

What's the Matter with You?

Isaiah 22

Everyone should see why God judges Judah along with her pagan neighbors because of the southern kingdom's persistent sins:

1. The people's unbelief.
2. The leaders' unfaithfulness.

1. The people's unbelief (Isa. 22:1-14).

How are the citizens of Judah expressing their unbelief (vv. 1b-2a, 13)?

How does this compare with the days prior to the return of Christ (Matt. 24:37-44)?

What should the people of the southern kingdom be doing (v. 12)?

What should Christians be doing as we wait for the Day of the Lord (Matt. 24:45-47; 2 Peter 3:11-12)?

How will the Lord respond to Judah's unbelief (v. 14)?

Why do you think the Lord declares that Judah's sin "will never be wiped out" (v. 14)?

What have the people done to prepare for an attack on Jerusalem, and what is happening outside the city walls (vv. 2b-11)?

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What does the New Testament say about unbelief among Christians (Luke 18:8; Heb. 3:12-13, 11:6)?

2. The leaders' unfaithfulness (Isa. 22:15-25).

Who is Shebna and why is he important (v. 15)?

What is Shebna doing that incurs the wrath of God and leads to a confrontation with Isaiah (v. 16)?

How will the Lord deal with this unfaithful steward (vv. 17-19)?

Who will replace Shebna and how will he lead (vv. 20-25)?

How does the Lord deal with other unfaithful stewards in Israel and the church (Matt. 21:33-46; 24:48-51; Acts 1:15-26)?

What are the characteristics of good leaders in the church (Luke 22:24-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9)?
