

## 1. A Description of the Subject

For my class paper I wish to investigate the appearance of widgets in the book of Isaiah. Widgets are an important feature of the book as a whole, but appear most frequently in chapters 22 and 23. Here, they surface in the prophet's oracle against the inhabitants of the moon. My preliminary investigation suggests the following thesis: Isaiah chooses to use widgets in this context because moon-inhabitants were quite fond of widgets and would have readily identified with their symbolic message of gadgetry.

## 2. Relevance

I am interested in Isaiah's use of widgets for several reasons. First, I find widgets to be personally interesting, as I have found them rusting in old socks in my gym locker on several occasions. Second, I believe that a study of widgets may provide a way in which the larger message of Isaiah may be sampled. Finally, my initial study of widgets suggests that their use as symbols in the past may be quite similar to their use today, hence, this investigation may find practical application in the Bible study that I lead in the Big City Factory cafeteria.

## 3. Shape of the Study

I aim to pursue this subject in three steps. First, I must establish the claim that moon-inhabitants are fond of widgets. Archival materials in the NASA library must be surveyed to sustain or disprove this claim. Second, I must collect all mentions of widgets in the book of Isaiah to review how the author uses them. Third, as the appearance of widget-mentions seems to be particularly intense in chapters 22-23, an exegesis of these chapters is key for establishing my thesis.

Hence, I envision my paper taking the following shape.

- A. Widget use by moon-inhabitants in the Pre-Lunar Age
- B. A survey of widget symbols used by Isaiah
- C. Widgets as ethical motivators in Isaiah 22-23
- D. Widgets as ethical motivators today

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