

Isaiah 21-22
What Troubles You?

A dire vision (Is. 21:1-5) – prophecy against Babylon (1-10)

Brought to an end (Hebrews 12:26-29) – what cannot be shaken?
Body racked with pain (Job 2:7-10) – will pain change your resolve?
Battle prepared? (Daniel 5:26-30) – where is your security?

A watchman's report (Is. 21:6-10)

Be alert! – even when things remain the same (II Peter 3:3-7)
Babylon has fallen – this was unexpected and unthinkable

A watchman's warning (Is. 21:11-12) – prophecy against Edom

How much longer? (Psalm 6)
Having only temporary relief – morning, then night again (Psalm 30:5/II Peter 2:21-22)

A vain attempt (Is. 21:13-16) – prophecy against Arabia

No place to hide (Psalm 139:7-12)
No amount of provisions will last – remember Y2K?
No place to flee

A vain search (Is. 22:1-19)

What troubles you? (Hebrews 10:27 / Proverbs 29:5 / I John 4:18)
Where are your leaders? (Isaiah 43:10-11) – only God can deliver us
Weeping over Jerusalem (Luke 13:34)
Wrong places to find strength (Psalm 20:6-7)
When sin cannot be atoned for (II Chronicles 36:16 / Matthew 12:22-32)
Worthless leaders disposed (Jeremiah 45:5 / I Corinthians 10:7)

A future hope (Is. 22:20-25)

A servant of the Lord (Hebrews 10:7)
A father to those in Jerusalem (Luke 13:34; 23:34 / John 2:16)
Authority of David – key to his house (Revelation 3:7)
A seat of honor (Hebrews 2:9; 10:12)
A peg driven into a firm place (yet even this will be cut off) (II Timothy 4:18 / Jude 24)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 21-22

What is required for us to stay alert? What are we watching for? What can lull us to sleep?
(I Peter 1:13; 4:7-8/Ephesians 6:10-13/Acts 20:28-32/II Corinthians 6:14-7:1/Hebrews 10:24-25)

How long will I suffer? How is this question different for a believer than for an unbeliever?
(Romans 8:18 / II Corinthians 4:16-18 / Psalm 73:12-20)

Why are all man's effort to create security a vain effort? Should we as believers prepare for future disasters? What is the most important part of our preparation? (Matthew 6:19-21 / James 1:9-11; 5:1-5 / Proverbs 11:4; 20:4; 21:5 / II Corinthians 12:14)

What can lead us as believers to be troubled by things that should not trouble us? What are the things that we should be troubled about? (Philippians 3:18-20/I Peter 2:24/Romans 6:2/I John 3:4-6/Luke 12:4-5/II Thessalonians 1:8-9/II Peter 3:9/Galatians 6:14/I Corinthians 1:30-31)

What sin cannot be atoned for? Can we, as believers, commit such a sin? (Luke 12:10 / John 3:18; 15:26; 16:8-11)

Where does Scripture lead us to find hope? How can we practically keep this hope alive?
(John 10:27-30 / Romans 5:5 / Hebrews 6:18-20 / Colossians 3:1-4)