

**Isaiah 27:13 – 28:8, 16**

This echoes the discussion of the silver trumpets in **Numbers 10**, although the word used here is "shofar"

Specifically on going to war with enemies within:

- **Numbers 10:9** - "And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies."

**Isaiah 27:13** - "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

This is the trumpet sound that calls for a gathering together of Israel.

The rest of the reading in Isaiah 28 describes the overthrow of Ephraim, which had set up idols. The trumpet sound there will be one for war. This correlates to the passage in Numbers 10 that describes Moses' cry upon setting forth with the ark:

- **Numbers 10:35** - "And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee."

**Isaiah 28:2** - "Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand."

"a mighty and strong one" = a mighty and strong wind or storm

The whole chapter describes the spiritual process by which the Holy Spirit destroys the "refuge of lies" within us, and "overflows" like a flood (vs. 15). This is what baptism in water and baptism in the Holy Spirit does - destruction of the old man along with creating a new life.

**Isaiah 28:8** - "For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean."

Rashi - For all tables: i.e., all their tables are of sacrifices for the dead, i.e., the pagan deities, which are like vomit and ordure or dung.

Instead of Manna (which becomes a source of the complaining of Numbers 11), we seek after uncleanness, the forbidden and the harmful.

**Isaiah 28:21** - "For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act."

"Perazim" references this story:

- **2 Samuel 5:20-21** - "And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim. And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them."

- **2 Samuel 5:24** - "And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines."

"the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" = the sound of "marching" - i.e. the sound of a mighty rushing wind blowing the leaves, as at Pentecost

The final word of hope:

**Isaiah 28:16** - "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

"Make haste" = *chûwsh* - make haste, flee with alarm or panic