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Isaiah Chapter 28

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 - Inevitable captivity: _____
- The warning to the self-righteous in Jerusalem: v. 14-22.
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 - The Messianic promise: v. 16. _____
 - The price of the deal: v. 17-20. _____
 - But God always has the final word: v. 21-22. _____
- The Grand Purpose: v. 23-29.
 - The Chastening: _____
 - The Remnant promise: _____
 - The Remnant purpose: _____

Our Parallel World

- The high and lofty plans of man.
 - No improvement over the plans of children. _____
 - But the weapons are now real. _____
- "Come play with us."
 - "You bring the ball, we'll make the rules." _____
 - Man's wisdom looks like the foolishness of street children to God. _____

- Kings and Princes. V.1 _____
- Prophets and Priests. V.7 _____
 - (Not just ours). _____
 - The ugly picture. _____
- **What Keeps Happening to Us?**
 - Where are we being led by man's wisdom?
 - Fluid definitions:
 - Tolerance: _____
 - Love: _____
 - Rights: _____
 - The child's game:
 - Quick to make selfish bargains: _____
 - The "Want or wish fulfillment" syndrome: _____
 - The "My way or no way" threat: _____
- **Yet, the inevitable outcome still remains:**
 - "Decisive destruction" of all the earth: v.22: _____
 - There is and has been a timeless plan of redemption: v.16 _____
 - But, there is also a judgment which, despite all of our rationalizing against it, will divide humanity into:
 - Those taken and those left: v.5. _____
 - Those not destroyed by the chastening v.28. _____

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