

July 22 Answers

- 1) The conclusion of Isaiah's "Book of Woes" (Isa 28–33). Isaiah pronounced a woe on those who looked to **Egypt** for help. Why was it wrong for Judah to seek help from other nations? First, they were trusting in **men** rather than trusting God. The result would be disaster for both Judah and Egypt. Second, they were violating God's command that they should never return to Egypt for **military** aid (cf. Deut 17:16). Third, and most importantly, they were rejecting God's call for **repentance**. The people of Judah would not humble themselves and admit that their troubles were of their own making. **Assyria** did not go overlooked—Isaiah pronounced a woe on them as well. As soon as they were done destroying, they themselves would be destroyed (Isa 33:1). After the Book of Woes, Isaiah prophesied of the coming "Day of the **LORD**" and the millennial reign of Christ (Isa 34–35). Isaiah spoke of the heavens being dissolved and the sky being rolled up like a **scroll**, events connected with Christ's second coming (cf. Matt 24:29). After God's judgment on the nations is over, He will transform Zion into a **garden**. Isaiah said this truth should encourage us and give us the strength to **continue** in the faith (Isa 35:3; Heb 12:12). We can take comfort in the fact that there is coming a day when righteousness will reign and wickedness will be vanquished forever. In that day there will be a "Highway of Holiness" leading to God's throne in Jerusalem. "The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isa 35:10). I look forward to singing God's praises "in that day"! Hallelujah!