

# BOOK OF ISAIAH

## Outline

### Chapters 14-21

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH WITH ITS STUNNING PROPHECIES IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHY THE HOLY BIBLE IS HOLY!

THE BOOK OF REVELATION TELLS US THAT:

"THE TESTIMONY (*i.e., the judicial witness of truth*) OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT (*the pneuma or air or breath or wind or Holy Spirit*) OF PROPHECY (*prediction, foretelling of future events, declarations uttered by prophets under Divine influence*)."

REV. 19:10

Read John 15: 26 and 16: 13-15, the words of Jesus.

\*Tonight's study should forever settle the question of "Does God involve Himself in the affairs of nations, particularly if the nations are not His Covenant Nation of Israel?..."

AND, if He does, where does America now stand in His eyes?"

What do the ancient judgments on all these nations have to do with us, today, in America?

#### 1. CHAPTER 14

Verses 18-32 Again, Isaiah sees 100 years into the future that Babylon will emerge as a world empire and be used to judge Jerusalem. As they were the enemy of God's people in the Old Testament, the New Testament Book of Revelation uses the name "**Babylon**" as a metaphor of the world's system that is against the true **Christian Church--the Body of Christ**. In chapter 13, Isaiah had named the Medes, a nation that also did not exist in his time, as the one who would overthrow Babylon--even naming Cyrus, the King of the Medes/Persians, who would release the Jews in Babylon to return to their country and rebuild. This story was also in the Book of Ezra, who led the first expedition back. Isaiah also speaks of "Palestina," in verse 29, which is the land of the Philistines. (Remember Goliath of the Philistines, David's battles and other battles the Israelites had with the Philistines?) God is telling them that a worse enemy is coming out of the root of the Assyrian King who had taken some of their cities--"**out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.**" Although this probably alludes to the destruction of that area by future kings of Assyria, there is definitely a modern day application of a "cockatrice" that has come forth from that root--**TERRORISM** and its associated groups. **THE PRIMARY TERRORIST GROUP IN THAT REGION IS HEZBOLLAH. WATCH THAT PARTICULAR GROUP IN THE MIDDLE EAST!!!**

## 2. CHAPTER 15

Verse 1-9 The **BURDEN** of **MOAB**. Remember the use of the word "burden" by the prophet. Sometimes, especially when God is judging, the prophet feels the "weight," the heaviness of the judgment upon that particular group of people. Moab was the nation that came forth from Abraham's nephew Lot and his incestuous relationship with his daughters after the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah when they thought they were the only ones remaining on earth. Lot was given wine and did not know that both daughters had slept with him to conceive seed. The firstborn daughter's child was Moab and the younger daughter's son was Ammon (Ammonites). The Moabites lived on the East side of the Jordan and God chose Ruth, a Moabitess, to marry the kinsman redeemer, Boaz. She was the great grandmother of King David! As a nation, Moab had tried to hinder Israel when they were first entering the Promised Land. Isaiah attempts to encourage them to cling to the House of David.

## 3. CHAPTER 16

Verses 1-14 Isaiah continues with his denunciation of the land of Moab, but in verse 5 his prophecy clearly lifts to the prophecy of the coming Messiah. In verse 14, the incredible prophecy of the **EXACT TIME** of the destruction of Moab--3 years--and only a remnant left.

## 4. CHAPTER 17

Verses 1-14 Isaiah's **BURDEN** of **DAMASCUS (SYRIA)**, who had confederated with the Northern Kingdom Israel to attack the Southern Kingdom Judah. The prophet declares it shall be a **RUINOUS HEAP**. God used **ASSYRIA** to judge Damascus, Syria and the Northern Kingdom for their confederation against the Southern Kingdom. Verse 6 states that the Lord will allow a few to be left in the Northern Kingdom who will follow him. This prophecy is **VALIDATED** in II Chronicles 34:9.

## 5. CHAPTER 18

Verses 1-7 **NOT** a denunciation of **Ethiopia (South Egypt)** who had become strengthened, but a prophecy that the powerful Assyrian Empire under King Sennacherib would be **STOPPED BY GOD** from taking Jerusalem, which, in turn, would close the door for Assyria marching on into Ethiopia. (Remember reading about King Sennacherib's general, Rabshakeh, taunting the men on the wall of Jerusalem and telling them to tell King Hezekiah that no God could deliver out of the hand of the Assyrian army? II Kings 18:17)

## 6. CHAPTER 19

Verses 1-25 Isaiah's BURDEN of **EGYPT**. Egyptian would fight against Egyptian and Egypt would fall to a "cruel lord; and a fierce king..." Verse 4. The new King of Assyria, Esar-haddon, came to power AFTER Isaiah's death! This stunning prophecy gives an OVERVIEW of Israel as a nation 600 YEARS LATER during the time of Christ. As a result of the Jews taken captive into Babylon and those who resided in the Persian capital of Shushan (Queen Esther), many Jews later settled in Egypt. Some had fled there during the siege of Jerusalem. 600 years later, by the time of Christ, the city of Alexandria in Egypt was a Jewish city. In Christ's time, the land of Israel had **3 parts of connecting highways--Palestinian, Egyptian, and Mesopotamian**. This is referenced in verse 24. Although this prophecy had PHYSICAL fulfillment, the **SPIRITUAL fulfillment is GREATER**. Egypt has always been a symbol of the WORLD that Christians are called to come out of, just as the Hebrews were delivered out of ancient Egypt.

Verse 14 states that the "Lord hath mingled a **PERVERSE** spirit in the midst thereof..." It is undeniable that our world has a PERVERSE SPIRIT operating in it.

Verse 18 states that in a FUTURE DAY, 5 (the number of Grace) cities in the land of EGYPT would **SPEAK THE LANGUAGE (See Zephaniah 3:9 and Acts 2: 4-12)** of the Hebrew people and swear to the TRUE LORD of HOSTS. This is a SPIRITUAL reference to the DAY OF PENTECOST and the PURE LANGUAGE of the GOSPEL being given to THE WHOLE WORLD--EGYPT AND BEYOND! This is a **COUNTER-FULFILLMENT OF THE TOWER OF BABEL--ALL NATIONS BROUGHT TOGETHER WITH THE PURE LANGUAGE OF THE GOSPEL: JESUS SAVES AND HE SAVES ALL!!!**

Verse 19 says there shall be AN ALTAR to the LORD in the midst of the land of EGYPT--clearly a reference to the ALTAR OF CALVARY'S CROSS being given to the WORLD! Verse 20, just as Joseph in the Book of Genesis was made Prime Minister over Egypt and was a SAVIOR to them in the famine, so is Jesus the SAVIOR of EGYPT (THE WORLD).

Verse 21, "the Lord SHALL BE KNOWN to Egypt..." Hallelujah! God is making Himself KNOWN to the WHOLE WIDE WORLD AND THE GLORIOUS NEWS IS THAT HE WANTS TO USE **YOUR MOUTH TO DO IT!!!** REMEMBER, THE DAY OF PENTECOST FOCUSED ON THE MOUTH! GOD WOULD TALK THROUGH US!!! WHAT A THOUGHT! IT IS THE HIGHEST HONOR GIVEN TO MANKIND IN THIS LIFE!

## 7. CHAPTER 20

Verses 1-6 Isaiah's attempt to discourage Judah from getting military assistance from Egypt--that **Assyria would eventually conquer Egypt and Ethiopia**, leading them away captive. Verse 4. This prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled 12 years later with stunning accuracy. But, again, this overthrow of Egypt and Ethiopia would eventually lead to the Jews settling in those areas, which, in turn, would lead to the

Gospel being preached and received in those areas FIRST, after the resurrection of Christ.

8. CHAPTER 21

Verses 1-10 Isaiah's BURDEN of the **DESERT OF THE SEA is BABYLON.**

AGAIN, Babylon was 100 years into the future! Yet Isaiah described her as a desert of the sea--an apt description because Babylon was situated among DYKES AND CANALS! He again names those who will overthrow Babylon in verse 2--ELAM AND MEDIA--this alludes to the Medo-Persian King, Cyrus the Great who captured Elam and Media then continued to conquer.

VERSE 9 IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: **BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN.** SAME TERMINOLOGY IN **THE BOOK OF REVELATION** FOR THE FUTURE EVENT OF GOD'S JUDGMENT UPON THE ENTIRE EARTH. (This is another example of SCRIPTURE INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE.)

Verses 11-12 DUMAH is another name for **EDOM** (Mt. Seir), the descendants of ESAU, JACOB'S BROTHER whom Jacob had deceived and in the deception, received the inheritance/rights of the FIRSTBORN. God had allowed the descendants to continue, due to the ancestry of ABRAHAM, but would eventually JUDGE them for their continual HINDRANCE to ISRAEL.

Verses 13-17 **ARABIA** was situated between EDOM and BABYLON. The names DEDAN, TEMA, and KEDAR refer to ARABIA. Isaiah's prophecy shows that WITHIN A YEAR, (verse 16) the powerful King of Assyria, sometimes called SARGON, but otherwise known as ESARHADDON would take the area.