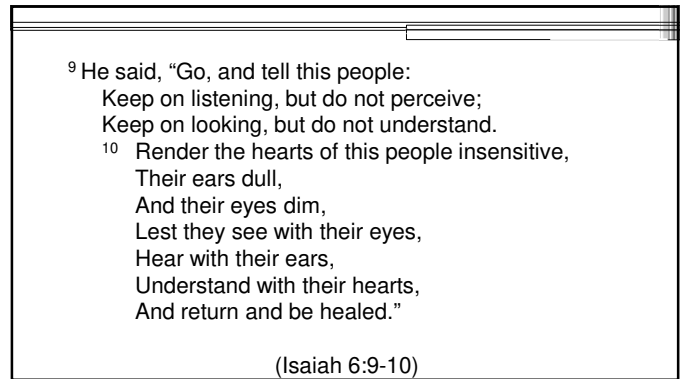
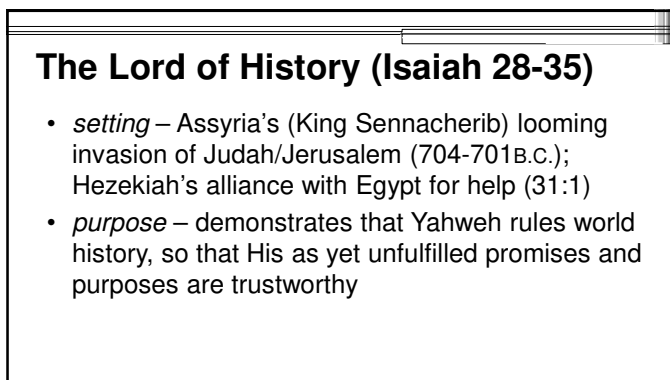




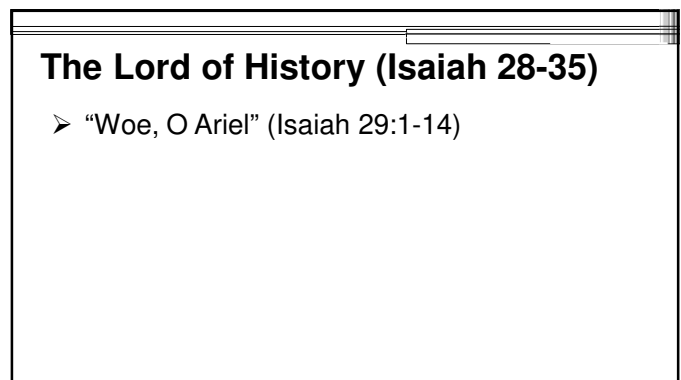
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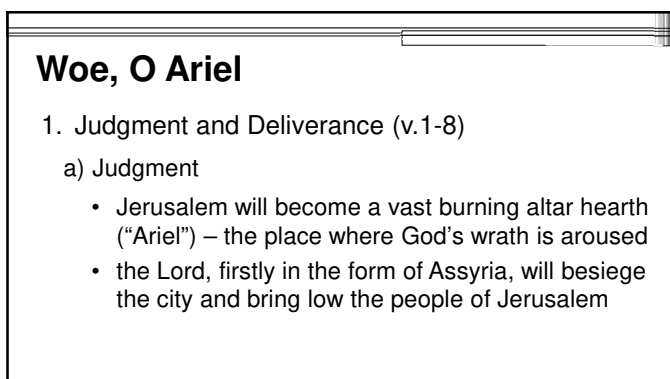
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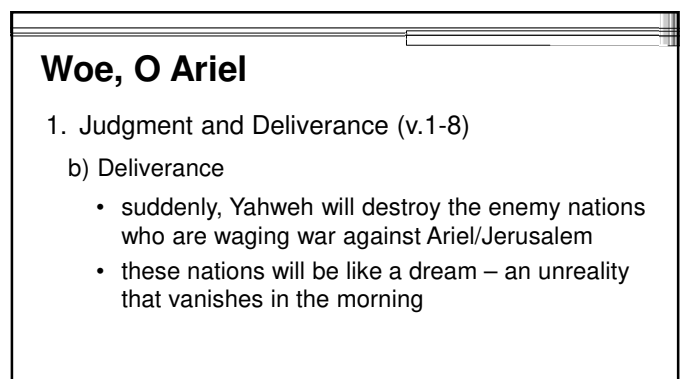
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Woe, O Ariel

1. Judgment and Deliverance (v.1-8)

➤ Fulfillment:

- it applies historically to the Lord's deliverance of Jerusalem from Sennacherib/Assyria (701 B.C.)
- presently fulfilled in Christ and finally at His return, when all enemies are put under His feet (cf. Psalm 2)

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2. Blindness and Wonder (v.9-14)

a) Blindness

- the Lord's judicial hardening is happening to Judah so that they cannot understand His word
- their worship is hypocritical – correct words and rote fear, but no genuine heart of trust

➤ *this is an perennial danger in the church! (Matt. 15:7-9)*

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2. Blindness and Wonder (v.9-14)

b) Wonder

- due to the people's spiritual condition, the Lord will once again do something of a supernatural quality
- this "wonder" of God on behalf of His people will confound all human wisdom

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2. Blindness and Wonder (v.9-14)

➤ Fulfillment

- the judicial hardening of Israel culminates in their rejection of Jesus as Messiah (cf. Rom. 11:8)
- the wonder of God is the cross of the incarnate Son of God – the "foolishness" of God that makes foolish the wisdom of the world

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¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE,

AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *come to know* God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1 Cor. 1:18-25)

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