

# ISAIAH CHAPTERS 9-10 – The Government of the Promised Son; The Returning Remnant of Israel!

## OBSERVATION

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## INTERPRETATION

## APPLICATION

### JOY TO THE WORLD – Isaac Watts – Handel

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room. And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing  
Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains. Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy  
He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness. And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.  
Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room. And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing!*

### GENERAL OUTLINE OF ISAIAH: Referred to as the “Fifth Gospel” since the third century!

*Possible date of kings reign”*

*Uzziah, - 792-740*

*Jotham, - 750-736*

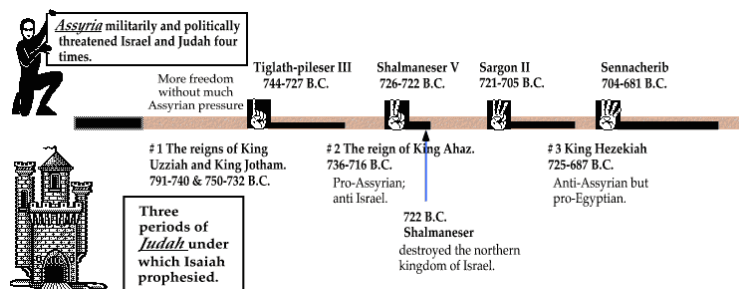
*Ahaz, - 735-720 Northern Kingdom of Israel falls to Assyria in 722BC*

*Hezekiah, - 715-699/686*

*Manasseh – 687-642*

*Isaiah’s time of prophecy - About a minimum of 40 years and possibly more than 60 years!*

- I. **THE ASSYRIAN PERIOD - CONFLICT AND VICTORY (Isa 1-39)**
  - A. **PROPHECIES CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM (Isa 1-12)**
  - B. **PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE NATIONS (Isa 13-27)**
  - C. **DELIVERANCE FOUND NOT IN EGYPT, BUT IN THE LORD (Isa 28-35)**
  - D. **HISTORICAL INTERLUDE (Isa 36-39)**
- II. **THE BABYLONIAN PERIOD - HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES (Isa 40-66)**
  - A. **THE ONE TRUE GOD VERSUS IDOLS (Isa 40-48)**
  - B. **LORD’S SERVANT WILL BRING SALVATION THROUGH SUFFERING (Isa 49-57)**
  - C. **THE FUTURE GLORY FOR GOD’S PEOPLE, THE NEW ZION (Isa 58-66)**



### Isaiah – Bible Timeline

739 BC	Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption	<a href="#">Isaiah 1 - 5</a>
739 BC	Isaiah's Vision and Commission	<a href="#">Isaiah 6</a>
735 BC	Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel	<a href="#">Isaiah 7</a>
734 BC	Uriah/Zechariah Verification	<a href="#">Isaiah 8</a>
730 BC	<b>Isaiah Prophecies a Child Is Born</b>	<a href="#">Isaiah 9</a>
730 BC	<b>Isaiah Prophecies Judgments Upon Israel</b>	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:8</a>
730 BC	<b>Isaiah Prophecies Judgment on Assyria</b>	<a href="#">Isaiah 10</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies The Root of Jesse	<a href="#">Isaiah 11</a>
730 BC	Isaiah's Joyful Thanksgiving	<a href="#">Isaiah 12</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies against the Nations	<a href="#">Isaiah 13 - 22</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Valley of Vision	<a href="#">Isaiah 22</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Burden of Tyre	<a href="#">Isaiah 23</a>
725 BC	Devastation on the Earth	<a href="#">Isaiah 24</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Songs of Praise	<a href="#">Isaiah 25 - 27</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Further Warnings	<a href="#">Isaiah 28 - 32</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a King Shall Reign	<a href="#">Isaiah 32</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares God's Judgments	<a href="#">Isaiah 33, 34</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares the Joyful Will Flourish in Zion	<a href="#">Isaiah 35</a>
712 BC	Hezekiah's Illness and Healing	<a href="#">2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38</a>
711 BC	Hezekiah Shows Treasures	<a href="#">2 Kings 20:12, Isaiah 39</a>
711 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Captivity and Restoration	<a href="#">Isaiah 40 - 66</a>
701 BC	Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem	<a href="#">2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chronicles 32</a>
701 BC	Hezekiah's Prayer	<a href="#">2 Kings 19, Isaiah 37</a>

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### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

#### *For to Us a Child Is Born*

*Isa 9:1 Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed (kabad, heavy, glorious— can mean either good or bad!) her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.*

*Isa 9:2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.*

*Isa 9:3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.*

*Isa 9:4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.*

*Isa 9:5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.*

*v. 1* Continuing the dialogue from the last verse in Chapter 8, a day of light for the northern tribes. *Nevertheless the gloom:* Isaiah is seeing the near and far! The *gloom* carries over from *Isaiah 8*, where Isaiah warned Judah about the coming invasion from Assyria. Isa 8:22 said, *Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.* The invasion of the Assyrians would be terrible for the Jewish people, especially for the northern regions of the Promised Land, *the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali ... afterward more heavily oppressed (kabad, heavy, glorious— can mean either good or bad!) her*, In this context, the promise of Isa 9:1 is all the more precious: *The gloom will not be upon her who is distressed.* The northern regions of the Promised Land - around the Sea of Galilee (*Galilee of the Gentiles*) - were most severely ravaged when the Assyrians invaded from the north. But in the distant future, when Christ returns, it will “make glorious” that area!

*v. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light (the Messiah!) . . . upon them a light has shined:* The northern tribes were the first to suffer from the Assyrian invasions, so in God’s mercy, **they will be the first to see the light of the Messiah.** Mt. 4:14-16

*v. 3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy:* The ministry of the Messiah in His Second Coming, would bring joy and gladness to Israel. Jesus said His ministry was like having a wedding party (Mat 9:14-15). They will rejoice *according to the time of harvest*, the time when the hard work has paid off and the bounty comes off. They will rejoice *as men rejoice when they divide the spoil*, with a celebration of victory, as in the locker room of a championship team.

*vs. 4-5 As in the day of Midian:* This refers to Gideon’s great victory over Midian in Judges 7 – 120,000 of 135,000 killed by 300 men! As wonderfully complete, joyous, and victorious as Gideon’s victory over Midian was, this is the same kind of victory the Messiah will enjoy and give. And the victory is complete. The reference to *every warrior’s sandal . . . garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning and fuel of fire* means that the battle is over. This is what you did when the battle was finished and you had won! Each of these promises - the reference to great *joy*, the breaking of *the yoke of his burden* and the *rod of his oppressor*, and the complete victory over all enemies has spiritual application to Jesus’ work in our lives. These things are ours in Jesus! When is Jesus sad or worried or afraid? When does Jesus groan under *the yoke of his burden*? When does Jesus feel the sting of the *rod of his oppressor*? When is Jesus’ victory incomplete? The risen, glorified, ascended Jesus experiences none of these things, and He has *raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus* (Eph 2:6). *And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.*

*vs. 1-2* Isaiah often prophesies near term and by the Spirit, far term, fulfillment of the promise is that this land, once seemingly *lightly esteemed* by the LORD, conquered by Assyria, will one day have a special blessing, when Messiah comes! What encouragement for us in going through trials and afflictions, knowing that one day Jesus will return and then we will experience total victory! Forever!

*v. 3* Our faithful God will multiply the remnant and increase their joy, as when the harvest comes in or was when victors in a battle, not only survive, but have much spoil to share. A great encouragement for us is here!

*v. 4* As we are in Jesus Christ, we share in His victory! Here it is prophesied that God will break the yoke of their burden and the staff of the shoulder of the enemy! (Assyria, among others). Just as the past victory of Gideon over the Midianites! *We are more than conquerors!*

*v. 5* In the coming day of victory of Jesus Christ, the warrior’s sandals and garments rolled in bloody will no longer be needed by the world because a time of universal peace will follow the return of Christ!

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### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

Isa 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful (extraordinary, marvelous – wonderful, all the time!), Counselor (defense attorney); He provides us with perfect wisdom and perfect counsel in life! -We become the product of whomever we make our counselors! We need salvation and counsel!), Mighty God (Divine, all-powerful, Mighty God – He gives us ability to obey His Word, His good pleasure! He has kept ever single promise!) Everlasting Father (A Father, a source of eternity, everything eternal, wonderfully eternal! - John 8:53-58);, Prince of Peace (John 14:27; 16:33. He brings supernatural peace into a person’s life! Without peace, no one can be truly rich! Peace with God and then Peace of God!)

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

v. 6 Child is born: This glorious prophecy of the birth of Messiah reminds Israel that the victory-bringing Messiah would be a man, not an angel, note (Heb. 2:9; 2 Cor. 8:9). But in reality, any other option would not have qualified the Messiah to be our Savior and High Priest as Jesus was. The *Child* had to be *born*. ...Son is given: This *Child* would be a man, but more than a man. He is also the eternal *Son* of God, the Second Person of the Godhead. The *Son* had to be *given* – (the deity of God- fully man and fully God). The *Child* could be *born*, because the humanity of Jesus had a starting point. There was a time when humanity was not added to His deity. The *Son* had to be given, because the Second Person of the Trinity is eternal, and existed forever as the Son, even before adding humanity to His deity (1 Pet. 19; Heb. 1:1-3; John 8:24). That Jesus is both God and man tells us that man really is made in the image of God (Gen 1:26) and that perfect humanity is more compatible with deity than we imagine. It says that our problem is not our humanity, but our fallenness. To say “I’m only human” is wrong. It is more accurate to say, “I’m only fallen.” Jesus remains a man eternally (Act 7:55-56, ITi 2:5). He did not relinquish His humanity on His ascension; but He is now a man in a resurrection body, as we will one day have. And the government will be upon His shoulder: Ultimately, this will be fulfilled in the Millennium, when Jesus Christ will rule the earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev 20:4-6, Psalms 72, Isa 2:1-4; chap.11;65:17-25, Zec 14:6-21). His name will be called: The idea isn’t that these will be the literal names of the Messiah. Instead, these are aspects of His character, they describe who He is and what He has come to do. The Messiah is Wonderful: The glory of who He is and what He has done for us should fill us with wonder. You can never really look at Jesus, really know Him, and be bored. He is Wonderful, and will fill your heart and mind with amazement! The Messiah is our Counselor: Jesus is the One fit to guide our lives, and should be the Christian’s immediate resource as a counselor. *Jesus can help you with your problems*. He may use the presence and the words of another Christian to do it, but Jesus is our Counselor. The Messiah is Mighty God: The God of all creation and glory, the LORD who reigns in heaven, the One worthy of our worship and praise. In Isa 10:21, the prophet uses the exact same phrase to refer to Yahweh: *The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God*. Therefore, this is a clear statement of absolute deity. The Messiah is the Everlasting Father (John 8:44, 54-59): Jesus is the source or author of all eternity, that He is the Creator Himself. It does not mean that Jesus Himself is the Person of the Father in the Trinity. The Messiah is the Prince of Peace (John 14:27, 16:33): He is the One who makes peace, especially between God and man.

v. 7 The glory of the Messiah’s reign. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end . . . even forever: The reign of the Messiah will not last merely 1,000 years, though the millennium is a special aspect of His reign. There will be no end to the reign of the Messiah, and He will rule for all eternity. Upon the throne of David: Jesus will rule on David’s throne, and over his kingdom (that is, David’s kingdom - Israel). This is a fulfillment of God’s great covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7. All this may sound too good to be true, but the zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. God - the LORD of all heavenly armies - has promised to accomplish this word, and part of it has been accomplished already, mostly in His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming!

v. 6 What glorious truth! We needed a perfect, infinite Being to offer a perfect, infinite atonement for our sins. We needed Immanuel, God is with us (Isa 7:14). But remember that the humanity that Jesus added to His Divine nature was not the sinful humanity we commonly know, but the perfect humanity of Adam and Eve before the fall. If Jesus were not fully man, He could not stand in the place of sinful man and be a substitute for the punishment man deserves. If He were not fully God, His sacrifice would be insufficient. If Jesus is not fully God and fully man, we are lost in sin.

For unto us a Child is born, (a baby man!- (Heb 2:9) But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.); (Col. 1:21-22, 2 Cor. 6-8) Unto us a Son is given; (His deity! – never a reason for unbelief, but for belief!) And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name ...Notice not five names of our Lord Jesus Christ, but a five fold nature, attributes, to His name!...

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus can be Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace for everyone now. One day, these offices will be imposed upon the world. For now, they are real for those who receive Jesus and submit to Him!

v. 7 May we visualize Handel’s Hallelujah chorus of Messiah “And He shall reign forever and ever.” Handel got it right!

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### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

#### *Judgment on Arrogance and Oppression*

*Isa 9:8 The Lord sent a word against Jacob, And it has fallen on Israel.*

*Isa 9:9 All the people will know—Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria—Who say in pride and arrogance of heart:*

*Isa 9:10 "The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with hewn stones; The sycamores are cut down, But we will replace them with cedars."*

*Isa 9:11-12 Therefore the LORD shall set up The adversaries of Rezin against him, And spur his enemies on,*

*Isa 9:12 The Syrians before and the Philistines behind; And they shall devour Israel with an open mouth. For all this His anger is not turned away,*

*Isa 9:13 For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, Nor do they seek the LORD of hosts.*

*Isa 9:14 Therefore the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel, Palm branch and bulrush in one day.*

*Isa 9:15 The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.*

*Isa 9:16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err, And those who are led by them are destroyed.*

*vs. 8-10* Because of their unholy pride, Israel will be defeated by her enemies. *The LORD sent a word against Jacob, and it has fallen on Israel:* The LORD brought a word against all His people (*against Jacob*) and the word has scored a “direct hit” against the Northern Kingdom of *Israel. and the inhabitant of Samaria:* The tribe of *Ephraim* was the largest and most influential tribe in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. So, often the LORD refers to the Kingdom of Israel by the name *Ephraim. Samaria* was the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. There isn’t any doubt whom this prophecy is directed to. *Who say in pride and arrogance of heart: “The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars.”* In their pride, the leaders and the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel said, “Who cares if God judges us? Whatever is torn down, we will rebuild with something better. We have nothing to fear from what God can bring against us.” When God is chastening us, we don’t have enough resources to outlast His chastening! But Judah was ignoring His chastening and insisting on relying on their own strength and abilities – so often like us, a really poor choice!

*v. 11-12 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries:* Because they believed they would be able to weather the storm of attack and then rebuild, God would send successive waves of enemies against Israel (*The Syrians before and the Philistines behind*). The destruction of Israel would be complete, and their proud promise to rebuild would be unfulfilled. The chorus is said: *For all this, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.* The judgment against Israel’s pride was not enough. There was still sin to judge, and God wasn’t ready to stop His work of judgment. Those very calamities appear to have been so many excitements to luxury and splendor. What then should we expect but to be bruised with heavier blows?”

*v. 13-16 the people do not turn to Him ..*Because they did not turn to the Lord, but were trusting in as an ally, Syria, king Rezin, He will turn against them. From the south, the Philistines will attack them. God declares... *For all of this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still (9:12).* In all of this they didn’t learn, they didn’t turn. They didn’t learn the lesson they needed to know, and so God’s hand is stretched out still. He has to become even more severe in His judgment against them. But God in His love is going to persist, until they learn. God in His love, will persist in pursuing you! If you haven’t learned, you’ve been going through some real hardships, then God will say, “Put a few more coals on the fire, make it a little hotter you know.” *For the people did not turn to Him who strikes them,* The purpose of God bringing this was that they might turn to God, but they wouldn’t. *neither do they seek the Lord of hosts. Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel the head and the tail, the branch and the rush, in one day.* God is going to smite the nation.

*vs. 8-10* Instead of humbling themselves before the face of God on account of the many calamities that had already descended on them, they still entertained a lighthearted optimism regarding the future. Note the similarity to the 9-11 attack on the Twin Towers in New York. Rather than responding to the wake up call, our nation had increased in the rebelliousness against the Lord. Think of the increase in perversity and its legalization, pornography, drug use, abortion, since 2011! As believers, how have we done during the past 8 years?

*v. 11-12* We see God declaring, because they did not turn to the Lord, those that they had trusted in as an ally, Syria, king Rezin, He will turn against them. From the south, the Philistines will attack them and devour them as with an open mouth. Even then God’s anger is not turned away, from them, but they still retain their sins; and yet His stroke will be to take vengeance on them.

*vs. 13-16* In all of this the nation didn’t learn. They didn’t turn. They didn’t learn the lesson they needed to know, and so God’s hand is stretched out still. He has to become even more severe in His judgment against them. But God in His love is going to persist, until they learn. God in His love, will persist in pursuing you! If you haven’t learned, you’ve been going through some real hardships, then God will say, “Put a few more coals on the fire, make it a little hotter you know.” God loves us so much, He will do whatever is required to turn us from our sin. He has an easy way! If we don’t turn, then we’ll get a harder say! Which are you choosing?

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### APPLICATION

*Isa 9:17 Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men, Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows; For everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, And every mouth speaks folly. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.*

*Isa 9:18 For wickedness burns as the fire; It shall devour the briars and thorns, And kindle in the thickets of the forest; They shall mount up like rising smoke.*

*Isa 9:19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts The land is burned up, And the people shall be as fuel for the fire; No man shall spare his brother.*

*Isa 9:20 And he shall snatch on the right hand And be hungry; He shall devour on the left hand And not be satisfied; Every man shall eat the flesh of his own arm.*

*Isa 9:21 Manasseh shall devour Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh; Together they shall be against Judah. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.*

*Isa 10:1 "Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed*

*Isa 10:2 To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless.*

*vs. 17-21 Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men, Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows; For everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer*, God usually takes up the cause of the widow, the fatherless, the orphans. God has special mercy upon them, but no longer. Because... This is a oft repeated refrain now, in the next chapter or so. Because He is giving them opportunities to repent, giving them opportunities to change their ways, but they are obdurate in their wickedness, and thus the continued stretched out hand of judgment. *For wickedness burns as the fire: the fire among the briars and thorns*, These prairie type fires, the underbrush, the dry underbrush. *the kindling in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of the smoke. And through the wrath of the Lord of hosts the land is darkened, the people will be like fuel for the fire: and no man will spare his brother (9:18-19)*. There will come civil internal strife, and civil war, and this as you read the history, is what happened. They began to destroy each other. People were hungry, and they began to kill each other for food. They'd turn against themselves. It's a horrible, horrible thing when a city is besieged, and supplies are cut off and people get so hungry, that they begin to fight each other for what food supplies are there. Josephus tells us that in the wars of the Jews, and you read of the besiege of Jerusalem by Titus, there came such fighting within Jerusalem, the Jews against the Jews, that more Jews were probably killed by their own brothers, than were killed by the Romans, as gangs came with mob rule. There was a horrible strife within the city of Jerusalem, under the siege. He gives you graphic details. You need a strong stomach in order to keep reading. But here, he, he speaks that this is what will happen. "*No man will spare his brother*." With the coming sieges, it will get so bad, that cannibalism with break out. But He is saying, *For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still*. The judgment against Israel's wickedness was not enough. There was still sin to judge, and God wasn't ready to stop His work of judgment

*vs. 1-2* Because of social injustice, they will be exiled and slain. *Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees . . . rob the needy of justice . . . take what is right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey*: The leaders and people of Israel were simply unfair to others, and preyed on the weak. They were making wicked laws and rules, contrary to the law of God.

*vs. 17-21* Can we imagine the thoroughness and completeness of the coming judgment of God on Judah? The Lord has no joy in the young men; no mercy on the fatherless and widows! Everyone is a hypocrite and evildoer. Every mouth speaks folly. God has given them distress and gloom, but He says there is more to come, if they don't turn. How we need to heed what is happening here!

*vs. 1-2* Isaiah is saying that Judah, including its leaders were hurting the nation in designing laws and rules and were doing it knowingly and deliberately. Their judges were corrupt. The people were enriching themselves by oppressing those, such as widows and the fatherless, to whom they should have been showing mercy! A good wakeup call for our country and for us personally to be aware of and to guard against!

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### APPLICATION

*Isa 10:3 What will you do in the day of punishment, And in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory?*

*Isa 10:4 Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, And they shall fall among the slain." For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still*

#### *Judgment on Arrogant Assyria*

*Isa 10:5 "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.*

*Isa 10:6 I will send him against an ungodly nation, And against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, To seize the spoil, to take the prey, And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.*

*Isa 10:7 Yet he does not mean so, Nor does his heart think so; But it is in his heart to destroy, And cut off not a few nations.*

*v. 3 What will you do in the day of punishment . . . To whom will you flee for help?*

The idea is, “When you have forsaken others in their time of need, who will you go to for help when you are in need?”

*v. 4 Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, and they shall fall among the slain:*

All God needs to do to bring extreme judgment on Israel is to *withdraw His protection*. The LORD declared that “*Without Me* you have no hope before your enemies.” *Without Me they shall bow down*: When the Assyrians conquered other nations, it wasn’t enough for them to just win a military victory. They had a perverse pleasure in humiliating and subjugating their conquered foes. They would do everything they could to bring them low. God says, “You have rejected Me, so *without Me* you *shall bow down* in humiliation and degradation before your enemies.” One of the Hebrew words commonly translated *worship* in the Old Testament is *shachah*, meaning to bow down reverently, to pay homage. There is another word for *bow down*, the Hebrew word *kara*. It isn’t a good word; it means to sink, to drop, to bring low, or to subdue. We might say that we will either bow down to the LORD in worship, or it will be said of us, *without Me they shall bow down* in suffering and humiliation. Which will it be?

*v. 5* God’s judgment on arrogant Assyria. *Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger*: In the previous section, the LORD revealed that He would use Assyria as an instrument of judgment against Syria, Israel, and Judah. But what about Assyria? Weren’t they even more wicked than Syria, Israel, or Judah? Yes, the Assyrians were wicked; yet the LORD could use them as *the rod of My anger*. At the same time, none of it excused Assyria, so the LORD says, “*woe to Assyria.*” *The rod of My anger . . . the staff in whose hand is My indignation*: The *rod* and the *staff* were sticks used by shepherds to guide and correct their sheep. God is saying that Assyria was like a stick in His hand, used to correct Syria, Israel, and Judah.

*v. 6 I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath*: In this sense, Assyria was on a mission from God. They were doing the LORD’s will, running His errands when they came against Syria, Israel, and Judah. God gave them permission (*I will give them charge*) to *seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like mire of the streets*.

*v. 7 Yet he does not mean so, nor does his heart think so*: Since Assyria was an instrument in God’s hand, since they were doing the will of the LORD, does this excuse their attack on Syria, Israel, and Judah? *Not at all!* Though they were instruments in God’s hand, they did **not mean so, nor does his heart think so**. They *didn’t care at all* about God’s will or glory in the matter. Instead, **it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations**. Assyria didn’t care about the will or glory of God; they wanted to **destroy and cut off** many nations.

*vs. 3-4* We see here a challenge given them with all their pride and power to outface the judgments of God. *What will you do? To whom will you flee? You can trample upon the widows and fatherless; but what will you do? Will there not come a desolation upon those that have made others desolate? There is a day of visitation coming for Judah and for each of us! A day of enquiry and discovery, a searching day, which will bring to light, to a true light, every man, and every man's work. We want to live Godly lives and be ready for His coming!*

*vs. 5-7* This should help with questions that may trouble us. The first is “How can God bring any good through this evil that was done to me?” We can’t often know in advance exactly how God will bring the good, but we can trust that He will as we continue to yield to Him and seek Him. The second is “Doesn’t God care about what they did to me?” He does care, and He will bring His correction or judgment according to His perfect will and timing.

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*Isa 10:8 For he says, 'Are not my princes altogether kings?  
Isa 10:9 Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria like Damascus?  
Isa 10:10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, Whose carved images excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria,  
Isa 10:11 As I have done to Samaria and her idols, Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?' "*  
*Isa 10:12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He will say, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks."  
Isa 10:13 For he says: "By the strength of my hand I have done it, And by my wisdom, for I am prudent; Also I have removed the boundaries of the people, And have robbed their treasuries; So I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man.  
Isa 10:14 My hand has found like a nest the riches of the people, And as one gathers eggs that are left, I have gathered all the earth; And there was no one who moved his wing, Nor opened his mouth with even a peep."*

*Isa 10:15 Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it? Or shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it? As if a rod could wield itself against those who lift it up, Or as if a staff could lift up, as if it were not wood!  
Isa 10:16 Therefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts, Will send leanness among his fat ones; And under his glory He will kindle a burning Like the burning of a fire.  
Isa 10:17 So the Light of Israel will be for a fire, And his Holy One for a flame; It will burn and devour His thorns and his briars in one day.  
Isa 10:18 And it will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field, Both soul and body; And they will be as when a sick man wastes away.  
Isa 10:19 Then the rest of the trees of his forest Will be so few in number That a child may write them.*

**v. 8-14** The arrogance of Assyria. *Are not my princes altogether kings?* Assyria had such an inflated view of themselves that they regarded their *princes* to be on the level of the **kings** of other nations. *As I have done to Samaria and her idols, shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?* Here, the LORD describes the proud, arrogant heart of the Assyrians. *Samaria*, the capital of the northern kingdom of Israel, was given over to gross idolatry. *Jerusalem*, the capital of the southern kingdom of Judah, still maintained some worship of the Lord GOD. In their pride, Assyria thought the Lord GOD nothing more than one of the idols that they had conquered in Samaria or in many other cities. The Assyrians were in for a rude wake-up call! *I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks:* The pride of Assyria and her king was found in his *arrogant heart*, and exposed by *his haughty looks*. How much pride can be revealed by a *haughty look!* (**Pro 21:4**) (**Psa 101:5; 18:27**). *By the strength of my hand I have done it:* Again, the LORD is revealing the heart of Assyria. They glory in their own *strength* and wisdom (*by my wisdom, for I am prudent*). They exaggerate their power (*I have gathered all the earth*).

**vs. 15-19** God assesses of the arrogance of Assyria. *Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it?* The LORD uses the pictures of an *ax*, a *saw*, a *rod*, and a *staff* to make the point that the *instrument* should never take credit for what the *worker* does with the instrument. The scalpel can't take credit for what the surgeon does; the strength and the skill are in the user, not in the instrument. *Therefore the Lord . . . will send leanness among his fat ones:* Assyria sat “fat and happy” at the time, but God would *send leanness* to them. His judgment will be *like the burning of a fire* among them, *and it will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field*. The Lord will leave Assyria just a shadow of its former self *both soul and body*:

**vs. 8-14** God is using Assyria as a rod in the judgment of Judah. Assyria didn't realize it and was so lifted up in pride. *"By the strength of my hand I have done it, And by my wisdom, for I am prudent; Also I have removed the boundaries of the people, And have robbed their treasuries; So I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man. We too, must be alert not to take credit for what the Lord does through us. He will no longer use anyone who takes His glory.*

**v. 15** The axe, rod or the staff can't do anything by themselves, but they're turning against the one who is using them. It is the absolute degree of folly, is when a man used by God, begins to turn against God.

**v. 16** Assyria had been God's tool, God's instrument, but now they are boasting against God. So, their day of judgment is coming.

**vs. 17-19** *burning ... burning ... fire ... flame ... burn ... consume.* When God had finished using Assyria as His instrument, the Lord terminated the kingdom's existence. God said He's going to destroy them and He did. There were so few left, He said that, “even a *child* could count the number that remained.” We must remember, God says what He means and means what He says.

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*The Remnant of Israel Will Return*  
*Isa 10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day That the remnant of Israel, And such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, Will never again depend on him who defeated them, But will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.*

*Isa 10:21 The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, To the Mighty God.*

*Isa 10:22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, A remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.*

*Isa 10:23 For the Lord GOD of hosts Will make a determined end In the midst of all the land.*

*Isa 10:24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt.*

*Isa 10:25 For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction."*

*Isa 10:26 And the LORD of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; as His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt.*

*Isa 10:27 It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.*

*vs. 20-27 Do not be afraid of the Assyrian.* The LORD told Judah to not trust in Assyria as their deliverer when the threat from Syria and Israel came. The LORD promised that He would deliver them. They did not have to trust in Assyria. But Ahaz would not take God’s counsel and trusted in Assyria. The LORD would then use Assyria to defeat Syria and Israel as He had promised, but He would also use Assyria to judge Judah. Now, the LORD wants to prepare Judah for the attack from Assyria, reminding them that He is still in charge and they can still trust Him. *The remnant of Israel . . . will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD.* “You are going through this now because you will not trust Me. But I am going to change you so that you trust Me again, and you will once again *depend on the LORD.*” *Yet a remnant of them will return:* The suffering of God’s people at the hands of the Assyrians and others would make them feel as if they would certainly be destroyed. God assures them that this is not the case. He will always preserve His *remnant. The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness:* In fact, His judgment overflows with *righteousness! For the Lord GOD of hosts will make a determined end:* An end of what? An end of Judah’s trust in nations like Assyria. They will *never again depend on him who defeated him. Therefore . . . do not be afraid of the Assyrian:* The LORD is telling His people, “Judgment and correction are coming, and it will hurt. But I have a plan, so don’t be afraid.” This is a hard word to believe, because judgment and correction, by their very nature, hurt! Yet we can decide to *not be afraid* and trust in the LORD, even when it hurts. *He shall strike you with a rod*, yet do not be afraid. He will *lift up his staff against you*, but do not be afraid. Why shouldn’t they fear? Because the Assyrians are not in charge, the LORD is. *In a very little while . . . the indignation will cease, as will My anger.* Even when He uses the Assyrians to bring judgment and correction, He is still in charge. *And the LORD of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian:* Judah should trust the LORD because He will indeed take care of the Assyrians. He will take care of them like He took care of *Midian at the rock of Oreb. Jdg 7:25* describes Gideon’s victory over the Midianites *at the rock of Oreb.* As miraculous and complete as Gideon’s victory was, that is how miraculous and complete God’s judgment on Assyria would be. As it happened, this was exactly the case. *2Ki 19:35* describes how God simply sent the angel of the LORD, and killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night. When the people woke up, there were 185,000 dead Assyrian soldiers. The LORD will strike Assyria *as His rod was upon the sea. Exo 14:16* describes how the LORD used the rod of Moses to divide the Red Sea. In the same way, He would do something totally miraculous against Assyria. *It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck:* The LORD even took care of the king of the Assyrians according to His justice. *2Ki 19:36-37* describes how when the king of the Assyrians returned home after attacking Judah, that he was murdered by his own sons as he worshipped in the temple of Nisroch his god. Assyria would indeed trouble and oppress Judah, but not forever. Instead, *the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.* Because of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit among Judah (represented by *the anointing oil*), the yoke of bondage would be *destroyed*. This could also be translated - *because of the anointed one*, the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He is the source of our victory and freedom from the yoke of bondage!

*vs. 20-27 This shows the remarkable grace and longsuffering of God. We would not criticize the LORD if He said, “You want to trust in the Assyrians and not in Me? Fine. You are now on your own. Good luck!” But even in the midst of the judgment they deserved, brought through the Assyrians, God wants to comfort His people and bring them hope. When God allows destruction - whether in outright judgment or loving correction - it is always righteous, and never unfair. We can always be comforted by the fact that God will never leave His people to the mercy of their enemies.*



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*Isa 10:28 He has come to Aiath, He has passed Migron; At Michmash he has attended to his equipment.*

*Isa 10:29 They have gone along the ridge, They have taken up lodging at Geba. Ramah is afraid, Gibeah of Saul has fled.*

*Isa 10:30 Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gallim! Cause it to be heard as far as Laish—O poor Anathoth!*

*Isa 10:31 Madmenah has fled, The inhabitants of Gebim seek refuge.*

*Isa 10:32 As yet he will remain at Nob that day; He will shake his fist at the mount of the daughter of Zion, The hill of Jerusalem.*

*Isa 10:33 Behold, the Lord, The LORD of hosts, Will lop off the bough with terror; Those of high stature will be hewn down, And the haughty will be humbled.*

*Isa 10:34 He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, And Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.*

*vs. 28-32* A prophetic description of the arrival of the army of the Assyrians. Because of the word of comfort and encouragement in the previous section, Judah might think that God wouldn't send judgment among them at all. This section, with the specific mention of many cities of Judah, is meant to show that God will indeed allow the invasion of the Assyrians, even though He will restore after the attack. The listing of cities flows from the north to the south, describing the course of the Assyrian invasion. **Nob** is right on the outskirts of Jerusalem. This is as far as the army of the Assyrians came against Judah. They were stopped here when the LORD killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night.

*vs. 33-34* The LORD humbles the proud among the people of Judah. **Will lop off the bough with terror; Those of high stature will be hewn down, And the haughty will be humbled.** God's going to cut off the branch with terror!. God, speaking through Isaiah, predicts the fall and the judgment of God upon this invading Assyrian force.

**Those of high stature will be hewn down:** The LORD promises that His judgment will extend even against *those of high stature*. A mighty forest seems invincible and seems as if it will stand forever, but the LORD can cut it down. Even so, the LORD will cut down the proud and *those of high stature* among Judah. All that will be left in a once-mighty forest will be stumps. **And Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One:** The forests of *Lebanon* were known for their large, mighty cedar trees. God will judge the proud among Judah - and all the nations for that matter - and leave a once mighty forest of *those of high stature* as if they were just stumps. The bigger they are, the harder they fall

**Looking ahead ..In the next chapter, 11,** we move right from this subject of cutting down the tree, in a figurative sense, right into the prophecy regarding the Messiah. **“There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, a Branch shall grow out of his roots.”** In this next chapter we get our next beautiful prophecy of Jesus Christ. We'll move on into chapters eleven, and twelve. But we're dealing with another tremendous prophecy of Jesus, “The Branch out of the root of Jesse”, this child that is to be born. This Son that is given us. What clear beautiful insight God gave to Isaiah, what glorious prophesies of Jesus Christ are found in this book! So, as we go through, we will be thrilled to see how God announced in advance, His plan of redemption for man.

*vs. 28-32* The anointing of God. So he speaks then of the coming of the Gentiles, and we have here the progress of the Assyrians down towards Jerusalem from the north, mentioning Aiath, Migron, Michmash, Geba, Ramah, Gibeah, all the way down to Nob, the hill that is on the outskirts of Jerusalem, looking right down on the old city.

*vs. 33-34* **The Lord, the LORD of hosts...lop off ... hewn down ... humbled. Though the Assyrian army reached the walls of Jerusalem, the sovereign Lord, the Lord of hosts, intervened and sent them away in defeat. Later, Isaiah recorded the literal fulfillment of this prophecy (Isa 37:24, Isa 37:36-38; cf. 2Ki 19:35-37; 2Ch 32:21).** The LORD always does what He says and what He promises!!

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#### *V2 2. Great light*

Mat 4:12-16 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. [13] And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, [14] that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: [15] "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES: [16] THE PEOPLE WHO SAT IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, AND UPON THOSE WHO SAT IN THE REGION AND SHADOW OF DEATH LIGHT HAS DAWNED." [17] From that Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Such a favorite and revealing verse regarding our Lord and Savior, with implications far above what we can understand!

*Isa 9:6* For unto us a Child is born (humanity, not as an angel, not as a fully grown man, but as a baby, His incarnation! To be born in the world)

**CAME AS A MAN SO HE COULD DIE**

**CHILD IS BORN.**

HEB 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Paul put it this way: 2CO 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich (HEAVENLY THRONE), yet for your sakes He became poor BY TAKING ON HUMAN FLESHr, that you through His poverty might become rich.

**SON IS GIVEN – Speaks of His** Divinity – Humanity/Divinity – fully God! Fully man! – The Divinity is NEVER a reason for unbelief! It’s only His, necessary for our Messiah, otherwise we would be looking for another Savior! He is Divine and Sinless – essential to our Salvation! A drowning man cannot save others! humanity and divinity for eternity, pre existence; Son who had already existed, un-imaginable!);

IPE 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. It is the divinity of Christ that uniquely qualifies Him!

HEB 1:1-3 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, [2] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; [3] who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, To the Pharisees, He said! JOH 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am (Divine, sinlessness) He, you will die in your sins."

JW’s don’t know think that He’s divine, that He is an angel! But the above says you can’t improve on Jesus!

**AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER.** (it’s coming! – hasn’t come yet – was confusion among those at that time)

**AND HIS NAME** (singular in the Hebrew, called these names, for me – every knee shall bow) Mat. 1 call Him Immanuel, not His name

**WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL,** (the character of Jesus - could be extraordinary, marvelous; His death, burial and resurrection! can be even one characteristic – *wonderful Counselor or two!* Everything about Him is wonderful! We have a constant source of wonderfulness coming into our life.

**COUNSELOR** (not the counselor associated with general advice, but this is like our lawyer – our defense attorney- it’s all taken care of! **OUR LEGAL ENTRANCE INTO HEAVEN!**), He is the only One who can provide us with the counsel that we need! There is no other true counsel! We will become

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as the counselor that we have!

**MIGHTY GOD** (He’s mighty! He didn’t come in weakness!, but He is all powerful! He gives power to His followers to obey His commandments! Not just a speaker but He gives us the power and the will to do His good pleasure! He’s kept every single promise that He’s every made!)

**EVERLASTING FATHER**, (The Father (ORIGINATOR OR SOURCE!) of eternity. Jesus in John’s gospel, resurrection morning, JOH 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

JOH 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Joh 8:54-59 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. [55] Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. [56] Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." [57] Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

[58] Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." HE IS THE FATHER OF ETERNITY. HE PRE EXISTED ABRAHAM! [59] Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

To give eternal life, one has to have eternal life!

**PRINCE OF PEACE.** JOH 14:27 Peace I leave with you, You can’t do better than that! Then He says something even stronger! My peace I give to you; How peaceful was Jesus? How peaceful is Jesus?

not as the world gives do I give to you. A little later on, He said, JOH 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." If we only know peace when our nation is at peace and when there is peace in the world and when there is a peaceful time in our life at present. few will never know peace. The only way we can know peace in this life is to be able to trust in One who is greater than all the things from without and from within that can take my peace away! And Jesus is the only One who can do that!! He brings a supernatural peace into human life! How rich is a person, really, if they do not know peace? Do you have the capacity to enjoy life and experience the way God wants us to. We need someone who is powerful enough to be greater than every problem that we have and every circumstance that we have, and Jesus is that One!! Jesus is that Savior that offers that PEACE WITH GOD and THE PEACE OF GOD. One day He will establish His Kingdom, known at the 1000 year millennial reign and all we’ll every know is peace during that reign and then one day everything will give way to a new heaven and a new earth and then there won’t even be a test to peace in a person’s life! This is who Jesus is! This is what He came into the world to be in each of our lives! FULLY MAN IN ORDER TO BE OUR KINSMAN REDEEMER TO DIE for our sins. FULLY GOD, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS. An unailing source of wonderfulness in our lived to provide us wisdom and direction, we desperately need and that only He can provide! To provide us with His power! To provide us with what is eternal Life, beginning with everlasting life and provide us with a peace that only He can provide as the Son of God and God the Son. Now who in their right mind would turn that down?

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*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

He's coming! It's coming!

*Isa 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,*

*Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,*

*To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.*

*The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Not grudgingly, but willingly, enthusiastic, with zeal!) He loves me more than I love Him! His forgiveness with such power! Rescues us and redeems us- give us a hope and a future!*

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### Everlasting Father

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Shall we turn in our Bibles now to the ninth chapter of Isaiah? Isaiah has directed his prophecy of chapter eight, toward the northern kingdom of Israel, and he is told of the coming Assyrian invasion. In fact the Assyrians had already taken some of the northern most parts of the country. The tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali had settled in the northern part of the land, in what is known today as the upper Galilee region, the tribe of Naphtali. The tribe of Zebulun had settled in the area that is around the Galilee, and slightly south of the Galilee. The valley of Megiddo, the plains of Esdraelon, over to Nazareth and all. So already the Assyrians had moved in and taken that area.

So he, in the last part of chapter eight, talks about the people who were led away captive, and would be led away captive. “They will be hungry”, verse twenty one, “they will fret themselves, and they will curse their king and their God, and look upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold there’s nothing but trouble and darkness, there’s dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.”

And so these are terribly dark days, having been conquered by the Assyrian forces, who were extremely cruel. The Assyrians were known for their cruelty. The cruel and inhumane way by which they treated their captives. History tells us that quite often they physically mutilated them. Cutting off their ears, cutting out their tongues, cutting off their noses, physically mutilating the bodies of their prisoners. Thus, being taken captive by the Assyrians was sometimes worse than death. For this reason, many times in history, when a city was surrounded by the Assyrians, the entire populous of the city would commit suicide, rather than becoming a captive, because of the fear of the torture, and the mutilation of the captives. So he is predicting the fall, and at this time Assyria is already moving in its conquest of the northern kingdom. There is nothing but darkness. He speaks of the dimness in the last verse there, of anguish.

So the first verse of chapter nine, ties directly with the last verse of chapter eight. Remember, originally there were no chapter distinctions. The scrolls of Isaiah just go right on. They don’t have chapters and verses, they just continue on. The chapter and verse distinguishing the separation is good, in that it helps you in referencing a passage of scripture, but it is bad many times, in that you read the chapter, and you think, “Well that’s the end of the chapter”, and so you quit. Then, when you start the new chapter, you don’t always see the relationship to the previous chapter. We have a tendency to think that, “Well that’s the end of the chapter, that’s the end of the thought.”, when many times it is a continuing thought that is carried right on through. Such is the case here. Chapter nine is tied with chapter eight. He speaks of the dimness of anguish.

*Nevertheless the dimness [So tied just right to it, “the dimness”,] shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in the Galilee of the nations (9:1).*

Now God sort of gave them a warning. They went through some difficult times. Times of real hardship and difficulty, but they failed to repent, they failed to turn to God. Thus, God then dealt with them in a more severe way. God is merciful even in judgment. God always gives to us the opportunity to repent. “God does not afflict willingly”, the scripture tells us. In a, in a sense, you might say that God is a poor disciplinarian. He’s soft. He doesn’t afflict us according to what we deserve, the psalmist recognized that. That we deserved what, much worse than what God gives to us. But God is gracious even in judgment, and sometimes He allows things to happen which are bad, which are only a foretaste of the worse things that will happen, if we do not repent, and turn. They’re, they’re sort of just warnings of God to turn from your wickedness.

Now I have often said that there are important lessons that we need to learn, and God intends that we learn these lessons, because they are important to our own welfare. We have to know these things. Just like there are certain things that your children need to know. Important lessons they need to learn. They need to learn not to just, to run out into the street. They need to learn to stop, and look both ways, before they go out into the street. If they’re playing ball, and the ball rolls out

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into the street, they're not just to run out into the street to retrieve the ball. They should stop on the curb, and they should look both ways.

Now that is an important lesson. Because your child's life may depend upon learning that lesson! If he doesn't learn that lesson, it could mean horrible maiming or even death. So as a parent, in seeking then to train your child, and to teach them that lesson, you first of all may just speak to them and tell them. But then you see them running out into the street without looking, and so you may say, “Alright you can't have TV for a week, because...”, and, and so, it's, it's you know, it's tough when kids are used to watching cartoons, not to be able to watch a cartoon for a whole week. To them it seems like a lifetime. But it's an important lesson!

Now again you see them running out into the street without looking. So because they didn't learn because they were deprived of TV, now you take some other measure. You be, and you continue to become more stringent in the punishment to correct them, as they continue to persist in this dangerous practice. Because you know they've got to learn this lesson! Their life depends on it.

Now there are many important things that we need to learn because our lives depend on it. God is determined that we're going to learn. As He is training us, maybe in the beginning it's just sort of a light reprimand, in hopes that we will use good judgment and we'll see the danger and the folly of it.

But, if we persist, as did the nation of Israel, then God becomes stronger, and stronger in the methods that He uses to teach those important lessons. So their affliction was rather light at the first, but it was a foreshadowing of that which was to come, if they did not change. God has important lessons that you need to know, that you must learn, and if you don't learn the easy way, you'll learn the hard way. For there is always a easy way, and a hard way to learn things. If we are stubborn, then we'll learn the hard way. A lot of times people say, “Oh why did God ever allow this to happen to me?”, you know. Well, you just didn't learn, friend! You know, you needed to know, but you wouldn't listen.

So it gets, I think of Jonah, he learned the hard way, that you can't run from God, that you can't hide from the call of God. He learned that lesson. It was important that he learn that lesson, but he learned it the hard way. So you can make up your mind, to learn the easy way, or you can learn the hard way. It's up to you. They're going to experience this dimness. Not as bad when God first began to vex them. That was just slight. It's going to get worse, until it will be complete darkness. The dimness will turn to darkness. But then, out of that darkness, those people sitting in darkness, having been taken captive by the Assyrians.

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined (9:2).*

God, it seems just never gives up! He continues to pursue, even when we've turned our backs upon Him, even when we've gone into captivity, God continues to pursue. They now, sitting in this darkness, God brought to them a glorious light. “The people who were walking in darkness, hath seen a great light.” We know that, that light is this child that was to be born. The sign of the virgin that would conceive, and bear a child, is the great light that is promised. “They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death”, this land had now been forsaken, it was empty. The villages were destroyed, and the land was desolate. The land of Zebulun, and Naphtali. The Lord declares...

*You have multiplied the nation, and increased the joy: [The word “not” is, is a, should be omitted from the translation.] the joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil (9:3).*

The day is coming. Those that are sitting in darkness, are going to see the great light. It will be a day of tremendous joy. “God will multiply the nation, He will

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increase their joy.” It will be the same joy that they have at harvest time. As men rejoice when they won a victory, and are dividing the spoils of war.

*Because you have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the days of Midian (9:4).*

The Midianites who were defeated by Gideon. Actually, defeated by the Lord, Gideon was the human instrument. So will Assyria be broken, as Midian was broken.

*For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and the garments are rolled in blood; but this shall be with a burning and a fuel of fire. [And this will all take place when,] Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder (9:5-6):*

So here we have now a further prophecy of the Messiah. In seven, fourteen, “Behold, the Lord himself will give you a sign, for a virgin will conceive, and bear a son, shall call His name Immanuel”, which, being interpreted is, “God with us”. Now we are given a little more information concerning this child. “Unto us a child is born”, He is the one that will bring light, bring light to the people. John said, “In the beginning was the word. The word was with God, the word was God, the same was in the beginning with God, and all things were made by Him. Without Him was not anything made that was made, and in Him was life, and the life was the light of men. This is the true light that shineth unto every man. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He that abideth in me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” So those sitting in darkness, have seen the great light. The nation of Israel, in it’s darkness. To them the light did shine. The glorious light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The good news, the Messiah has come!

“Unto us a child is born”, there on that special night in Bethlehem. We read in Luke’s gospel that, “She brought forth her first born son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.” “A child is born”, but He’s a special child. He is born of a virgin, but more than that, this child that was born in Bethlehem, of the virgin Mary, is the Son of God. As the angel said to Mary when he announced to her that she was highly favored of the Lord, because she was to be the earthly instrument, through which God would bring His Son into the world. He said to her, “He shall be great, and shall sit upon the throne of His father, David.” And spoke of the glorious government, the peace. So this child that is born is a son that is given. And the words of Jesus to Nicodemus, “God so loved the world, He gave His Only Begotten Son.” Throughout the gospel of John, over and over, Jesus affirms that, “I did not come to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me.” He spoke of God as His Father, until finally they took up stones to kill Him. He said, “I’ve done a lot of good works. For which of the good works are you stoning me?”, and they said, “We’re not stoning you because of the good works. We’re stoning you because you being a man, are constantly insisting that you are the Son of God.” As you go through the gospel of John, you find that their charge is correct. He was constantly affirming that He was the Son of God. “Unto us a son is given”, God gave His Son.

Now Isaiah here, talks of the future glory of His Son. Now the Bible tells us that the prophets in the old testament, wrote of things they did not fully understand. They desired really to know more completely the plan of God, and they were confused many times by the things they wrote. Because at times it seemed that they were writing things that were contradictory. Isaiah here, in speaking about this son that will be given, speaks about the glorious reign, the eternal reign of this Son. How the government will be upon His shoulder.

*Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end, sitting upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, ordering it, in justice [Or righteousness] and judgment from henceforth even for ever (9:7).*

But later on in chapter fifty three, Isaiah tells us concerning this son that, “He will be despised and rejected by man. He will be a man of sorrow, and acquainted with grief. He will be put to death and in His death, He will be put to death between thieves, transgressors.” He goes on to tell us though that His death is for us. That, “God laid on Him the iniquities of us all. He was bruised for our transgressions, wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities.” God cries out,

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“For my people He is afflicted!”

So, it seems to be totally contradictory. Put to death, despised and rejected, and yet reigning for ever a king. We find that in the first coming the prophecies in the latter part of chapter fifty two, and fifty three were fulfilled. Jesus was crucified. He was despised and rejected. He was a man of sorrow, and acquainted with grief. He was put to death, numbered with the transgressors in His death. The only way by which He can possibly fulfill the other prophecies is by coming again, in power and glory. That’s exactly what He told His disciples He would do. As He was getting ready to be put to death, to fulfill those first parts of the prophecies, as He was ready to be despised and rejected, and hanged on a cross, the night before, gathered with His disciples, He said, “Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, now believe also in me. For in my Father’s house, there are many abiding places, and if it were not so I would’ve told you. I’m going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, then I am going to come again, and receive you unto myself. That where I am, there ye may be also.” And He spoke words of comfort, promising to come again. He told His disciples earlier, as they were saying, “Lord what will be the sign of your coming, and the end of this age?”, and He said unto them, when giving them the signs, “the great tribulation”, but immediately after the tribulation of those days, “shall they see the sign of the Son of Man, coming in the clouds with great glory.”

So this particular portion of the prophecy, as Isaiah, at this point speaking about God giving His Son, jumps over the first coming, and goes to the second coming, the coming of Christ in power and glory. You can only understand the prophecies concerning Christ, when you see it in the aspect of His first coming, and in His second coming. He came first to be an offering for sin. To provide for God, a way by which He might forgive you your sins, by His taking your guilt, and your sin, and dying in your place, providing for God, a righteous basis for the forgiveness of your sins. But He’s coming again! Not as a child, but as a reigning King, to establish God’s kingdom upon the earth. Reigning over the earth. Thus the other prophecies of which the old testament is also filled, will come to pass when Jesus reigns as King over the earth.

So here, “the child is born, a son is given”, jumping though the aspects of His first coming, “His name will be called, Wonderful, Counsellor”. The word “wonderful” could also be translated, and is translated in some of the translations, “marvelous counselor”. That is, as a leader, He will exercise tremendous wisdom. His ways are right, as a reigning monarch, He will be a wonderful Counsellor, for He is the mighty God. Now, “The mighty God” is used again in the next chapter, and it can refer there only to Jesus, verse twenty, I mean, only to God. “The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.” So here that same title is given to Jesus, for Jesus is God. “In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, the word was God.” Jesus is God. So His name will be called the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father.

Now another translation of this, and more literal is, “the Father Eternal”, and it speaks of the nature of Jesus, as a Father. It does not really refer to God the Father, but Jesus, in the characteristics of the Father Eternal, and finally, the Prince of Peace.

You know, the world is so hungry for peace today, that we’re willing, for the sake of peace, to even set aside good judgment. When Gorbachev began to wave the peace flag, we’re all excited. We’re ready to cut the defense budget, we’re ready to disarm. Because we’re so hungry for peace, and rightfully so! There’s nothing wrong with desiring peace. God knows that war is a horrible thing. The prospect of war with nuclear weapons is unthinkable! Thus, peace is a attractive, desirable thing, and we desire it so deeply that we’re willing to lay aside our good judgment, in just the hope of peace! I would feel much better about the whole issue of peace, if Russia were not spending twenty billion dollars this year to build nine of these Typhoon Class submarines, each one capable of nuking two hundred cities. That’s eighteen hundred cities that they’ll have the capacity, eighteen hundred more. They already have three hundred and some of these submarines that they have been making during these last five years, when they began this whole peace initiative. Why did they keep building them? They’re not a defensive weapon, they’re strictly a first strike surprise weapon. Equipped now with new caterpillar type engines that are silent, and we can’t trace them. Yet they have satellites now by which they can trace all of our Tridents. Why?



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You know, there are a lot of peace movements around the world today, and I sympathize with the desire for peace, however, I have just enough knowledge of man, and of the word of God, that I know that there will be no real peace until the Prince of Peace comes and reigns over the earth. As long as we have human governments, as long as we have man in government, there will be no peace. It is not until the prince of peace comes, that the earth can really have a real, true, peace on earth. At that time, this Prince of Peace, during His reign, every man will sit beneath His vine, and His fig tree, and live in peace and unafraid. “And they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and they will study war no more.”

The thought of the coming of Jesus Christ is surely not doom and gloom. It is a hope for a new day, a new age, a true new age, the age of righteousness, and peace. So...

*The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. And all of the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and the stoutness of their hearts, The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores have been cut down, but we will change them into cedars (9:8-10).*

Now you see, God had begun the judgment. The Assyrians had moved in, and the Assyrians had destroyed the brick walls of their cities. The Assyrians cut down their trees. That was another cruel kind of a method of destroying a land, was by destroying the trees, the forest. So the people, rather than turning to God, rather than learning their lesson, they in the stoutness of their hearts said, “Well, we’ll just build new cities. But we’ll not use bricks, we’ll use hewn stones, they’ll be even stronger! The sycamores have been cut down, we’ll go ahead and plant cedar trees!” They were resolved in their wickedness, rather than to turn from it and turn to the Lord. “We’ll just go ahead and we’ll make do. We’ll, we’ll improve even, our position!”

*Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and will join his enemies together; The Syrians before them, and the Philistines behind them; and they will devour Israel with an open mouth (9:11-12).*

So because they did not turn to the Lord, those that they had trusted in as an ally, Syria, king Rezin, he will turn against them. From the south, the Philistines will attack them. God declares...

*For all of this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still (9:12).*

In all of this they didn’t learn, they didn’t turn. They, they didn’t learn the lesson they needed to know, and so God’s hand is stretched out still. He has to become even more severe in His judgment against them. But God in His love is going to persist, until they learn. God in His love, will persist in pursuing you! If you haven’t learned, you’ve been going through some real hardships, then He’ll say, “Well, put a few more coals on the fire, make it a little hotter you know.”

*For the people did not turn to him that was smiting them, [The purpose of God bringing this was that they might turn to God, but they wouldn’t.] neither do they seek the Lord of hosts. Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel the head and the tail, the branch and the rush, in one day. [Gonna smite the nation.] Now the ancient and the honourable men, are the head; and those lying prophets are the tail. For the leaders of this people are the ones who are causing them to err; and they that are led of them are being destroyed (9:13-16).*

When I read of the legislation that is coming out of Washington, out of Sacramento, I realize that the leaders of this nation are bringing us into shame, and disproof, refute, causing the people to err.

*Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither will he have mercy on their fatherless or their widows: for every one is a hypocrite and an*

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*evildoer (9:17),*

God usually takes up the cause of the widow, the fatherless, the orphans. God has special mercy upon them, but no longer. Because...

*they're hypocrites, they're evil doers, every mouth is speaking folly. And for all of this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still (9:17).*

This is a oft repeated refrain now, in the next chapter or so. Because He is giving them opportunities to repent, giving them opportunities to change their ways, but they are abdurant in their wickedness, and thus the continued stretched out hand of judgment.

*For wickedness burns as the fire: the fire among the briers and thorns, [These prairie type fires, the underbrush, the dry underbrush.] the kindling in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of the smoke. And through the wrath of the Lord of hosts the land is darkened, the people will be like fuel for the fire: and no man will spare his brother (9:18-19).*

Actually there will come civil internal strife, and civil war, and this as you read the history, is what happened. They began to destroy each other. People were hungry, and they began to kill each other for food. They'd turn against themselves. It's a horrible, horrible thing when a city is besieged, and supplies are cut off and people get so hungry, that they begin to fight each other for what food supplies are there.

There are many people today who are teaching, and I believe falsely, that the church is going to have to go through the great tribulation. We know that during the great tribulation, probably as a result of nuclear fallout, there's going to be tremendous shortages of food. There will be such a shortage of grain, that a quart of wheat will be selling for about sixty dollars. So it'll be a tremendous shortage of food. So these people who are declaring that the church is going to go through the great tribulation, are recommending that the Christians lay up food. That you get some remote area, preferably in Oregon, where you can survive, and they are survivalists. And, they'll give you, in fact they'll even sell you the food that you will need. The grain, and the canned vegetables, and the water and all, that you'll need to survive for seven years. So you buy a unit for each number of people in your family. Then they also will sell you automatic weapons, because they said, “If you have the food when the rest of the world is hungry, you're going to have to use the weapons to drive them off, lest they, you know what a tremendous witness you're going to be during the great tribulation. Ha, ha, ha! With your automatic weapons, destroying the hungry people that are coming around. “Hear the word of the Lord!” You know! I can't quite agree with that!

But if you will read Josephus, the wars of the Jews, and you read of the besiege of Jerusalem by Titus, there came such fighting within Jerusalem, the Jews against the Jews, that more Jews were probably killed by their own brothers, than were killed by the Romans. As there, there came these gangs, and the mob rule, and, and the, and it was a horrible, horrible strife within the city of Jerusalem, under the siege. He gives you graphic details. You need a strong stomach in order to keep reading. But here, he, he speaks that this is what will happen. “No man will spare his brother.”

*But he will snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and shall eat the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: [Cannibalism.] Manasseh, Ephraim; Ephraim, Manasseh: [Brothers actually, twin, not twin brothers, but brothers of these, they were the sons of Joseph.] but they together shall be against Judah. For all of this [All of the turmoil, and all that they go through.] still his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still (9:20-21).*

### Chapter 10

*Woe to them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed (10:1);*

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Woe! There’s one thing that I should have brought out in the previous chapter. Going back to verse one, the prophecy of Zebulun and Naphtali. “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Actually Jesus began His ministry in Zebulun and in Naphtali. He was in Nazareth, and He went to Capernaum, and the majority of the ministry of Christ was in and around Galilee, the area of Naphtali, and Zebulun. In Matthew’s gospel, chapter four, verse fifteen and sixteen, Matthew refers to this prophecy of Isaiah, speaking there he said that it might be, “He left Nazareth, and He came and dwelt in Capernaum.” “He had left Nazareth and Zebulun, came to the area of Naphtali, which Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, and the borders of Zebulun, and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying, The land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, the Galilee of the Gentiles. The people which sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region of the shadow of death, this light is sprung up.” So that is the fulfillment of that prophecy there.

So now, “*Woe to those that are decreeing these unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed.*” These laws that are being enacted. Woe to them that are enacting these unrighteous laws. Boy! I’ll tell you, these men who sit in judgment and pervert judgment, woe to them when they come before the Judge of the earth. These men who are writing these laws, when they stand before the great lawgiver, what they’ll have to answer for!

*For in the laws they turn aside the needy from judgment, they take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows might be their prey, that they may rob the fatherless! What will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which will come from far? to whom will you flee for help (10:2-3)?*

You’ve been guilty of taking advantage of the weak and the poor! So what will you do when God begins to visit in His judgment, in His wrath? Where are you going to flee for help?”

*For without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall among the slain.* [They’ll try to hide, they’ll try to hide with the prisoners, they’ll try to hide under the bodies of those that have been slain.] *But for all of this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.* [They still haven’t learned!] *O Assyrian,* [Now God addresses the Assyrian nation, and here God calls them,] *the rod of my anger (10:4-5),*

In other words, Assyria is to be used as God’s rod of punishment. God is going to use this wicked nation of Assyria, to be His instrument of judgment against His people that have turned from Him. “You are the rod of my anger.”

*you’re the staff in their hand of my indignation. I will send him against a hypocritical nation (10:5-6),*

Remember that the Lord said that they were hypocritical and all? And so He said, “I’m going to bring them against this hypocritical nation.” Talk about hypocritical nation, we put on our coins, “In God We Trust”, and then we use them for every ungodly thing!

A teacher this past week, was ordered by the court, not to read his Bible in his classroom to himself during the twenty minutes that he had which was his break time. Because, that sort of constituted a message to the children that he believed in the Bible, and thus it was sort of a state kind of a, you know, I mean they’re using such stupid things! Now had he been reading a book on Satanism, witchcraft, Zen Buddhism, the Koran, no problem. You can read all that junk you want. In fact, you can even teach the kids!

The schools that are the ones that are promoting Halloween more than any other religious holiday in the year. They’re having parties, and everything else, Halloween parties, and kids you know, making the jack-o-lanterns, and everything else. Halloween is a pagan, it’s a religious holiday. A religious holiday, but a pagan religious holiday. Being strongly supported by the schools. Help us Lord! “His hand is stretched out still.” “I will send them against a hypocritical nation”...

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*against the people my wrath and I will give him charge, to take the spoil, to take the prey, to tread them down like the mire of the streets (10:6).*

God is ordering the Assyrians to come and just to wipe them out.

*Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few (10:7).*

He doesn't realize that God is using him, and that it is God who has, who has given this nation to them. They don't realize that. It's just they have a heart to destroy.

*For he said, Are not my princes kings? [They take great boasting in their power.] Is not Calno as Carchemish? [Now they had already conquered Carchemish, there at the Euphrates, Calno was a city in the northern part of Syria, and said, “Hey we've conquered the bigger city of Carchemish, and Calno's no different we'll conquer it!”] is not Hamath [Another city of Syria] like Arpad? [Which was already conquered by Assyria.] Is not Samaria as Damascus (10:8-9)?*

They'd already conquered Damascus, and soaked the capital of Israel, Samaria. So they were bragging about what they'd already conquered, and these other cities were not really as great, or as strong, or equal to the cities, already had fallen to Assyria.

*As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and Samaria (10:10);*

In other words, in those days, they felt that to win in a battle, was a sign that your god was greater than the gods of the cities that you had conquered. Most of these cities had their own local deities. Their own idols, and images. So the gods that were worshiped by these other cities, that were already conquered, they're really greater than the gods of Samaria, or Jerusalem. They excel them. So you know, “if these gods of these other nations could not deliver them, surely then the God of Israel can't deliver Israel.”

As you read in II Kings, the messages that were sent by the king of Assyria, to Hezekiah, demanding Hezekiah to surrender, and telling Hezekiah, Sennacherib sent these messages and telling him the folly of trying to resist. Then when this Rabshakeh came to Jerusalem with the messages to Hezekiah, and came with his armed men, because he was not getting a response from Hezekiah, he called to the people who were there on the walls looking down on them, and he said to them, “Don't let your king deceive you into believing that your God can deliver from the Assyrians! For look at the nations that we've already conquered, and their gods were unable to help them, and neither is your God able to help you. So don't let the king deceive you by saying, ‘Trust in God, God will deliver us.’” They openly defied God, and Hezekiah just took the letter into the temple, and he just stretched it out before the Lord, and he said, “Look Lord what they're saying about you!”

Now we know the history, how that God wiped out the Assyrian army when they were gathered in sight of Jerusalem, probably on Mount Scopus. The people looked out and saw this huge army encamped. They had cut off the supplies from Jerusalem, things were getting worse. This guy was coming down and making all of these threats. Hezekiah told the people, “Just don't answer them”, and all. All of this blasphemy against God, until the angel of the Lord one night, went to the camp of the Assyrians, and he killed 185,000 of the front line troops. The Assyrians who were left alive, along with the king, fled back to Assyria, where the king was assassinated.

Some people say that they had a bubonic plague. I don't know how God did it. God did it. You know, I don't have to have some kind of a rationale! I mean, if God does it, He can do it in many different ways! But here they are bragging. “As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, graven images that excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria.”

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*Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols? [So he’s, he’s bragging about what he’s already conquered, and, “Jerusalem’s going to fall.”] Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord has performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks (10:11-12).*

So God says, “I’m, I’m using them as an instrument, but it’ll come to pass that when they come against Jerusalem, I’m through with them, and I will destroy them.” They’ve got this pride, this stout heart, the heart of pride, and so He will destroy them.

*For he saith, [That is the Assyrians were saying.] By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am exceedingly wise: I have removed the bounds of the people, I have robbed their treasures, I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: And my hand hath found as the nest the riches of the people: and as one gathers eggs that are left, I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, nor opened the mouth, or peeped (10:13-14).*

“I’ve shut them all up, I’ve destroyed them all! There’s none that could stand against me. I’ve gathered the eggs, I’ve taken the, the spoils of war!” But then God speaks to them. They have been just an instrument in God’s hands, but they are acting as though they were it. You know, it’s a glorious thing to be used of God, as His instrument, it’s marvelous when God takes your life and uses your life as an instrument, to accomplish His work. But oh how careful you have to be that you don’t get carried away and think it’s because you’re something special. That you have found a new secret of success, that you begin to boast of what you have done, what you’ve accomplished as, as though it was you, and not God who did it.

Paul said, “What have you but what you have received? If there is any value, or good in your life, it’s there because God has done it, and if God has done it, why do you boast as though God didn’t do it, as though it was of yourself?” Now here, Isaiah shows how ludicrous it is for the instrument to boast.

*Shall the axe boast itself against him who is hewing with it (10:15)?*

Can the axe say, “Look at the tree I cut down!” The axe can’t do anything, just lie there! It’s the strength of the guy that’s wielding the axe, that brings the tree down. The axe is only the instrument.

*or shall the saw magnify itself against him that’s using it (10:15),*

The saw says, “Look at this giant redwood that I just cut down!”, no the saw was only the instrument. At best, I’m only an instrument in the hand of God, and it is ludicrous to boast in what you have done. You’re nothing, and without God, your just lying there, and can do nothing! It says...

*though the rod would shake itself against them that lift it up, [That is turning against the one who is lifting the rod.] or as the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood (10:15).*

In other words, the rod or the staff can’t do anything by themselves, but they’re turning against the one who is using them. And that is the absolute degree of folly, is when a man used by God, begins to turn against God.

*Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: [The Holy One, being Jesus.] and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day; And shall consume the glory of his forest, and all of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faints. And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, as a child may count them (10:16-19).*

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So few left, a child could, now talking about this tremendous Assyrian army that’s going to invade the land. They’d been God’s tool, God’s instrument, but now they are boasting against God. So their day of judgment is coming. When they get to Jerusalem on Mount Scopus, as they are there threatening and telling all they’re going to do, and saying, “What God is there that can deliver from our god, and from the Assyrians? Where’s the God of Samaria, where is the God of Damascus?”, and all. “They weren’t able to help them, their gods weren’t able, neither is your God able to help you against Assyria!” But God said He’s going to destroy them and He did. There were so few left, He said that, “even a child could count the number that remained.”

Now the vision of Isaiah goes from the immediate out to the future, out to the day of the great tribulation.

*It shall come to pass in that day, [That day of the Lord, the great tribulation, the day of judgment on the earth.] that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth (10:20).*

God is not yet through with the nation of Israel. There is coming, one final seven year period in which God is going to deal with the nation of Israel. There were seventy seven determined upon the nation Israel. Sixty nine of them were fulfilled from the time the commandment went forth to, “restore and rebuild Jerusalem”, to the coming of the Messiah, the Prince. Sixty nine sevens, but there is one seven year period left in which God is going to deal with Israel as a nation. That time will begin when God destroys the invading Russian army that will soon be moving into the Middle East, and God wipes out that invading Russian army. At that time, God will again deal with Israel as a nation, and you are entering in, at that point, to the final seven year cycle of God’s dealing with the nation of Israel, which will culminate in the return of Jesus Christ, in glory.

So here he speaks of this remnant. We read that, “God is going to seal a hundred and forty four thousand of them, and that they will be protected from the judgments of God that will be poured out.”, Revelation, chapter six. Then we also read that God will take those Israelites that are able to survive, this remnant, and He will bear them through the wilderness, where He will preserve them for three and a half years, during the final great tribulation period. They will be preserved. So this remnant, God is going to deal with the remnant of Israel, those that have escaped of the house of Jacob. They will not any longer trust in man. They’ll trust in the Lord, the Holy One of Israel in truth.

*And the remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God (10:21).*

They’ll call upon God. At first the nation of Israel will also be deceived by the Antichrist, for he makes a covenant with them, in which he grants them the privileges of rebuilding their temple, and they will hail him as their savior. But then, he will show his true colors after the temple is built, and they reinaugurate the worship, and the sacrifices. He will come to the temple and stop the daily sacrifices, he will proclaim that he is God, and demand to be worshiped as God, as he stands in the Holy of Holies. He sets up an image of himself in the Holy of Holies, desecrates it completely, and at that point, those Jews that are left, as he turns against the Jews to slaughter them, those that can escape, are taken by God and preserved by God in the wilderness. Actually in the area of the rock city of Petra, in Jordan. We’ll get that in a couple more chapters here in Isaiah. But God will preserve this remnant for this three and a half year period. So, “The remnant shall return unto the mighty God.”

*For though thy people Israel are as the sand of the sea, [Tremendous number of them all over the world.] yet, they’re going to be decimated, and only a remnant of them shall return: for the consumption that is decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For the Lord of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all of the land. And therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian: he will smite you with a rod, he will lift up his staff against you, as the manner of Egypt. But yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and my anger in their destruction. [“I will destroy them in my anger.”] And the Lord of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of the Midianites at the rock of*

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*Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up as he destroyed Egypt. And it shall come to pass that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing (10:22-27).*

The anointing of God. So he speaks then of the coming of the Gentiles, and we have here the, the progress of the Assyrians down towards Jerusalem. Aiath is about ten miles north of Jerusalem, the Assyrians are coming, taking Aiath.

*He is come to Aiath, [Ten miles away] and he's passed Migron; [Even closer to Jerusalem] at Michmash he hath laid his carriages: [The chariots and all have, have he stopped, or the luggage actually, he sort of left some of the stuff there at Michmash, as he is approaching Jerusalem.] They are gone over the passage: they've taken up their lodging at Geba; and Ramah [Which is just outside of Jerusalem, Ramah.] is afraid; and Gibeah of Saul is fled. [Just north of Jerusalem, the Assyrians have moved in already.] Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard upon Laish, O poor Anathoth. Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee. As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: and shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem (10:28-32).*

Or Mount Scopus, they'll come all the way down, and they'll be parked now on Mount Scopus. Today the university of, the Hebrew University is on Mount Scopus, in fact, we often take, when we go to Israel, as we come into Jerusalem, we take the people first to Mount Scopus, because you have such a tremendous view of the city of Jerusalem, from Mount Scopus is actually a continuation of the Mount of Olives. It goes from south to north, and it's a northern part of the continuation of the Mount of Olives. It has a tremendous overview of Jerusalem, and from Jerusalem, anywhere in Jerusalem, you see Mount Scopus there. It's a very prominent, uh, in view of Jerusalem, so that as the Assyrians now are mounting their forces, the people realize, “Assyria's conquered these other places just north of us, and there they are! They're setting up their camps! They're beginning the siege of Jerusalem itself.” But the prophet said...