

**Discipline and Deliverance**  
**Isaiah 29:1-8**

- I. God's Discipline and Deliverance in the Historical Context
  - A. The danger of trusting in how things have always been (v. 1)
  - B. Ariel – altar hearth: place of a burnt offering
    - 1. Jerusalem will be this way
    - 2. Compare the people's speech in 29:4 with 28:14-15
  - C. How can this be?
    - 1. God's promise and protection
    - 2. God's choice nation
    - 3. God's choice city
    - 4. Would this not be a violation of the covenant?
  - D. God's deliverance
    - 1. Vast army will become weak and useless (Assyrians fulfill this in Isaiah 37:36-37)
    - 2. God will overwhelm the enemy in an incredible, unexpected way
    - 3. Metaphor for the enemy – the dreamer
    - 4. God will always bring a remnant into life and peace (repentance, faith, grace)
- II. God's Discipline and Deliverance in the Life of the Church
  - A. The church must embrace the whole promise of God
    - 1. His gracious deliverance
    - 2. His call for faithful, repentant transformation
  - B. God still disciplines His people

- C. It is the humble that receive grace
- D. God's deliverance is sudden and swift
  - 1. First advent
  - 2. Second advent
- E. The enemies of God will find their opposition to God empty and wanting when they "awaken" to the truth of Jesus