

29:9 Stay yourselves, and wonder vs.10 vs. 11
vs. 12 he says, I'm not learned." In other words everybody's got an excuse.
Rather than study the word of God, rather than seek his will they have got an excuse to
turn to their own wisdom and to their own plans and their own sinful ideas. So the
Lord says, vs. 13 vs. 14 . . . behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous
work among this people." What is the work He is going to do? A marvellous work and
a wonder, for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish and the understanding of
their prudent men shall be hid." We saw how God is going to deal with Ahaz. God is
going in His own time to provide the new leader for his people, Immanuel who will truly
be God with us. Now we are talking not to the king but to the leaders. We talking to
the seers, to the wise men, to the priests. We have shown how they are using all kinds
of excuses not to follow God's word. They honor Him with their hearts, but they remove
their heart from Him. So he is going to do a marvellous work. Their wisdom is going
to perish. What is the marvellous work he is going to do?

Vs. 15 Woe to them that seek to hide their counsel from the Lord . . .". Surely
your trying to turn things upside down shall be esteemed as the potters clay(v.16) . .
You've turned things upside down. You've put your human wisdom on top. You are using
God's Word only as a slogan. You are saying this is God's kingdom, this is God's
nation, nothing can hurt it, but you are not looking to Him or seeking to follow his
law. You are seeking your own wisdom. You are turning things upside down. So he says
I'm going to turn things ~~upside~~ upside down.

vs.17, Is it not yet a very little while and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful
field . . .?" What does that mean? Lebanon is outside of Israel. Lebanon is the great
forest, the great outside area. That is outside the fruitful field which is God "s vineyard
which he has planted and which He has plowed and which he has given his word. Jesus
spoke about how the keepers of the vineyard had been false and had not obeyed him and
how he would therefore take the vineyard away from them. Here he says that Lebanon will
be turned into a fruitful field and that the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a
forest. So here you have just as Ahaz is to be replaced, so in the leadership of