

ISAIAH 17



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ISAIAH 17:1-3 NKJV

THE BURDEN AGAINST DAMASCUS. "BEHOLD, DAMASCUS WILL CEASE FROM BEING A CITY, AND IT WILL BE A RUINOUS HEAP. [2] THE CITIES OF AROER ARE FORSAKEN; THEY WILL BE FOR FLOCKS WHICH LIE DOWN, AND NO ONE WILL MAKE THEM AFRAID. [3] THE FORTRESS ALSO WILL CEASE FROM EPHRAIM, THE KINGDOM FROM DAMASCUS, AND THE REMNANT OF SYRIA; THEY WILL BE AS THE GLORY OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL," SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS.

- ❖ (V 2) Aroer was built by the tribe of Gad (in lands allotted to them east of the Jordan river.
- ❖ Damascus will be utterly destroyed
- ❖ They will be for flocks= the birds will devour them
- ❖ No one will be there to scare off the scavengers
- ❖ Ephraim's (Israel) military power will fail and their allies Damascus and Syria will fail them

ISAIAH 17:4-6 NKJV

"IN THAT DAY IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT THE GLORY OF JACOB WILL WANE, AND THE FATNESS OF HIS FLESH GROW LEAN. [5] IT SHALL BE AS WHEN THE HARVESTER GATHERS THE GRAIN, AND REAPS THE HEADS WITH HIS ARM; IT SHALL BE AS HE WHO GATHERS HEADS OF GRAIN IN THE VALLEY OF REPHAIM. [6] YET GLEANING GRAPES WILL BE LEFT IN IT, LIKE THE SHAKING OF AN OLIVE TREE, TWO OR THREE OLIVES AT THE TOP OF THE UPPERMOST BOUGH, FOUR OR FIVE IN ITS MOST FRUITFUL BRANCHES," SAYS THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL.

❖(V 4) Jacob's (Israel's) prosperity will fade; plentiful supply will turn to shortages

❖(V 5) brings a picture of judgment

❖(V 6) only a small remnant will be left

ISAIAH 17:7-9 NKJV

IN THAT DAY A MAN WILL LOOK TO HIS MAKER,
AND HIS EYES WILL HAVE RESPECT FOR THE HOLY
ONE OF ISRAEL. [8] HE WILL NOT LOOK TO THE
ALTARS, THE WORK OF HIS HANDS; HE WILL NOT
RESPECT WHAT HIS FINGERS HAVE MADE, NOR
THE WOODEN IMAGES NOR THE INCENSE ALTARS.
[9] IN THAT DAY HIS STRONG CITIES WILL BE AS A
FORSAKEN BOUGH AND AN UPPERMOST BRANCH,
WHICH THEY LEFT BECAUSE OF THE CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL; AND THERE WILL BE DESOLATION.

❖ (V 7) Even the pagan will come to respect the God of Israel and know that He

❖ (V 8) They will understand that idols are just manmade trinkets that are useless to help them.

❖ (V 9) Strong cities will be left desolate

ISAIAH 17:10-11 NKJV

BECAUSE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE GOD OF
YOUR SALVATION, AND HAVE NOT BEEN
MINDFUL OF THE ROCK OF YOUR
STRONGHOLD, THEREFORE YOU WILL PLANT
PLEASANT PLANTS AND SET OUT FOREIGN
SEEDLINGS; [11] IN THE DAY YOU WILL MAKE
YOUR PLANT TO GROW, AND IN THE MORNING
YOU WILL MAKE YOUR SEED TO FLOURISH; BUT
THE HARVEST WILL BE A HEAP OF RUINS IN
THE DAY OF GRIEF AND DESPERATE SORROW.

- ❖ (V 10) Israel had attached themselves to godless pagans for protection instead of trusting in God
- ❖ Planting vineyards/fields (rituals added to worship) that produced strange/worthless grapes (cf. 5:1-2)
- ❖ “Forgotten the God of your salvation” (brings to mind the exodus from Egypt)
- ❖ “Not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold”
- ❖ (V 11) They will reap what they sow (Galatians 6:7)

ISAIAH 17:12-14 NKJV

WOE TO THE MULTITUDE OF MANY PEOPLE WHO MAKE
A NOISE LIKE THE ROAR OF THE SEAS, AND TO THE
RUSHING OF NATIONS THAT MAKE A RUSHING LIKE THE
RUSHING OF MIGHTY WATERS! [13] THE NATIONS WILL
RUSH LIKE THE RUSHING OF MANY WATERS; BUT GOD
WILL REBUKE THEM AND THEY WILL FLEE FAR AWAY,
AND BE CHASED LIKE THE CHAFF OF THE MOUNTAINS
BEFORE THE WIND, LIKE A ROLLING THING BEFORE THE
WHIRLWIND. [14] THEN BEHOLD, AT EVENTIDE,
TROUBLE! AND BEFORE THE MORNING, HE IS NO MORE.
THIS IS THE PORTION OF THOSE WHO PLUNDER US, AND
THE LOT OF THOSE WHO ROB US.

❖ God is in control!

❖ Nations may scheme and plan, they may make war

❖ But, it is God who is sovereign

❖ He will disburse them and their plans and
aggression

❖ Like a tumbleweed in a wind storm

APPLICATION

- ❖ Where do we place our trust?
- ❖ The importance of prayer.
- ❖ The importance of knowing and having a relationship with God.