

ALLIANCES TODAY / *Isaiah 21*

- Government. We rely on government legislation to protect the moral decisions we want made, but legislation cannot change people's hearts.
- Science We enjoy the benefits of science and technology. We look to scientific predictions and analysis before we look to the Bible.
- Education We act as though education and degrees can guarantee our future and success without considering God's plans for our future.
- Medical care We regard medicine as the way to prolong life and preserve the quality—quite apart from faith and moral living.
- Financial systems. . . . We place our faith in financial “security”—making as much money as we can for ourselves—forgetting that, while being wise with our money, we must trust God for our needs.

Isaiah warned Judah not to ally with Egypt (20:5; 30:1-2; 31:1). He knew that trust in any nation or any military might was futile. Judah's only hope was to trust in God. Although we don't consciously put our hope for deliverance in political alliances in quite the same way, we often put our hope in other forces.