

## simple

You are talking to us with this crazy/precept as if you were talking to babies and we're past that point. So he answers in v. 11, Very well thn, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people." You think it's all baby-talk, God will speak to you with foreign lips. You won't be able to understand it any better than you understand baby-talk. Why? Because the Assyrians are going to come. You think you've made a wonderful scheme to have the Assyrians come and destroy our enemy Israel--that is destroy Ephraim and destroy Damascus, well the result is that instead of facing people you can understand, the you are going to have the Assyrians right next to you that you can't understand. God will speak to you through a language you can't understand at all.

"With foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, to whom he said, This is the resting place, let the weary rest; and This is the place of repose--but they would not listen. So then the word of God to them will become; Do and do, do and do, rule and rule; a little here, a little there--so that they will go and fall backward, be injured and snared and captured."

You think it's baby-talk I'm giving you with this pious talk you don't like. Well, you won't listen to the Word of God. Alright God will talk to you in what seems like baby-talk to you. He'll have the Assyrian conquerors come in and talk to you in language you can't understand but forcing you to do what ~~xy~~ you don't want to do. So he says that the result is you will go and fall backward, be injured and snared and captured.

Now he speaks right directly to them. "Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. You boast, We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement." You are saying, We're going to be saved; we have a secret plan. We have a plan that's going to give us protection from these people. You say to each other, How does Isaiah know about this? This is secret among us. We have not told this to the general population because we want them to fight hard and hold Ephraim and Syria back until the Assyrian comes.

He says, You boast, We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place." You think you're safe because of your clever scheme that you're keeping from everybody, your alliance with Assyria.,

What's the answer to that. He goes on. So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: See, I lay ~~in~~ a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled; your agreement with the grave will not stand. When the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, you will be beaten down by it." You think you're going to be delivered from this danger you are facing by bringing in Assyrian. Actually Assyria is going to put you in a far worse situation than you ever were with these other nations that were near you. "As often as it comes it will carry you away; morning after morning, byday and bynight, it will sweep through."

"The understanding of this message will bring sheer terror. The bed is too short to stretch out on, the blanket too narrow to wrap around you. Two very vivid figures that Isaiah uses to show how these people's clever human scheme is not going to work. Your bed is too short to stretch out on, your blanket is too narrow to wrap around you. Your scheme is not sufficient to protect you.