

# The Watchman's Calls and the Lord's Responses

Addressee	Call	Response
Arm of the Lord	Impv: <b>Deliver</b> God's people Ind: You have done it before	In spite of their fear, the Lord will deliver his people
Jerusalem	Impv: Stand to hear the Lord. Ind: Your <b>suffering</b> is terrible	The Lord will end the suffering he has brought her, and turn it on those who oppress her
Zion	Impv: <b>Rejoice</b> and arise Ind: The Gentiles will no more defile you	The Lord's motive: restore the reputation of his name

“The Lord’s people are to **rejoice** because the promised Servant will **deliver** Zion from her **suffering**.”

# An Inclusio Makes the Point

Isa 51:17-20 17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem,  
which hast drunk **at the hand of the LORD** the cup of **his fury**;

thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, *and* wrung *them* out. 18 *There is* none to guide her among all the sons *whom* she hath brought forth; neither *is there any* that taketh her by the hand of all the sons *that* she hath brought up. 19 These two *things* are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee? 20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net:

**they are full of the fury of the LORD**, the rebuke of thy God.

# The Cup of Judgment

Job 21:20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall **drink of the wrath of the Almighty.**

Psa 11:6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be **the portion of their cup.**

Psa 60:3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast **made us to drink the wine of astonishment.**

Psa 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a **cup**, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the **dregs** thereof, all the **wicked** of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

Isa 29:9-10 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: **they are drunken**, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

# How does Judgment Start?

## Israel in the desert:

Num 11:4 ... and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?... 16 And the LORD said unto Moses,... 18 ... say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: ... 31 And there went forth **a wind from the LORD**, and **brought quails** from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, ... 33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

Psa 106:15 And **he gave them their request**; but sent leanness into their soul.

## Eli's Sons:

1Sa 2:25 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, **because** the LORD would [יָפַח "desired to, was pleased to"] slay them.

## Paul's summary:

Rom 1:24-32 Wherefore God also gave them up **to uncleanness** through the lusts of their own hearts, ... 26 ... God gave them up **unto vile affections**: ... 28 ... God gave them over **to a reprobate mind**, ...

→ Matt 6:13 Lead us not into temptation

# A Potent Ambiguity

51:22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that pleadeth the cause of his people* יריב עמו

- Adversarial: 49:25 I will **contend with him** that **contendeth with thee**
- Defensive: Isa 1:17 **plead for the widow**