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# God's Ways are Higher Than Ours



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When we look at what is happening in the Middle East, we can think that it is a hopeless situation. It has been in turmoil for thousands of years. It seems like there is no end in sight to the turmoil. But are we looking at it with the eyes of faith and prophecy? God is in control, and He is doing great things there behind the scenes of what the world is showing and telling us. We know that the Lord and the Spirit are there. This is why we do missions. That is why we respond to this situation and other disasters around the world. We respond and help those that are suffering and in need. Through those supplies and help, we pray that many will come to know the Lord and that they will learn to fear the Lord. This changes them and the Spirit will use them to change others. God Himself brings judgement against nations and uses the fear of Him to bring them to Himself. There is an amazing amount of grace being poured out in this prophecy. When we do missions, we must remember that His ways are higher than ours.

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**Isaiah 19:16** After the division, confusion, sorcery, captivity, drought, and a spirit of distortion, the Egyptians will become weak and tremble and be in dread, or fear, of the Lord. Just by the wave of His mighty hand.

**17** Egypt will be in dread of the land of Judah, or Israel. The Lord will use Israel to punish Egypt, or to threaten them militarily. Or they know that the Lord is the God of Israel and He will punish them by sending oppressors against them.

**18** In that day, five cities in Egypt will speak Hebrew and they will follow the Lord. The city of Destruction or The Sun. A very idolatrous city, yet it will worship the Lord. God can do this!

**19** There will be an altar and a pillar to the Lord in Egypt in that day. The pillar will be on the border. The Jews will bring the Lord of Hosts into Egypt.

**20** This altar and pillar will be a witness and a reminder of the God of Israel that they are in fear of. They know what Yahweh has done for His people. When the invasion comes, they will cry to the One that parted the Red Sea and destroyed Pharaoh and his army. He will send a Savior and a Champion to deliver them.

**21** The Lord Jesus will reveal Himself to them in some way, and they will know Him. They will be sincere in their worship of Him.

**22** The Lord strikes but with the object of them turning to Him. Then He heals them. The Lord disciplines those He loves. He does this to individuals and to nations.



**23** In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. They will travel back and forth and worship the Lord together.

**24** Israel, Egypt, and Assyria, together will be a blessing in the midst of the earth. The one new man Paul spoke of. Ephesians 2:13-16.

**25** The Lord will bless all three of them. My people, the work of My hands, and My inheritance, were all applied to Israel in the past. Now they are applied to all three unconditionally.

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## THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Do you think of God's grace when you give to or are involved in missions and ministry?
- Do you constantly remember His grace saving you?
- Do you believe that the Lord can change any nation?
- Do you believe that what you do in missions and ministry is a part of His amazing grace towards a people group or a nation?