

Isaiah 31

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Woe to Those Who Rely on Egypt

- 1** Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!
 - 2** Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.
 - 3** Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.
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- 4** For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.
 - 5** As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.
 - 6** Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.
 - 7** For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.
 - 8** Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.

- ⁹ And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Isaiah 31:1 **Faith:** Isaiah 36:6; 36:9; Psalms 20:7; Jeremiah 17:5. **References Lord:** Isaiah 9:13; Deuteronomy 17:16; Daniel 9:13. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 30:16; Jeremiah 2:13. **References Egypt:** Ezekiel 17:15

Isaiah 31:2

Parallel theme: Numbers 23:19; Jeremiah 10:12; Romans 16:27; Jude 1:25. **Evil:** Isaiah 45:7; Amos 3:6. **Word:** Matthew 24:35. **Resurrection:** Zephaniah 3:8

Isaiah 31:3 **References Lord:** Isaiah 9:17; Psalms 9:20; Jeremiah 15:6. **References God:** Ezekiel 28:9. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 30:5; Psalms 33:17. **References Egypt:** Isaiah 30:7; 36:6; 36:9

Isaiah 31:4 **References Lord:** Isaiah 10:16; 42:13; Hosea 11:10; Amos 3:8; Zechariah 2:5; 12:8; 14:3. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 12:6; Jeremiah 50:44; Revelation 5:5

Isaiah 31:5

Parallel theme: Isaiah 38:6; Exodus 19:4; Deuteronomy 32:11; Psalms 46:5; 91:4. **References Lord:** Psalms 37:40

Isaiah 31:6

Parallel theme: Isaiah 55:7; Jeremiah 3:10; 3:14; 3:22; 5:23; Hosea 9:9; Acts 3:19; 26:20

Isaiah 31:7 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 30:22; Deuteronomy 7:25; Ezekiel 36:25; Hosea 14:8. **Creation:** Isaiah 2:20

Isaiah 31:8 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 14:25; Genesis 49:15

Isaiah 31:9 **References Lord:** Isaiah 29:6; Malachi 4:1