

Isaiah 29:1-7 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

29 Woe to Ariel, Ariel,

the city where David encamped!

Add year to year;

let the festivals run their round.

² Yet I will oppress Ariel,

and there shall be moaning and lamentation,

and you^[a] shall be to me like an Ariel.^[b]

³ And like David^[c] I will encamp against you;

I will besiege you with towers

and raise siegeworks against you.

⁴ Then deep from the earth you shall speak;

from low in the dust your words shall come;

your voice shall come from the ground like the voice of a ghost,

and your speech shall whisper out of the dust.

⁵ But the multitude of your arrogant ones^[d] shall be like fine dust

and the multitude of tyrants like flying chaff.

And in an instant, suddenly,

⁶ you will be visited by the LORD of hosts

with thunder and earthquake and great noise,

with whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a devouring fire.

⁷ And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel,

all that fight against her and her stronghold and who distress her,

shall be like a dream, a vision of the night.

Psalms 40:1-11 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit,

out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock,

making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear

and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ Happy are those who make

the LORD their trust,

who do not turn to the proud,

to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,

your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.

¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

¹¹ Do not, O LORD, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.

John 1:29-42 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The First Disciples of Jesus ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).