INTRODUCTION: When you face a crisis in your life and are in desperate need of help, where do you turn? How often do you forget that the Lord, who is invisible to your human eyes, has more power and might than the opposition you can see?

BACKGROUND: Judah continued to show a lack of faith in the Lord, and was in the process of paying Egypt to help protect them from the invading armies of Assyria. Egypt and the other nations were developing armies with horses, chariots, and weapons of warfare. God was using His prophet Isaiah to remind the people of who really had the power and help they needed.

I. HAVE YOU LEARNED TO TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT MORE THAN YOU TRUST HUMAN FLESH? (Isaiah 30:1-7) (Isaiah 31:1-5)

A. Rebellious sinners refuse to listen to the Lord because they prefer to continue sinning, hoping they can avoid all consequences. Just like Judah would be ashamed of asking Egypt for help, sinners today will regret not trusting in the Lord. (Isaiah 30:1-3) (Isaiah 31:1-2)

B. God considers human treaties that leave Him out of the bargain as treason against Him! What is your reason for committing treason by choosing sin instead of safety and salvation?

C. We are actually walking into danger when we seek protection through ungodly options. Judah was risking their lives on the way to get protection from a nation that God rescued them from! Why trust Egypt instead of the Almighty? (Isaiah 30:4-7) (Isaiah 31:3-9)
   1. Exodus 7:4-5
   2. Psalm 20:7

II. THE WORD OF THE LORD WILL STAND FOREVER, IN SPITE OF ALL THE OPPOSITION AGAINST IT. (Isaiah 30: 8-17)

A. It is one thing to not understand the Scriptures, but the greater problem is that so many absolutely do not want to hear the truth. Sadly, there are preachers who accommodate their sinful desires. (Isaiah 30: 8-11)

B. Those who despise the word of God will one day see a sudden collapse of all that they trusted in, The Lord promised to break down Judah’s plans like a wall that was broken into tiny useless pieces. Are you daring God to move against your sinful actions? (Isaiah 30:12-14)

C. The Lord offers REST and salvation to all who will RETURN to Him and TRUST Him. The Lord offers QUIET, CONFIDENCE, and STRENGTH to all who receive Him. His Covenant people kept refusing His invitation. Have you responded? (Isaiah 30:15) (Matthew 11:28)

III. RUNNING AWAY FROM THE LORD WILL LEAVE YOU EXHAUSTED AND DEFEATED. RUNNING TO HIM WILL REFRESH AND SUSTAIN YOU. (Isaiah 30:16-33)

A. If you choose to run from the Lord, He will allow difficulties to run you down. You will find yourself being chased constantly, in fear, and cut off from what you really need. (Isaiah 30:16-17)
B. The Lord graciously waits to show compassion, mercy, and justice to all who will trust Him. (Isaiah 30:18)

C. The Lord will answer prayer and provide guidance to all who will listen to Him. He is the Way, and He can tell you which way to go when you need direction. (Isaiah 30:19-21) (John 14:6)

D. The Lord promised Judah abundant provision and supernatural protection from their enemies if they would trust Him. Assyria would be defeated by God alone, not by Judah buying protection from Egypt! (Isaiah 30: 22-33)

“FOR THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL; IN RETURNING AND REST YOU SHALL BE SAVED. IN QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE SHALL BE YOUR STRENGTH. BUT YOU WOULD NOT” ..... WHICH ROAD ARE YOU ON???

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