

### ~ARIEL 3 (67)

(Ar'i-el) [Altar Hearth of God, or, Lion of God]

- A cryptic name applied to Jerusalem, where the ashes of the sacrificial victims fall, in;
- Woe to **Ariel**, to **Ariel**, the town where David encamped! Add year upon year, you people, let the festivals run the round. (**Isaiah 29:1**)
- And I have to make things tight for **Ariel**, and there must come to be mourning and lamentation, and she must become to me as the altar hearth of God. (**Isaiah 29:2**)
- And it must occur just as in a dream, in a vision of the night, regarding the crowd of all the nations that are waging war against **Ariel**, even all those waging war against her, and the siege towers against her and those making things tight for her. (**Isaiah 29:7**)
- Jerusalem was the location of God's temple that had within its precincts **the sacrificial altar**. Because of this the city was, in effect, God's **altar hearth**. It was also supposed to be the center of Yehowah's pure worship. However, the message in,
- Woe to **Ariel**, to **Ariel**, the town where David encamped! Add year upon year, you people, let the festivals run the round. (**Isaiah 29:1**)
- And I have to make things tight for **Ariel**, and there must come to be mourning and lamentation, and she must become to me as the altar hearth of God. (**Isaiah 29:2**)
- And I must encamp on all sides against you, and I must lay siege to you with a palisade and raise up against you siegeworks. (**Isaiah 29:3**)
- And you must become low so that you will speak from the very earth, and as from the dust your saying will sound low. And like a spirit medium your voice must become even from the earth, and from the dust your own saying will chirp. (**Isaiah 29:4**)

- Is ominous in content and predicts the destruction due to come to Jerusalem at the hands of the Babylonians in 607 B.C.E, when she would become an **altar hearth** in a different sense, **as a city running with shed blood and consumed by fire and filled with the bodies of victims of the fiery destruction**. The underlying causes for this calamity are stated in **verses 9 through 16**.
- And it must occur just as in a dream, in a vision of the night, regarding the crowd of all the nations that are waging war against Ariel, even all those waging war against her, and the siege towers against her and those making things tight for her. (**Isaiah 29:7**)
- Yes, it must occur just as when someone hungry dreams and here he is eating, and he actually awakes and his soul is empty, and just as when someone thirsty dreams and here he is drinking, and he actually awakes and here he is tired and his soul is dried out, thus it will occur with the crowd of all the nations that are waging war against Mount Zion. (**Isaiah 29:8**)
- However, it shows that the nations wreaking such destruction on Jerusalem would fail in their ultimate purpose or goal.