

Isaiah 10



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Isaiah 10:5-7 NKJV

"Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hand is My indignation. [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. [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.

Isaiah 10:8-11 NKJV

For he says, 'Are not my princes altogether kings? [9]
Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not Hamath like
Arpad? Is not Samaria like Damascus? [10] As my
hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, Whose
carved images excelled those of Jerusalem and
Samaria, [11] As I have done to Samaria and her
idols, Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her
idols?'"

- ❖ This oracle is a “woe” against Assyria
- ❖ God will use Assyria as an instrument of judgment against Israel
 - ❖ “The rod of My anger”
 - ❖ “The staff in whose hand is My indignation”
 - ❖ The Good Shepherd motif
- ❖ God will use them to punish:
 - ❖ an “ungodly nation,” “against the people of My wrath”
 - ❖ “I will give him charge” “to seize the spoil” “take the prey”
“tread them down”

- ❖ Make no mistake! God is the sovereign not Assyria or its leader.
- ❖ (v 7) Assyria does not mean so= they have no idea that God is allowing this to happen.
- ❖ They are not calling the shots or delivering victory
- ❖ His heart does not think so= they think that they are the reason for their own success
- ❖ Their heart is about exalting themselves (conquering, world domination)
- ❖ (vv 8,9) Look at all the colonies; we have created an empire

❖ (Vv 10, 11)

- ❖ I have found kingdoms with greater gods than the God of Israel
- ❖ They equated their victory to having a greater god
- ❖ I have done this; I have done that
- ❖ There is no other God besides Yahweh!
 - ❖ All others are just useless carvings
 - ❖ The God of Israel is sovereign creator and ruler (He orders the events of history) (Proverbs 21:1-2)

Isaiah 10:12 NKJV

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."

Isaiah 10:13-14 NKJV

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. [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."

- ❖ (v 12) “all His work” refers to His work of judgment upon Israel
- ❖ When God is finished with His work of judgment, He will punish the tool of His judgment
 - ❖ One might say: “That’s not fair if they were a mere tool.”
 - ❖ They would be wrong!
 - ❖ The punishment is not for going against Israel
 - ❖ The punishment is for the fruit of their arrogant heart.

- ❖ In verses 13 & 14, God gives the evidence of that bad fruit from a rotten heart.
- ❖ Notice the words and thoughts with which the Assyrians used.
- ❖ Notice especially the use of the personal pronouns: I and my
- ❖ The same fatal mistake made by Satan! (Isaiah 14:12-15)

Isaiah 10:15-16 NKJV

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! [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.

Isaiah 10:17-19 NKJV

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. [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. [19] Then the rest of the trees of his forest Will be so few in number That a child may write them.

- ❖(v 15) The Lord reveals their flawed logic.
- ❖(V 16) God pronounces judgment on Assyria
- ❖(Vv 17-19) God will show Assyria the fallacy of trusted in their military strength by destroying it!
 - ❖Their land will become barren
 - ❖The trees (soldiers) will become small in number
 - ❖Assyria lost 185,000 when surrounding Jerusalem

Isaiah 10:20-23 NKJV

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. [21]

The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, To the Mighty God. [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. [23] For the Lord GOD of hosts Will make a determined end In the midst of all the land.

- ❖ The remnant is once again foretold that will enter the millennial kingdom
- ❖ They will never be dependent on foreigners
- ❖ They will instead depend solely and perfectly on the LORD
- ❖ They will progress in numbers as the sand of the sea
- ❖ The Lord has this planned in detail (No panic in heaven; only plans)

Isaiah 10:24-27 NKJV

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. [25] For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction." [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. [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.

- ❖ A message to Israel do not fear
- ❖ You will not be utterly destroyed
- ❖ The judgment will have an end
- ❖ Then Assyria will be punished and destroyed like Midian (Judges 7)
- ❖ The yoke taken from your neck
 - ❖ The yoke of sin
 - ❖ Anointing oil, I believe, refers to the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 10:28-32 NKJV

He has come to Aiath, He has passed Migron; At Michmash he has attended to his equipment. [29] They have gone along the ridge, They have taken up lodging at Geba. Ramah is afraid, Gibeah of Saul has fled. [30] Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gallim! Cause it to be heard as far as Laish- O poor Anathoth! [31] Madmenah has fled, The inhabitants of Gebim seek refuge. [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.

The route the Assyrian invaders would take in trying to defeat Judah in 701 b.c. was from the northern boundary of Judah at **Aiath** (another name for Ai), about eight miles north of **Jerusalem**, southward to **Nob**, about two miles north of Jerusalem. The sites of 8 of the 12 towns are known (all except **Gallim ... Laishah ... Madmenah**, and **Gebim**).

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Isaiah 10:33-34 NKJV

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. [34] He will cut down the
thickets of the forest with iron, And Lebanon
will fall by the Mighty One.

- ❖ The LORD will humble the proud!
- ❖ Assyria would not succeed in its plan to take Jerusalem.
- ❖ **The Lord Almighty** is the One who cuts down **the lofty trees** (the Assyrian soldiers and leaders; cf. v. 18).
- ❖ Isaiah had already reminded the people that they need not worry about the Assyrian aggression because He was on their side (vv. 24–27).
- ❖ Even **Lebanon**, known for its thick **forests** of cedar trees, would fall before God. Certainly, then, Assyria should not think it could escape.