

End of an Empire

Isaiah 9:8-10:4

“Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life.”

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I. Responding with Arrogance

*The people say with pride
and arrogance of heart,
“The bricks have fallen down,
but we will rebuild with dressed stone;
the fig trees have been felled,
but we will replace them with cedars.”*

Isaiah 9:9,10

A. People Pleasing

*The people have not returned to Him who struck them,
nor have they sought the Lord Almighty.
So the Lord will cut off from Israel both head and tail,
both palm branch and reed in a single day;
the elders and dignitaries are the head,
the prophets who teach lies are the tail.*

Isaiah 9:13-15

B. Continual Craving

*On the right they will devour,
but still be hungry;
on the left they will eat,
but not be satisfied.
Manasseh devours Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh,
and together they are against Judah.
In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away
and His hand is still stretched out.*

Isaiah 9:20,21

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C. Oppressive Laws

*Woe to those who make unjust laws,
to those who issue oppressive decrees.*

Isaiah 10:1

II. Running for Help

*What will you do on the day of reckoning,
when disaster comes from afar?
To whom will you run for help?
Where will you leave your riches?*

Isaiah 10:3

III. Revealing His Arm

I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.

Exodus 6

With your mighty arm you redeemed your people.

Psalms 77

*Be our arm every morning,
our salvation in the time of trouble.*

Isaiah 33

*The Lord has made bare His holy arm
in the eyes of all the nations,
and all the kings of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.*

Isaiah 52

To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Isaiah 53

He has shown strength with His arm.

Luke 1