

Isaiah
Chapter 22

- v. 11-- We sometimes wash out the walls with the water from the "old pools" in our lives. We don't look to the maker of the wall for these things. We make a ditch between God and us, and the waters of our old selves come in and erode the wall, then Satan can get under the wall.
- v. 12-- When he gets in, of course, immediately fear, anxiety, depression, etc. set into our lives, as we lose the Joy and Strength of the Lord.
- v. 13-- One of the first things he likes to do is to turn our minds to carnal things, and to focus on the things of this world first, and put God second.
- v. 14-- The Lord says that as long as we have a flesh body we will be plagued by these problems. Our body and mind are imperfect even though our spirits are perfected and recreated by the Holy Spirit through Christ Jesus.
- v. 15-17-- We shouldn't be attached or interested in anything of this world--we are not staying here!!!
- v. 18-19-- We will see, and can see now through our spiritual eyes, how futile and pitifully short the things of this world are.
- v. 20-23-- God is speaking of Jesus. "I will clothe Him with thy robe..." Jesus was clothed in our robe--in humanity--in sinfulness --and now we are clothed in His robe--in Righteousness, Power, Strength and Joy of God. In a blood covenant ceremony, the participants always exchange robes as a sign of exchanging everything of themselves--God used the blood covenant with Abraham to prove He will keep His promises to us--the Spiritual descendents of Abraham. This covenant is the most powerful and serious form of agreement ever established. It is absolutely unbreakable. And God exchanged all of His power and strength with all of our sinfulness and weakness! That is why we wear the full armor of Christ, because we have exchanged places in the Covenant Ceremony of Calvary!! The same idea is expressed in Jeremiah 43:10-13. Here the King of Babylon represents Christ, and in v. 12 it says "and He shall array himself with the land of Egypt..." Christ arrays Himself with us --we have exchanged places with Him, and His power is ours, and our weakness is His, and He uses us on earth to bring forth His plan of Salvation. His body is clothed by us, and His body is us!