

MORNING WORSHIP (Combined Worship)

11 December 2016

Text: **Isaiah 28**

Title: **“Behold, I lay in Zion a Foundation”**

3rd Sunday of Advent

THE CROWN OF PRIDE (Isaiah 28:1, 3)

1. Reference to Ephraim

- a) A leading tribe
- b) Often used to refer to the nation of Israel
- c) It dominated the other tribes

2. The folly of Ephraim

- a) Pride (Isaiah 28:1)
- b) Drunkenness (Isaiah 28:1)
- c) Beauty (Isaiah 28:1)

3. The destruction of Ephraim

- a) Trampled underfoot (Isaiah 28:3)
- b) A fading flower (Isaiah 28:3)

A CROWN OF GLORY/ A DIADEM OF BEAUTY

1. The LORD God

- a) He will be that crown of glory (Isaiah 28:5)
- b) A diadem of beauty to His people (Isaiah 28:5)

2. Mount Zion

- a) A new Capital (not Ephraim nor Jerusalem)
- b) The Spiritual Zion (Hebrews 12:22-24)
- c) A stone of foundation will be laid (Isaiah 28:16)
 - i) A tried stone
 - ii) A precious cornerstone
 - iii) A sure foundation

3. Fulfilment of this Prophecy

- a) Spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ
- b) Noted by the Apostle (Matthew 21:42/ Psalm 118:22-23)
- c) Further noted by the Apostle Peter (1 Peter 2:4-6)