

Isaiah 21-22
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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?
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Battle prepared? (Daniel 5:26-30) – where is your security? – **my army & possessions?**

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

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How much longer? (Psalm 6) – **the believers suffering is always temporary**
Having only temporary relief – morning, then night again (Psalm 30:5/II Peter 2:21-22)
Morning & joy is guaranteed for believers – only judgment for unbelievers

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No place to hide (Psalm 139:7-12) – **God sees everything (Hebrews 4:13)**
No amount of provisions will last – remember Y2K? – **everything can be destroyed**
No place to flee – **you cannot run from facing God's judgment (Philippians 2:9-11)**

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What troubles you? (Hebrews 10:27 / Proverbs 29:5 / I John 4:18) – **misplaced trust**
Where are your leaders? (Isaiah 43:10-11) – only God can deliver us – **only 1 Savior**
Weeping over Jerusalem (Luke 13:34) – **He wants us to turn to Him**
Wrong places to find strength (Psalm 20:6-7) – **be strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10)**
When sin cannot be atoned for (II Chronicles 36:16 / Matthew 12:22-32) – **unbelief**
Worthless leaders disposed (Jeremiah 45:5 / I Corinthians 10:7) – **trusting idols**

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A servant of the Lord (Hebrews 10:7) – **Jesus came to do God's will**
A father to those in Jerusalem (Luke 13:34; 23:34 / John 2:16) – **caring about sin**
Authority of David – key to his house (Revelation 3:7) – **Jesus holds this key**
A seat of honor (Hebrews 2:9; 10:12) – **the highest seat possible (Ephesians 1:20-22)**
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***Minds renewed by His Word; Hearts renewed by prayer; Clothed with His armor.
Beware of false teaching; do not compromise your beliefs; do not forsake meeting together
Not addressing sin in our lives; drawn toward worldly things; neglecting time with God and
fellowship with other believers***

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(Romans 8:18 / II Corinthians 4:16-18 / Psalm 73:12-20) ***The longest a believer will suffer is
only the duration of this life. The unbeliever will suffer for eternity.***

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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) – ***even if your barns are
full, life is fragile and everything can be taken away (Luke 12:16-21) We are to prepare, but
we should hang on loosely to the things of this world – being willing to use them for God's
purpose. Growing in our relationship and trust in Jesus is the most important preparation.***

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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)
***When our focus is on our own selfish needs – desiring the things of this world. We must be on
guard against sin. We cannot let the fear of man control our decisions. We need to be
concerned for the lost. The cross and not the world – keeping Jesus as our highest goal.***

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) ***To attribute the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan. His work today is to
point us to Jesus and convict us of our sin. If we refuse to repent and put our trust in the
Savior, we will be judged by the wrath of God (John 3:36)***

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) – ***My hope is in the Lord!
His love, His Spirit, and His promise are my only hope. We must set our minds and our hearts
on things above. His return is our blessed hope.***