

**Isaiah 9:17~ That is why Yehowah will not rejoice even over their young men, and upon their fatherless boys and upon their widows he will have no mercy, because all of them are apostates and evildoers and every mouth is speaking senselessness. In view of all this his anger has not turned back, but his hand is stretched out still.**

**1• Yehowah will not rejoice in their young men because they have no good future before him. He will not even show mercy to fatherless boys and widows, because the entire land has gone to rebellion and apostasy. Evildoers predominate, and every mouth is speaking senselessness, there is not one wise man among them.**

**[Question]** Why would Yehowah not rejoice over their young men?

**[Question]** Why would he not favor fatherless boys and widows?

**[Question]** What is the overall condition of his people?

**2• How can he keep such a people in the Promised Land any longer? These things just cause his anger to come up, again and again. There is no one listening, and no repentance on their part is shown, there is nothing to turn his burning anger back. Therefore his hand remains stretched out still to bring them to ruin.**

**[Question]** What do these people staying in the Promised Land cause, day after day, to him?

**[Question]** What things would turn back his anger, but are they present?

**3• For you are not a God taking delight in wickedness, no one bad may reside for any time with you. (Psalms 5:4)**

**[Question]** Can anyone bad, reside with Yehowah God?

**[Question]** Would the badness of the people drive Yehowah out of the Promised Land, or what?

**4• Not in the mightiness of the horse does he take delight, nor in the legs of the man does he find pleasure. (Psalms 147:10)**

**[Question]** What things does Yehowah not take delight in?

**5• Yehowah is finding pleasure in those fearing him, in those waiting for his loving-kindness. (Psalms 147:11)**

**[Question]** Whom does Yehowah find pleasure in?

- 6· **In case you become father to sons and grandsons and **you** have resided a long time in the land and do act ruinously and do make a carved image, a form of anything, and do commit evil in the eyes of Yehowah your God so as to offend him. (**Deuteronomy 4:25**)**

**[Question]** What things might Israel do to offend their God, causing him to take the Promised Land away from them?

- 7· **That is why the anger of Yehowah has grown hot against his people, and he will stretch out his hand against them and strike them. And the mountains will be agitated, and their dead bodies will become like the offal in the midst of the streets. In view of all this his anger has not turned back, but his hand is stretched out still. (**Isaiah 5:25**)**

**[Question]** Why was Yehowah's hand stretched out against his people, and how would most of them end up, because of it?

- 8· **As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, it will be with a strong hand and with a stretched-out arm and with outpoured rage that I will rule as king over **you** people. (**Ezekiel 20:33**)**

**[Question]** How then did Yehowah promise to rule over his rebellious people?