

**EVE OF ANNIVERSARY  
COMBINED MEETING (AM-YAG-YPG)**

**27 August 2016**

**Text: Isaiah 29:22-24**

**Title: "The Work of My Hands"**

**UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

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| 1. Israel is called "Ariel" (lion of God)              | Isaiah 29:1      |
| 2. But it had become like a hostile lion in the forest | Jeremiah 12:8    |
| 3. God had to take strong steps to chastise the nation |                  |
| a) The nation will experience great sorrow             | Isaiah 29:2      |
| b) It will experience war                              | Isaiah 29:3      |
| c) The nation will suffer humiliating defeat           | Isaiah 29:4      |
| d) Foes will be many                                   | Isaiah 29:5, 7-8 |
| e) This punishment is from the Lord                    | Isaiah 29:6      |

**REASONS FOR THIS SEVERE CHASTISEMENT FROM THE LORD**

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| 1. This above was given as a vision from the Lord | Isaiah 29:11    |
| 2. But this was not understand                    |                 |
| a) By the prophets                                |                 |
| b) By the seers                                   | Isaiah 29:10    |
| 3. The spiritual state of the nation              |                 |
| a) Compared to drunkards                          | Isaiah 29:9     |
| b) People were in a stupor                        | Isaiah 29:10    |
| c) They were Biblically illiterate                | Isaiah 29:11-12 |
| d) They honoured God with their lips              | Isaiah 29:13    |
| e) But their hearts were far away from Him        | Isaiah 29:13    |
| f) Their religion had become a man-made one       | Isaiah 29:13    |

## **A NEW AND MARVELLOUS WORK**

1. This was a new work that God would do Isaiah 29:14
2. A sharp contrast
  - a) The traditional
    - i) The wisdom of the wise will perish Isaiah 29:14
    - ii) Rebuke of those who have spoken against God Isaiah 29:15-16
    - iii) The terrible ones (foes) will be destroyed Isaiah 29:20-21
  - b) The new order
    - i) The deaf shall hear Isaiah 29:18
    - ii) The blind shall see Isaiah 29:18
    - iii) The humble and poor shall rejoice Isaiah 29:19
3. A special work that all will be able to understand
  - a) The work of God's hands among the children of Israel Isaiah 29:23
  - b) The nation will not need to be ashamed Isaiah 29:22
  - c) Those who erred will come to understanding Isaiah 29:24
  - d) Those who are complainers will learn doctrine Isaiah 29:4
  - e) They will learn how to revere God
    - i) They will learn how to hallow the Lord Isaiah 6:3
    - ii) They will learn how to regard His holy name Isaiah 29:23
    - iii) They will learn how to fear the Lord Isaiah 29:23

## **THE SPECIAL WORK THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR OUR CHILDREN IN BETHANY**

1. Redemption
2. Regeneration
3. Restoration
4. Revival

## **APPROPRIATE RESPONSE**

*"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE"* *Philippians 4:4*