

## ***“The Crowned Drunks of Ephraim”***

### ***Isaiah 28***

“Ah” or “woe” – Alarm or grief.

Repetition – A poetic Hebrew form that highlighted or framed an important statement, or connected ideas. v. 1 & 3-4; v. 1-8 “crown”, “reel”, “stagger”, “strong drink”; v.10 & 13.

#### **The Pride of Ephraim V. 1-6**

“Proud” – Samaria was the capital of Israel (Ephraim) north of Judah. The city was opulent and decadent. They had wealth and power, and partied without a care.

##### ***Amos 6:1-7***

“Crown” or “wreath” – The crown represented not only royalty but the victor in combat or competition and the typical party dress. **2 Timothy 2:1-7**

Judgment – Their crowns will be cast of and trampled, devoured as easily as eating a ripen piece of fruit. God’s crown is the only crown of glory, beauty and strength.

##### ***Revelation 4***

#### **The Foolishness of Ephraim V. 7-13**

The arrogant wise drunks – Israel is arrogant in their wisdom mocking the simple message of God through the prophets. In their wisdom they sound like the foolishness of the drunk. **1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

“Foreign lips” – They will hear God’s wisdom through foreigners (Assyria) in judgment.

##### ***Malachi 2:1-9***

The simple wisdom of God – God designed life to be simple and relationship with Him to be simple. **Matthew 22:34-40, Romans 10:9**

#### **Judah’s Death Covenant V. 14-22**

“Scoffer” – Someone who not only rejects the truth but makes light of it.

##### ***Proverbs 1:20-33***

The alliances – Ahaz had made alliances with other countries and relied on them instead of God. These alliances brought only death instead of life in God.

The Canaanite god of death “*Mot*” (also Egyptian god *Osiris*) may also be referenced as Ahaz practice those religions and allied with those people.

Judgment – God’s judgment is sure, His refuge, His foundation, His strength. He will nullify and wipe away all other alliances and covenants restoring His covenant.

“Mount Perazim” – **2 Samuel 5:17-21**

*Baal-perazim* means *lord of bursting through*

“Valley of Gibeon” – **Joshua 10:1-11**

#### **The Wise Farmer V. 23-29**

Preparing the harvest for the outcome – Even uneducated peasant farmers know who to prepare a crop for processing, you don’t crush cumin neither do you beat wheat. That wisdom is given by God. **Jeremiah 32:17-25**

### **Discussion Questions**

What prideful thing in your life interferes with your relationship with God?

What complicates your life?

What can you do to address pride and simplify your life?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 29***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**K.I.S.S. – Love God with all that you are. Practice constantly! JUST DO IT!!!!**