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➤ Isaiah 22:1-14

- concerning Jerusalem! Judah has become like the nations that surround her
- Jerusalem has become a valley with no vision (of God or the future), expect the devastating vision Isaiah reveals

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A. The Self-Sufficient City (22:1-14)

1) Coming Calamity

- while the people rejoice (no vision), Isaiah weeps because he sees the coming siege and exile of Jerusalem (cf. 2 Kings 25:1-7)

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A. The Self-Sufficient City (22:1-14)

2) False Trust

- the people looked to their self-sufficient and self-competent preparations, but failed to look to the Maker of all things

What good things in our lives replace our ultimate trust in the Lord and His sovereign purposes?

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A. The Self-Sufficient City (22:1-14)

2) False Trust

- instead of repentance and faith, they respond with self-indulgence – determined to have all this life could offer before it is gone (cf. 1 Cor. 15:32)

Do the pursuits of our lives give evidence to the hope of the resurrection of Jesus?

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B. An Individual Illustration (22:15-25)

1) Shebna the Self-Confident

- he illustrates the self-serving, self-focused life and a self-confidence in the future
- he illustrates that the Lord's judgment is not only collective, but is individual and exactly just

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B. An Individual Illustration (22:15-25)

2) Eliakim the Trustworthy

- he illustrates the hope of a father-like ruler who serves to hold the kingdom firm ("a peg")
- he illustrates that the best of human rulers is yet insufficient – don't trust in man!

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⁷ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

⁸ "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

(Revelation 3:7-8)

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