Isaiah 30:1-26 • When It All Goes South

1. (v.1-5) Placing a higher priority in something other than Christ always works until times of testing and trials, at which time the true strength/weakness of both our trust and the object of that trust is exposed.

2. (v.6-7) The unspoken truth of our seeking comfort and protection is that we ourselves cannot provide it and must seek something greater that can; deception is believing something else can.

3. (v.8-11) Rebellion is always accompanied and evidenced by a rejection of God’s Word. This is why alternate alliances are attempted, because they say the things those who reject God’s Word want to hear in place of God’s Word.

4. (v.12-14) Rebellion is like all other addictive behaviors – it takes a traumatic, rock-bottom experience to get the person to realize the true nature of their misplaced confidence.

5. (v.15-17) The resulting lesson learned at one’s personal expense will be a very public warning to everyone else about them.

6. (v.18-22) True repentance must be accompanied by a true commitment to God’s Word to change one’s behavior permanently and irrevocably.

7. (v.23-26) Even at their momentary best, a substitute for God could only provide a very temporary benefit and could never provide the spiritual assurance we need both for this life and the next.