

# God's Warning to Those who Trust in Men Instead of God

## Isaiah 31:01–09

### **1. God's warning to those who trust in men**

#### a. God's indictment

- 1) They did not trust Him,  
the Holy One
- 2) They did not seek His help

#### b. God's strong warning

- 1) He is the One who is truly wise  
and should be trusted
- 2) He keeps His Word:  
All evildoers will be judged
- 3) He will destroy both Egypt and  
those who trust Egypt (the world)

- They are mere men, not God:  
They are helpless before God  
and will perish

- The LORD is as a great lion  
that is able to consume its prey:  
He is unafraid of the shepherds  
who oppose Him

- 4) He will return to Mount Zion  
to fight against those  
who oppose Him and His people

- 5) He will shield and deliver  
Jerusalem:  
He will save a remnant  
of believers in the city

### **2. A Call to Repent Turn Back to Him**

- #### a. The evidence of repentance:
- They will turn away from idolatry  
and worshiping the LORD alone

- 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.
- 2 Yet he too is wise and can bring disaster;  
he does not take back his words.  
He will rise up against that wicked nation,  
against those who help evildoers.
- 3 But the Egyptians are mere mortals and not God;  
their horses are flesh and not spirit.  
When the LORD stretches out his hand,  
those who help will stumble,  
those who are helped will fall;  
all will perish together.
- 4 This is what the LORD says to me,  
“As a lion growls, a great lion over its prey –  
and though a whole band of shepherds  
is called together against it,  
it is not frightened by their shouts  
or disturbed by their clamour –  
so the LORD Almighty will come down  
to do battle on Mount Zion and on its heights.
- 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.”
- 6 Return you Israelites,  
to the One you have so greatly revolted against.
- 7 For in that day every one of you  
will reject the idols of silver and gold  
your sinful hands have made.

<p>b. The assurance of God's deliverance: He will destroy Assyria</p> <p>1) They will not fall by the sword of mere mortals, but of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will panic and flee</li><li>• Will be terrorized</li></ul> <p>2) They will even see their commanders terrorized.</p>	<p>8 "Assyrian will fall by no human sword; a sword, not of mortals, will devour them. They will flee before the sword and their young men will be put to forced labour.</p> <p>9 Their stronghold will fall because of terror; at the sight of the battle standard their commanders will panic," declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem.</p>
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