

# “Eat and Drink, Tomorrow We Die” Isaiah 22:1–25

## CORPORATE READING

### Isaiah 22:11-14

11 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. 12 In that day the Lord God of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for baldness and wearing sackcloth; 13 and behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine. “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” 14 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.

## NOTE ON SCREEN

### EAT AND DRINK, TOMORROW WE DIE

Death is a reality we all face. How we live is a choice we all make. Do we see death as a part of God’s plan, and grace as the way we are to all live? Or, do we take this life for granted and waste it on things that cannot last?

## THE LAST THREE WEEKS

*I have **lost three people** I knew over the last **three weeks** - one was **a close family member**, one **a good friend**, and one who was the **grandmother** of some **close friends**.*

***Death is a constant reminder that this life is fragile and short.***

## Isaiah 22

### Vs. 1-2

1 The oracle concerning the valley of vision. What do you mean that you have gone up, all of you, to the housetops, 2 you who are full of shoutings, tumultuous city, exultant town? Your slain are not slain with the sword or dead in battle.

## JERUSALEM CELEBRATES NOT COMPLETELY CRUSHED BY ASSYRIA

***The surrounding Assyrian army has been tormenting them but has not destroyed them***

## **NOT YET!**

*They have been **told by God** that they will be **judged and destroyed** - but it **hasn't happened yet.***

### **Vs. 3**

3 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.

## **GOD IS ASKING THIS**

***What are you celebrating? Your leaders hid, and it wasn't your might that saved you!***

*This is Isaiah speaking...*

### **Vs. 4**

4 Therefore I said: "Look away from me; let me weep bitter tears; do not labor to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people."

## **ISAIAH IS WEEPING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **NOTE ON SCREEN**

#### **A HEART OF MOURNING**

God's people mourn more than we do. We should enjoy the life God has given us, but we should also mourn sinfulness and ungodliness.

### **Vs. 5**

5 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.

**"LORD GOD OF HOSTS" = LORD GOD OF ARMIES**

***God is the God of a HUGE army - human and angelic!***

## **A DAY OF TUMULT AND TRAMPLING**

***This is a prophetic statement of Jerusalem being destroyed.***

## NOTE ON SCREEN

### A GUARANTEE OF DEATH

Compare God's prophecy to destroy Jerusalem to knowing that one day we will all physically die. Should we act like Jerusalem celebrating that because it hasn't happened today that it never will? Or should we live knowing that one day we will?

### Vs. 6-8a

6 And Elam bore the quiver with chariots and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. 7 Your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took their stand at the gates. 8 He has taken away the covering of Judah.

*Let's pause there for a minute...*

### IMAGE OF GOD LIFTING HIS HAND OF COVERING OFF THEM

***God says this through his servant Isaiah, "He has taken away the covering of Judah" - meaning God has lifted his hand of protection off of them.***

*restart at vs. 8*

### Vs. 8-11

8 He has taken away the covering of Judah. In that day you looked to the weapons of the House of the Forest, 9 and you saw that the breaches of the city of David were many. You collected the waters of the lower pool, 10 and you counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. 11 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.

### AS GOD REMOVES HIS HAND - THEY FORTIFY FOR WAR

- ✳️ ***"weapons of the House of the Forest"*** - their ***weapons*** and ***arrows***
- ✳️ ***"the breaches of the city of David"*** - fixing their ***weaknesses***
- ✳️ ***"collected the waters of the lower pool"*** - ***saving water*** for during ***war***
- ✳️ ***"counted the houses of Jerusalem"*** - ***numbering their troops***

## **LISTEN TO THIS**

God says to them, *“But you did not look to him who did it, or see him who planned it long ago”*

## **READ**

*You have chosen to trust in your own might and not trust in God who created you.*

## **Vs. 12**

12 In that day the Lord God of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for baldness and wearing sackcloth;

## **INTRO FASTING**

*Fasting is a practice of denying yourself - and pressing into God - for a purpose of renewed relationship and strength from God.*

## **VERSE ON SCREEN**

### **Matthew 9:14–15**

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

*restart at vs. 12*

## **Vs. 12**

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## **FASTING AND MOURNING**

*God is calling His people to repentance from their self-reliance*

## **NOTE ON SCREEN**

### **FASTING AND MOURNING**

Fasting is all about denying physical things that we trust in to live (ie: food). It is a practice of trusting God over everything else. When find ourselves far from God, He often calls us to deny ourselves and mourn for repentance of sin.

## VERSE ON SCREEN

### 1 Peter 3:10–12

Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

### Vs. 13

13 and behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine. “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

*Here is their **very opposite response** to God’s call to fast and mourn*

## EATING & DRINKING - NO REGARD FOR GOD

### QUESTION

**What are the people doing instead of mourning and fasting, repenting from sin?**

*answer*

*They are **celebrating their temporary human existence** that is about to be destroyed.*

### QUESTION

**How are we often just like them?**

*answer*

*We often **eat and drink, partying** like there is **never going to be a time** we will **regret** it.*

### Vs. 14

14 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.

*Share the **gospel** focused on **grace and repentance** after note on screen*

## **THE SIN GOD REFUSES TO FORGIVE**

**“Surely this iniquity will not be atoned for you until you die”**

### **NOTE FOR SCREEN**

#### **THEIR UNFORGIVABLE SIN**

God says through Isaiah that the sin Judah will pay for in their death, is their rejection of His grace. Today we are faced with the same sin that cannot be forgiven: the rejection of God’s grace through His Son Jesus Christ.

### **GOSPEL**

***gospel as a call to repentance through grace***

## **A TALE OF TWO MEN**

### **Vs. 15-16**

15 Thus says the Lord God of hosts, “Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: 16 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?”

### **SHEBNA**

***Shebna is a palace steward who has misused his position of influence to store up treasure for himself - including an expensive crypt that he desires to be buried in.***

### **NOTE ON SCREEN**

#### **A WARNING TO THOSE WHOM GOD HAS BLESSED**

Shebna is a man of great privilege who ought to be leading others towards God, but instead is focused on what he can gain in this life. How often do we get caught up in the gain of this world and lose sight of eternity?

## VERSE ON SCREEN

### Matthew 16:26

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

### Vs. 17-19

17 Behold, the Lord will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you 18 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. 19 I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station.

### GOD IS MOCKING HIM

**God says “*throw you like a ball*” - “*O strong man*” - and “*there you shall die*” in a desert - and calls him the “*shame of [his] master's house*”**

### Vs. 20-21

20 In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, 21 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.

### ELIAKIM WILL TAKE HIS PLACE

***Eliakim is a godly man who is considered a “servant of God”***

### Vs. 22

22 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.

### A MESSIANIC PROMISE

*reread*

### Vs. 22

22 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.

## **ABOUT JESUS**

***This is a promise of a messiah who Eliakim points to - Jesus.***

## **VERSE ON SCREEN**

### **Revelation 3:7**

“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.’”

### **Vs. 23-24**

23 And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father’s house. 24 And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father’s house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons.

## **EXPLAIN PEG REFERENCE**

### **Vs. 25**

25 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.”

## **GOSPEL**

***Christ is the peg that was cut down***