? See also Matthew 15:1-11

12. According to 29:18-19, what remarkable changes will occur with the house of Jacob?