

We will begin with sixth lecture of the book of Isaiah. / We will begin with chapter 30. / The title of the chapter is "The Main Road." / The correct way.

/First, woe to those who rely on Egypt. / Verses 1-7. / Second, the sin of Israel and God's judgment. / Verses 8-14. / Third, the Lord saves Israel. / Verses 15-26. / Fourth, God destroys all nations. / Verses 27-33.

/Read verses 1-2./ "Woe to the obstinate children," declares the LORD, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge.

/The Israelites did not rely on God. / They relied on Egypt instead. / They trusted Pharaoh. / Thus, the Israelites went to Egypt. / 31:1

/We must not rely on people or the nations of the world. / We must trust only our God. / God is almighty.

/Verse 3. / But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame, Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace.

/ Relying on Egypt and Pharaoh will be their shame. / Today, when believers rely on the powers of the world and on money, it will eventually be their shame.

/Verses 4-5. / Though they have officials in Zoan and their envoys have arrived in Hanes, everyone will be put to shame because of a people useless to them, who bring neither help nor advantage, but only shame and disgrace."

/ Here, "Zoan and Hanes" are cities of Egypt. / The leaders of Judah went to Egypt. / They went to seek help. / However, it says they will be ashamed because of what they did.

/Believers are shamed by the world if they rely on the world. / Believers are shamed by wealth if they rely on it. / Believers are shamed by people if they rely on people.

/Verses 6-7. / An oracle concerning the animals of the Negev : Through a land of hardship and distress, of lions and lionesses, of adders and darting snakes, the envoys carry their riches on donkeys' backs, their treasures on the humps of camels, to that unprofitable nation, to Egypt, whose help is utterly useless. Therefore I call her Rahab the Do-Nothing.

/ The “animals of the Negev” refer to young camels and donkeys. / The people of Judah carried their riches on these animals and went to Egypt. / This shows that they attempted to rely on Egypt.

/ They had a hard time going to Egypt because the road was dangerous. / However, people of Judah faced danger and went to Egypt. / However, the people of Egypt were not able to help Judah.

/ “Rahab” symbolizes Egypt. / Egypt was arrogant and boastful. / Egypt was boastful of themselves. / However, they were not able to help the people of Judah.

/ Only God can truly help us. / God is our help in times of hardships. / God is our refuge.

/ Verses 8-9. / Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness. These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD'S instruction.

/God spoke to Isaiah. / God said the Israelites “are rebellious people, deceitful children.” / God told Isaiah to write the sins of Judah on a tablet or on a scroll.

/ This meant that Isaiah was to record their sins and leave it for the next generation to read. / It was to be delivered to the next generation.

/Verses 10-11. / They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"

/ The prophets pointed out the sins of Judah and rebuked them. / The people of Judah did not like it. / They told the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right!"

/ The people of Judah told the prophets not to prophesy. / This means that they did not like hearing God's words. / They wanted to hear pleasant things. / They wanted words of blessings.

/ False prophets deceived the believers. / Then they taught, "You will receive blessings."

/ However, the true prophets of God delivered God's word as it was. / They taught the people to walk in righteousness. / That is why the people of Judah did not like true prophets.

/Verses 12-14. / Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says : "Because you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit, this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant. It will break in pieces like pottery, shattered so mercilessly that among its pieces not a fragment will be found for taking coals from a hearth or scooping water out of a cistern."

/ The people of Judah did not obey God's words. / They relied on meaningless things. / Therefore, the people of Judah would suddenly be destroyed as a result of their sins. / They were robbed / and suddenly collapsed.

/ Verse 15. / This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says :
"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

/ God told the people of Judah to turn back. / This meant that they were to repent and return. / It meant to turn away from man's ways. / We must not rely on the world but return to God.

/ Then we must dwell in the Lord. / There is peace and comfort in the Lord. / There is rest in God. / We become anxious if we rely on things of the world.

/ We must remain in God who is the Rock of ages. / We must throw away our thoughts, / worries, / and confused hearts. / Then we must pray.

/ We must leave things in the mighty hands of God. / We must be quiet and rely on God in order to gain strength. / There is life and power in God.

/ Verses 16-17. / You said, 'No, we will flee on horses.' Therefore you will flee! You said, 'We will ride off on swift horses.' Therefore your pursuers will be swift! A thousand will flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you will all flee away, till you are left like a flagstaff on a mountaintop, like a banner on a hill."

/ The people of Judah should have listened to the prophets of God in times of troubles. / Then they should have had peace in the Lord.

/ However, the people of Judah did not want that. / The people of Judah attempted to avoid hardships through humanly ways. / They said that they needed to flee on swift horses. / Then ultimately, God rebuked them.

/Verse 17 says, "A thousand will flee at the threat of one." / When God

disciplines, the people will run away in fear before the smallest powers.

/ When God's discipline comes, we will fall from small things. / However, we can defeat great trials if we rely on God and are strengthened by God's power.

/ When we rely on God, we can endure whatever trials or hardships that come at us.

/ It says the Israelites are "like a flagstaff on a mountaintop, like a banner on a hill." / It means that they will be lonely.

/Verses 18-19. / Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

/ God disciplined the people of Judah when they sinned. / However, God also forgave them when they repented. / God is merciful. / God grants blessings.

/ Verse 20. / Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them.

/ "Your teachers" refer to the leaders of the people. / They are the faithful leaders. / Now, God will give blessings instead of the bread of adversity and the water of affliction.

/ There were adversities and afflictions. / However, after repentance, God gives a more abundance of food. / Therefore, we must repent by the Lord's mercy.

/Verses 21-22. / Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Then you will defile your idols overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, "Away with you!"

/ We must repent when we receive God's discipline. / After we repent, we must walk down the way that prophets taught us to go. / We must walk down the correct road. / We must not go to the left or to the right.

/ We must not deduct anything from God's words. / We must forsake idols. / Idols have no life. / Therefore, we must throw away idols.

/Verses 23-24. / He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. The oxen and donkeys that work the soil will eat fodder and mash, spread out with fork and shovel.

/ God would send rain for the people of Judah for their repentance. / God gives grace. / The food from the ground will be plentiful. / There will be broad meadows. / The livestock will have plenty to eat.

/ It also means that believers will eat many spiritual foods through Jesus Christ in the New Testament times.

/ Verse 25. / In the day of great slaughter, when the towers fall, streams of water will flow on every high mountain and every lofty hill.

/ There would be a "day of great slaughter." / This is the day the Assyrian army will attack.

/ Verse 26. / The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven

times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.

/ God will give great grace to the Israelites even if the Assyrian army came to attack. / God will give an abundance of grace. / God will also bind his peoples' wounds.

/ Then darkness will turn to light. / The moon will shine like the sun. / The sun will grow seven times brighter.

/ This symbolizes that there will be the light of grace and truth through Christ in the New Testament period. / There will be grace and truth in the New Testament times. / John 1:17

/ Verses 27-28. / See, the Name of the LORD comes from afar, with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke; his lips are full of wrath, and his tongue is a consuming fire. His breath is like a rushing torrent, rising up to the neck. He shakes the nations in the sieve of destruction; he places in the jaws of the peoples a bit that leads them astray.

/ God will judge Assyria who tormented Israel. / God will send a much stronger nation to judge Assyria.

/ God will send the Babylonian army that is stronger than the Assyrian army. / The Babylonian army will destroy the Assyrian army.

/ Verses 29-30. / And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice as when people go up with flutes to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel. The LORD will cause men to hear his majestic voice and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail.

/Assyria will collapse. / The people of Judah will rejoice. / God is our salvation. / He is the Rock of ages. / God is our shelter. / He is our peace and joy.

/Verses 31-32. / The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria; with his scepter he will strike them down. Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing rod will be to the music of tambourines and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

/ Assyria who tormented Israel will collapse. / In that time, the people of Judah will sing and be happy.

/ Verse 33. / Topheth has long been prepared; it has been made ready for the king. Its fire pit has been made deep and wide, with an abundance of fire and wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of burning sulfur, sets it ablaze.

/"Topheth" was a place where humans were sacrificed as offerings to worship idols. / 2 Kings 23:10 / Jeremiah 7:32 / Many people were sacrificed here in Topheth. / In the same way, it says that the Assyrian army will become a sacrifice. / It means that the Assyrian army will be destroyed.

/It says, "it has been made ready for the king." / It means that Topheth was made ready to destroy the king of Assyria. / Thus, Topheth was made ready to destroy the king of Assyria. / As a result, Assyria would be destroyed in Topheth.

/It says, "the breath of the LORD, like a stream of burning sulfur, sets it ablaze." / It means that God will judge harshly.

/ We will continue with Isaiah chapter 31. / The title of chapter 31 is "Protection."

/ First, trusting Egypt instead of God will lead to their fall. / Verses 1-3.

/Second, God protects Zion. / Verses 4-6. / Third, God judges Assyria. / Verses 7-9.

/ Read verse 1. / Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the LORD.

/Assyria invaded Judah. / The people of Judah relied on and went to Egypt. / Judah sought military support from Egypt.

/However, it says, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help." / Today, "Egypt" symbolizes the world. / We believers must not rely on the world. / We must look upon God.

/We must trust God. / We must pray to God. / 1 Samuel 17:47 / War belongs to God. / Psalm 33:16 / We will have victory only if God helps us.

/Life is in God's hands. / The rise and fall of nations belong to God. / We must trust God Almighty and pray to him.

/ Verse 2. / Yet he too is wise and can bring disaster; he does not take back his words. He will rise up against the house of the wicked, against those who help evildoers.

/ Judah did not pray to God in times of hardships. / The people of Judah tried to resolve problems with their own wisdom. / They went to Egypt. / Therefore, God would bring disaster. / 1 Corinthians 1:25

/ We must trust in God Almighty. / God disciplined the people of Judah when they betrayed God.

/ Verse 3. / But the Egyptians are men and not God; their horses are flesh and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, he who helps will stumble,

he who is helped will fall; both will perish together.

/The Egyptians are men and not God. / They focused on the physical things. / Therefore, Egypt would fall with one strike from God. / The people of Judah who sought support from Egypt would fall as well.

/We must not rely on men. / Isaiah 2:22 / Egypt's horses cannot help us. / Jeremiah 17:5 / We must always seek God's help and trust him.

/ Verse 4. / This is what the LORD says to me : "As a lion growls, a great lion over his prey--and though a whole band of shepherds is called together against him, he is not frightened by their shouts or disturbed by their clamor--so the LORD Almighty will come down to do battle on Mount Zion and on its heights.

/ No one can take away a lion's food. / Here, "lion" is God. / The "shepherds" symbolize the enemies. / They indicate foreign nations.

/God loves the people of Judah and God helps them. / God protects them. / God helps them. / God does not forsake the people of Judah even if foreign nations come and attack. / God keeps the people of Judah safe.

/ Verse 5. / Like birds hovering overhead, the LORD Almighty will shield Jerusalem; he will shield it and deliver it, he will 'pass over' it and will rescue it."

/God will protect Judah and Jerusalem. / God does not forsake his beloved children. / Matthew 23:37

/ Verse 6. / Return to him you have so greatly revolted against, O Israelites.

/ The Israelites betrayed God before in the past. / They needed to repent and

return. / They needed to rely on God, not on Egypt.

/God waits for us to repent and come back. / 2 Peter 3:8 / A father welcomes his prodigal son when he returns. / The father would welcome him with joy. / Luke 15:20-24

/ Verse 7. / For in that day every one of you will reject the idols of silver and gold your sinful hands have made.

/People of Judah worshipped idols in the past. / They thought that idols would grant them blessings. / However, they repented and returned after they received God's discipline.

/Then they threw away all idols. / True blessing and life are found in God alone.

/ Verses 8-9. / "Assyria will fall by a sword that is not of man; a sword, not of mortals, will devour them. They will flee before the sword and their young men will be put to forced labor. Their stronghold will fall because of terror; at sight of the battle standard their commanders will panic," declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

/Assyria will collapse by the sword of God and his judgment. / Isaiah 37:36 / Assyria was completely destroyed in the fourteenth year of Hezekiah. / God sent angels and destroyed the army of Assyria.

/The "stronghold" symbolizes the king of Assyria. / The king of Assyria will fear and flee.

/"At sight of the battle standard their commanders will panic." / Here, "sight" is the flag of Judah. / The people of Judah will hold up the flag of victory. / It means that the officials of Assyria will be threatened by the power of Judah.

/ The Lord will be the “furnace.” / God will make Jerusalem clean.

/ We will continue with Isaiah chapter 32. / The title of the chapter is “King of Righteousness.”

/ First, Christ’s reign and grace. / Verses 1-5. / Second, the foolish and the noble. / Verses 6-8. / Third, complacent women and daughters will receive wrath. / Verses 9-14. / Fourth, new generation with the Holy Spirit. / Verses 15-20.

/ Read verse 1. / See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice.

/Here, “a king” is King Hezekiah. / King Hezekiah will reign with righteousness and justice. / 2 Chronicles 31:30 / “A king” also spiritually symbolizes Christ.

/Christ will come and rule God’s kingdom with righteousness and justice.

/Christ will reign with righteousness and justice. / God’s kingdom is a kingdom of righteousness.

/ Verse 2. / Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.

/It means that the people of Judah will be under the reign of King Hezekiah.

/King Hezekiah reigned well. / Therefore, the people would live happily.

/ It also means that Christ would come and be the refuge, and give blessings. / We can avoid storms and hard rain if we remain in Christ. / We will not face hardships and sufferings through Jesus Christ. / Psalm 121:5-6

/ Verse 3. / Then the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen.

/It means that Christ is beautiful. / That is why the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed. / Thus, the people will listen carefully to the words of life.

/The spiritual eyes of people will become brighter. / Spiritual ears will be opened. / They will listen to God's words. / They will see the spiritual world.

/ Verse 4. / The mind of the rash will know and understand, and the stammering tongue will be fluent and clear.

/ "The mind of the rash" symbolizes the foolish. / The foolish also realize the truth through faith in Christ.

/ Also, the stammering tongue will be fluent and clear. / They will speak well. / They will testify about Jesus. / They will clearly testify to the word of truth.

/ We too preach the gospel through faith in Jesus. / We understood the word of truth by faith in Jesus. / We became wise.

/ We will continue with Isaiah 32:5.

/ Verse 5. / No longer will the fool be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected.

/No longer will the fool be called noble. / The scoundrel will not be highly respected. / This means the believers could now make judgments according to the truth. / They can say what is right or wrong.

/ Verse 6. / For the fool speaks folly, his mind is busy with evil : He practices ungodliness and spreads error concerning the LORD; the hungry he leaves empty and from the thirsty he withholds water.

/The fool acts foolishly and does evil. / The fool betrays God. / He harms his spirit.

/ “The hungry” means that there is life. / Those who do not know the truth cannot give the water of life to the thirsty. / They cannot give the water of life.

/ Verse 7. / The scoundrel's methods are wicked, he makes up evil schemes to destroy the poor with lies, even when the plea of the needy is just.

/ The scoundrel ignores the pleas of the needy even if their pleas are just. / However, the world where Christ reigns is full of justice and righteousness.

/ Verse 8. / But the noble man makes noble plans, and by noble deeds he stands.

/The noble man is generous and noble. / He forgives others with a generous heart. / He seeks righteous work. / Therefore, believers must have noble faith like this.

/ Verses 9-10. / You women who are so complacent, rise up and listen to me; you daughters who feel secure, hear what I have to say! In little more than a year you who feel secure will tremble; the grape harvest will fail, and the harvest of fruit will not come.

/The “women who are so complacent” symbolize the believers. / They are so complacent that they do not act in faith. / They do not prepare for the upcoming hardships.

/ They are intoxicated by the world. / 1 Thessalonians 5:3 / Luke 21:34 / They are like Noah's generation. / Amos 6:3-6 / We must prepare for what will come in the future.

/Here it says, "In little more than a year." / It means that God's judgment will come soon. / People will be taken aback if God's punishment comes suddenly, because they are not prepared. / Hebrews 10:37

/ Verse 11. / Tremble, you complacent women; shudder, you daughters who feel secure! Strip off your clothes, put sackcloth around your waists.

/ This verse indicates those who are complacent. / It refers to believers who are complacent and do not live by faith.

/In the same way, believers would be shamed if they do not keep their faith. / They will "put sackcloth around your waists." / This symbolizes that they will become low and shameful. / When believers fall to complacency, they will be shamed.

/Believers must not live for themselves. / We must seek God's kingdom and his righteousness. / We must be faithful and think of how we can advance God's kingdom.

/ Verse 12. / Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vines

/ There were pleasant fields. / There were many fruitful vines. / They were rich. / However, the people took advantage of it and became complacent. / They became prodigals.

/Therefore, God punished them. / Then the land will later become a wasteland. / We must live by faith when God grants us blessings. / Deuteronomy 8:12

/ Verses 13-14. / and for the land of my people, a land overgrown with thorns and briars--yes, mourn for all houses of merriment and for this city of revelry. The fortress will be abandoned, the noisy city deserted; citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever, the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks,

/ If God's people do not keep their faith, a tree of thorns will grow. / It will become a wasteland. / Then, thorny trees will grow in the church and in families. / They will hurt each other.

/This is God's punishment. / Therefore, we must keep our faith and receive God's help.

/ Verses 15-18. / till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest. Justice will dwell in the desert and righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.

/ This is God's promise to us that he will give us the Holy Spirit in the New Testament period. / The Holy Spirit came at the Pentecost just as God promised. / Acts 2:1

/ The desert will be pleasant field. / Those who obey the Holy Spirit will be blessed. / The works of the Holy Spirit will take place.

/ The desert will turn into beautiful land. / Our spirits will be like paradise. / We will receive true blessings.

/ Verse 19. / Though hail flattens the forest and the city is leveled completely,

/"The forest" symbolizes the chosen believers. / God will punish them as a

result of their sins. / However, God will give them the blessing of salvation after he disciplines them.

/ Verse 20. / how blessed you will be, sowing your seed by every stream, and letting your cattle and donkeys range free.

/It says, "sowing your seed by every stream." / This means to preach the gospel in the world. / Ecclesiastes 11:1 / Psalm 126:5

/The "cattle and donkeys" symbolize those who do not know God. / They live like cattle and donkeys that do not know God. / However, believers will evangelize to these people and save them.

/We must continue to preach the gospel. / We must lead these people to the road of life. / People who are like cattle and donkeys will be saved when they receive the gospel. / Even if a man is like a beast, he will receive salvation if he believes in Jesus.

/They will live in the world of life. / They will become new people. / They will be transformed into new people. / They will become God's children.

/ We will continue with chapter 33. / The title is "National Treasure."

/First, God judges the wicked and saves believers. / Verses 1-6. / Second, the Lord judges the enemy. / Verses 7-14.

/Third, the qualifications of those who will be lifted. / Verses 15-16. / Fourth, the restoration of Jerusalem. / Verses 17-22. / Fifth, the fall of Assyria and salvation of Judah. / Verses 23-24.

/We have looked at the main topics.

/We will continue with chapter 34. / "Slaughter." / First, the Lord's wrath on all nations. / Verses 1-4. / Second, the Lord plans to destroy Edom. / Verses 5-15. / Third, the words of the Lord are accomplished. / Verses 16-17.

/We have discussed only the main topics for chapter 34 as well.

/ With this we will conclude the sixth lecture on the book of Isaiah. / Thank you.