37. NET's translation gives an explanation rather than the word-for-word approach by the King James:

**Isaiah 28:10** - Indeed, they will hear meaningless gibberish, senseless babbling, a syllable here, a syllable there. (NET)

- 38. Regardless of the imperceptions suffered by the reversionists of Israel, the meaning of verse 10 indicates the perfection of the Word of God.
- 39. When a term is repeated in the Hebrew language it indicates the perfection of the idea communicated. The meaning of verse 10 has to do with the exegetical process of interpretation.
- 40. What is communicated by the "gibberish" is actually the literal, historical, grammatical system of hermeneutics. Literal since the Bible is not intended to be translated allegorically through eisegesis but factually through exegesis.
- 41. Historically approached through isagogics, exegesis observes events revealed in the time in which the Bible was written.
- 42. Categorically approached, exegesis discovers the context of a passage with regard to the eleven categories of systematic theology.
- 43. Isaiah next communicates a prophecy of the Assyrian invasion of Israel, but in doing so he allows us to peer into the Church Age and the arrival of Gentile languages that evangelize the Jews of the 33 A.D. inauguration of the Church Age and the subsequent 70 A.D. Diaspora.

**Isaiah 28:11** - For with alien articulation and with a foreign language will the Lord speak to this people. (EXT)

44. The Assyrians spoke Akkadian and the Jews spoke Hebrew. Turns out the two languages are Semitic which enabled the Jews to understand some words, but no context. Just as the drunkards picked up a few familiar sounds but no connected meaning, so the people ... would detect some similarities between the Akkadian of the Assyrians and their own Hebrew without being able to understand what was being said. The disobedient refusal of the way of faith in God was therefore a continuing condition preventing the word from getting through to them. The effects of drink may pass off, but unbelief can be a permanent barrier to God's word.<sup>1</sup>

- 45. The result was fractured dialogue that sounded like gibberish. Although they are hearing important doctrine, their inability to understand it means God has decreed their defeat.
- 46. Security and blessings are intrinsic to a believer's copacetic spiritual life. God offers this through knowledge of His Word which the Jews rejected.

**Isaiah 28:12** - He who said to them, "Here is rest, give rest to the weary," and "Here is repose," but they would not listen. (NASB)

- 47. "Here is rest" is the noun מְנוֹחָה (menuchah): "Used in several ways to denote places where peace, quiet, and trust are present."2
- 48. This is the tranquility of historical uptrends when a maximum number of believers live in the sophisticated spiritual life.
- 49. "Give rest to the weary" is a command that can only be fulfilled by a strong and advancing Pivot which the Northern Kingdom does not have.
- 50. "Here is repose" speaks of the copacetic spiritual life of advanced believers who provide stability, safety, and freedom to others through blessing by association.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Geoffrey W. Grogan, "Isaiah," *in The Expositors Bible Commentary: Isaiah—Ezekiel*, gen. ed. Frank E. Gaebelein (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986), 6:179.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, "תְּנוֹחָה", in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament* (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003), 628.

- "But they would not listen" refers to rejection of biblical truth in exchange for personal aggrandizement of lust-pattern enticements toward a Party Time mentality.
- 2. What follows is Isaiah's summation of the downfall of the Northern Kingdom:

**Isaiah 28:13** - So the word of the Lord to them will be, "Order on order, order on order, line on line, line on line, a little here a little there," that they may go and stumble backward, snared and taken captive. (NASB)

- 3. This is a repetition of the line in verse 10 which translates the Hebrew phrase, "*Ki saw lasaw, saw lasaw, qaw laqaw, qaw laqaw.*"
- 4. The Akkadian dialect is not properly interpreted by the Hebrew reversionists. They are failures in properly interpreting the prophecy and the principles that are stated.
- 5. The words "order" are the Hebrew noun 같 (saw) referring to a command whose repetition refers to academic instruction using repetition to inculcate doctrine.
- 6. This is followed by the exegetical method of teaching which analyses word for word and line for line indicated by the Hebrew noun קר (qaw). Its literal meaning is a "measuring line."
- 7. Literally the word refers to architectural plans but figuratively to the standards of divine integrity. The latter is revealed by systematic Bible study.
- 8. The phrase, "a little here, a little there" speaks of the process required for one's consistent advance to the sophisticated spiritual life.
- 9. The citizens of the Northern Kingdom had been ignoring the requirement to keep the Mosaic Law. The priests and prophets had ceased to communicate the Word of God.

- 10. There was no interest by either category to devote the interest or time necessary to grow in grace.
- 11. The failure to communicate by the priests, failure to exhibit any desire to hear the Lord's guidance by the people, and failure to execute His commandments led to the inability to discern the death spiral of the nation.
- 12. The inability to understand the speech of the Assyrian army reflected the inability of the people to understand the communication of prophetic warnings by Isaiah.
- 13. Following is the translation of verse 13 by the NET Bible, followed by an expanded translation that emphasizes the benighted status of the reversionistic Jews due to their rejection of divine thought:

**Isaiah 28:13** - So the Lord's word to them will sound like meaningless gibberish, senseless babbling, a syllable here, a syllable there. As a result, they will fall on their backsides when they try to walk. (NET)

**Isaiah 28:13** - Nevertheless, to the benighted, divine policies became an incomprehensible repetition of meaningless words, the exegesis of esoteric ideas. A little confusion here followed by more confusion there. Doctrine was taught so they might make the spiritual advance, yet they remained in the advanced stages of reversionism, that they may be <u>shattered</u> [ fifth cycle of discipline ], and <u>snared</u> [ defeated by a predator nation ], and <u>captured</u> [ taken into slavery ]. (EXT)