

Session 6 The Forerunner Message in Isaiah 18-19

I. THE CONTEXT OF ETHIOPIA AND EGYPT IN THE END TIMES (DAN. 11:42-43)

- A. The Antichrist will attack Egypt and gain control over Ethiopia (Dan. 11:42-43). Ultimately, Jesus will destroy the Antichrist's armies and will redeem Ethiopia (Isa. 18:7) and Egypt (Isa. 19:16-25).

⁴²He [Antichrist] shall stretch out his hand against...Egypt...⁴³He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver...also the...Ethiopians shall follow at his heels [cooperate with him]. (Dan. 11:42-43)

1. Egypt will be temporarily occupied by the Antichrist's military forces, giving the Antichrist control of their national finances resources.
2. The Ethiopians "shall follow at his heels," or be in step, in cooperation, with the Antichrist.
3. The Antichrist shall invade the Glorious Land of Israel (11:45). He will plant part of his headquarters around Jerusalem. The "glorious holy mountain" speaks of the temple site in Jerusalem. The two seas are the Mediterranean Sea (in the west) and the Dead Sea (in the east).

⁴⁵"And he [Antichrist] shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas [Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea] and the glorious holy mountain [Jerusalem]..." (Dan. 11:45)

B. Outline

18:1-3 Instructions for the ambassadors sent to and from Ethiopia

18:4-6 God's message for Ethiopia and the nations

18:7 The Ethiopians will worship the Lord in Jerusalem

- C. Most agree that specific events related to these prophecies are not clearly discernable. Some suggest that the events referred to in Isaiah 18 occurred around 720 BC and those in Isaiah 19 during the reign of Piankhi just after 720 BC. Some associate Isaiah 18 with Sargon's attack on Philistia in 711 BC or Sennacherib's attack in 701 BC or when Shabaka took control of southern Egypt in 716 BC.

- D. Instructions for the ambassadors or messengers being sent to and from Ethiopia (18:1-3): The ambassadors from Ethiopia went to Jerusalem and/or to other foreign courts (Moab, Philistia) seeking an alliance against Assyria. Isaiah 18 was written for the benefit of the people in Jerusalem.

¹Woe to the land...which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, ²which sends ambassadors by sea... saying, "Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth of skin [Ethiopia]...whose land the rivers divide."³All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth: when he [a messenger] lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see it; and when he blows a trumpet, you hear it. (Isa. 18:1-3)

1. **Banner on the mountain:** Something very important was going to happen as signified by a “banner being raised” and “a trumpet being blown” (18:3). This is a sign that God is at work, usually related to war (Isa. 13:2; Jer. 51:27). Isaiah’s message is that all the nations need to be alerted (18:3) because the Lord was issuing a call to battle. No one could miss that call when it came. Isaiah does not say who is involved in the war. Historically, it might have referred to a war bringing God’s judgment on Assyria (17:12-14)—the message just before Isaiah 18.
2. **All inhabitants of the world:** A call to war will go forth to all the nations (Isa. 18:3). One of the most sober realities in God’s end-time plan is the Lord calling the nations to war, especially at the end-time battle in Jerusalem (Joel 3:2, 9-14; Zech. 12:3; 14:2; Zeph. 3:8; Ezek. 38:4; Rev. 6:4). Satan and the Antichrist will also gather the nations to Israel (Rev. 16:13-14; 17:12-14; 19:19).

²*I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem... (Zech. 14:2)*

²*I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat [near Jerusalem]; and I will enter into judgment with them...⁹Proclaim this among the nations: “Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near...¹¹Assemble and come, all you nations...¹²“Let the nations...come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³...for the harvest is ripe... (Joel 3:2, 9-13)*

⁸*“...My determination is to gather the nations to My assembly of kingdoms, to pour on them My indignation...all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.” (Zeph. 3:8)*

II. GOD’S MESSAGE FOR ETHIOPIA AND THE NATIONS (ISA. 18:4-6)

- A. Using agricultural metaphors, Isaiah described God’s all-consuming judgment against His enemy.

⁴*For so the LORD said to me, “I will take My rest, and I will look from My dwelling place like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”⁵For before the harvest... He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks and take away and cut down the branches.⁶They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey and for the beasts of the earth... (Isa. 18:4-6)*

1. **I will take My rest:** Sometimes the Lord is described as sitting to judge the nations. In the serenity of sovereignty, He sits in confidence above all chaos and the fray of war.
²*I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to [Jerusalem]; and I will enter into judgment...¹²for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. (Joel 3:2, 12)*
2. **Like heat:** Isaiah described God’s overwhelming power—as He gazes on the earth in a way that is compared to the burning heat of summer or a cloud of dew in the harvest. The heat at harvest time is overpowering, and the cloud of dew engulfs the whole land. God is “intensely present” everywhere, like the summer heat. These were familiar terms to the agricultural community.
3. **Cut off:** The Lord will prune the nations as a farmer prunes his vines and trees. The nations to be pruned or destroyed are not named. The details can be applied at various times in history.

4. **Sprig:** a small stem that might be pruned from a tree or bush.
 5. **Before the harvest:** The Lord would prune or judge the nations *before* they reached harvest time—at a time that they did not expect it to come.
 6. **Will be left:** The branches and sprigs were cut off and left to the birds and wild animals to eat.
- B. One of the most challenging parts of God’s end-time plan in using war to wake up the nations.
⁹For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. (Isa. 26:9)
- C. After Armageddon, the corpses of the dead soldiers will be left on the ground for the birds to eat (Ezek. 39:17-20; Rev. 19:17-19). These verses elaborate on 18:6 “being left for the birds of prey.”
¹⁷...saying to all the birds..., “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, ¹⁸that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men...” ¹⁹I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered...to make war against Him. (Rev. 19:17-19)
- D. The Ethiopians will worship the Lord (18:7). After Jesus defeats the armies of the Antichrist, the Ethiopians (18:2) will bring gifts to God in Mount Zion in Jerusalem to worship and express their gratitude to God for destroying their enemy. “In that time” links the timing of the Ethiopians offering their gift to the Lord in 18:7 to the judgment released in context to the war in 18:4-6.
⁷In that time a present will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth of skin [Ethiopia, v2] ... to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, to Mount Zion. (Isa. 18:7)
- E. About 300 years before Isaiah 18 was written, David spoke of kings bringing presents to the king in Jerusalem and the envoys or ambassadors working with Egypt and Ethiopia turning to God.
²⁹...Your temple at Jerusalem, kings will bring presents to You.³⁰...till everyone submits himself [to God] ...³¹Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.³²Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord. (Ps. 68:29-32)
- F. If the Lord will show such extravagant grace to Ethiopia, after they cooperated with the Antichrist (Dan. 11:43), then we can ask Him show the same extravagant grace to other nations too.
- G. Ethiopian Jews have lived for centuries in Ethiopia, which is often referred to as Beta Israel. In 1977, the Israeli government determined that the Law of Return applied to Ethiopian Jews. The USA and Israeli government financed their transport to relocate to the land of Israel. By 2008, there were 120,000 people of [Ethiopian descent living in Israel](#) which includes 80,000 born in Ethiopia.

III. THE LORD STRIKES AND HEALS EGYPT (ISA. 19:1-25)

- A. **Principle:** What the Lord does in striking and healing Egypt is a model of what He will do for other nations too. The glory and judgment released in fullness at Jesus’ coming will be released in part now. We pray for the release in *part* of that which will be released in *fullness* at His return.
²²And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them. (Isa. 19:22)

B. Outline:

- 19:1-15 God will prevail over Egypt's false gods.
 - 19:1-5 Egypt's social upheaval and civil strife
 - 19:5-10 Egypt's economic troubles and a fierce king
 - 19:11-15 Egypt's terrible political leadership

- 19:16-25 God will save Egypt, and they will worship Jesus.
 - 19:16-17 Egypt will face fearsome troubles.
 - 19:18-22 The Lord will deliver Egypt and release a great revival.
 - 19:23-25 Egypt and Assyria will worship God.

C. **Review:** When interpreting end-time prophecies, we understand that many prophecies often have a partial fulfillment in history, with ultimate fulfillment at the end of the age.

1. Lord's plan is to strike and to heal (19:22). Isaiah 19 is thematic more than chronological. The ultimate fulfillment of the events in 19:1-15 will occur at the same time that the events of 19:16-25 occurs. See the end of this handout for events that will occur before Jesus returns.
²²And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to the LORD... (Isa. 19:22)
2. The negative events in Egypt as prophesied in 19:1-15 have not yet occurred in their fullness.
3. A few similar events happened in minor ways throughout the history of Egypt, but not with the same intensity or with the remarkable results as described in 19:16-25.

D. Assyria defeated the Egyptians in 720 BC. There was civil strife and political failure in Egypt from 724-720 BC. Attempts to locate this in a specific historical context seem futile (Oswalt).

E. Summary of 19:1-15: The Lord will come to Egypt to confront the idols of Egypt and to turn the hearts of the people to Himself. His plan includes stirring up Egyptians to fight each other until the country is filled with civil strife. This will lead them turn to their idols and occult practices to seek solutions. This will prove ineffective, so the nation will be in great despair, leading to a fierce king coming to power. The Lord will cause the Nile River to dry up, leading to an economic collapse.

F. The social upheaval and civil strife in Egypt as the Lord confronts their idols (19:1-2): The nation will be in great despair (19:2, 3). The Lord will give Egypt into the hands of the Antichrist for a brief season to strike the nation so that the Lord make heal the nation (19:4, 22)

¹The burden against Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.

²"I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; everyone will fight against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom. ³The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, and they will consult the idols and...the sorcerers. ⁴And the Egyptians I will give into the hand of a cruel master [Antichrist], and a fierce king will rule over them," says the Lord, the LORD of hosts. (Isa. 19:1-4)

- G. Egypt will have great economic related to the Lord causing the Nile River to dry up (19:5, 10).
⁵*The waters will fail from the sea, and the [Nile] river will be wasted and dried up.* ⁶*The rivers will turn foul...the reeds and rushes will wither.* ⁷*The papyrus reeds by the River...and everything sown by the River, will wither...and be no more.* ⁸*The fishermen also will mourn...and they will languish who spread nets on the waters...* ¹⁰*All who make wages will be troubled of soul.* (Isa. 19:5-10)
1. **River will be dried up:** The Lord will dry up both the Nile (19:5) and the Euphrates Rivers (Isa. 11:15; Zech. 10:11; Rev. 16:12). The Lord will destroy the tongue or gulf of Egypt (Gulf of Suez) at the Red Sea, and He will cause the Euphrates River to dry up (Isa. 11:15).
¹²*Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.* (Rev. 16:12)
¹¹*He shall...strike the waves of the sea: all the depths of the River [Euphrates] shall dry up.* (Zech. 10:11)
¹⁵*The Lord will utterly destroy the tongue [gulf] of the Sea of Egypt...He will shake His fist over the River [Euphrates], and strike it...and make men cross over dry-shod.* (Isa. 11:15)
 2. The Lord may dry up the Nile by a supernatural act like He will dry up the Euphrates, or by a natural process of drought and Ethiopia's hostile use of their Grand Renaissance Dam.
 3. The Lord will mingle a perverse spirit in their political crisis (19:11-15)
¹³*The princes of Zoan have become fools; the princes of Noph are deceived; they have deluded Egypt...* ¹⁴*The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst; and they have caused Egypt to err in all her work, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.* (Isa. 19:13-14)
- H. Nine times the Lord declared that He would act directly in the affairs of Egypt. They include the Lord setting Egyptians against Egyptians (19:2), destroying the counsel of her national leaders (19:3), giving them into the hand of a "cruel master," the Antichrist (19:4), mingling a perverse spirit in the midst of her national leaders (19:14), waving His hand over them in judgment (19:16), determining to allow the Antichrist in Judah to bring terror to them (19:17), sending a Savior to deliver them (19:20), striking and healing the nation (19:22), and blessing Egypt, Assyria and Israel (19:25).
- I. We can identify five prophetic decrees in Isaiah 19—each beginning with "*in that day*" (19:16-17; 18; 19-22; 23; 24-25). I use the word *decree* in context to a biblical promise that we declare back to God in intercession. These decrees will be commonly known among the Body of Christ before Jesus returns, as the Church will be partnering in prayer with Jesus in His end-time plans.

IV. DECREE #1 (INDIVIDUAL): RELEASE THE FEAR OF GOD (ISA. 19:16-17)

- A. Isaiah 19:16-17 describes the fearful response that many Egyptians will have to the negative events prophesied in 19:1-15. The Lord wants to use the fear of trouble to cause people to look up and to find their solutions in the Lord and in embracing His leadership—thus, in the fear the Lord.
- B. Unbelievers in Egypt will be gripped with the fear in seeing God’s judgments on the wicked (19:16). Fear and terror are mentioned four times (19:16-17). This oracle is against those who refuse God’s grace. They will be afraid of Jesus’ judgments (19:1-15) and the Antichrist’s reign of terror in Judah.

¹⁶In that day Egypt will...be afraid and fear because of the waving of the hand [19:1-15] of the LORD of hosts, which He waves over it. ¹⁷And the land of Judah will be a terror to Egypt; everyone who makes mention of it will be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts which He has determined against it. (Isa. 19:16-17)

1. **Waving of the hand:** This refers to God’s judgment prophesied in 19:1-15. The Lord will wave His hand to destroy the tongue or gulf of Egypt (Gulf of Suez) at the Red Sea, and He will wave His hand or strike His first to cause the Euphrates River to dry up (Isa. 11:15). He will dry up both the Nile (19:5) and Euphrates rivers (Isa. 11:15; Zech. 10:11; Rev. 16:12)

¹⁵The Lord will utterly destroy the tongue [gulf] of the Sea of Egypt...He will shake His fist over the River [Euphrates], and strike it...and make men cross over dry-shod. (Isa. 11:15)

¹¹He shall...strike the waves of the sea: all the depths of the River [Euphrates] shall dry up. (Zech. 10:11)

2. **Strike:** The Lord struck the land of Egypt in the days of Moses (Ex. 3:20) and He will again strike Egypt (Isa. 19:22) and the nations of the earth in the end times (Isa. 11:4)

²⁰I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders... (Ex. 3:20)

²²And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it... (Isa. 19:22)

⁴He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and...shall slay the wicked. (Isa. 11:4)

3. **Terror:** The Antichrist’s reign of terror is described as a scourge going through the land of Judah (Isa. 28:14-19). Many Egyptians will be terrified in hearing the report from Judah.

¹⁸When the overflowing scourge [of the Antichrist] passes through, then you will be trampled down by it...¹⁹It will be a terror just to understand the report. (Isa. 28:18-19)

4. **He has determined:** The Lord shows Himself as determined in serious matters (Isa. 10:23; 19:17; 28:22; Dan. 9:24, 26, 27; 11:36; Zech. 1:6; 8:14, 15; Lk. 22:22; Acts 2:23; 4:28; 17:26)

- C. We pray, “Lord, wave Your hand of power to shake Egypt so that they cry out for Your salvation. Release the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Stop ungodly leaders who resist You.”

V. DECREE #2 (REGIONAL): RELEASE A SPIRIT OF REVIVAL (ISA. 19:18)

- A. The spirit of revival will rest in an unusual measure on five cities in Egypt before Jesus returns. This will happen to such a degree that these cities will swear to follow Jesus. They will be renowned for their dedication and boldness in the face of Islam and the Antichrist's oppression (19:20).

18In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will speak the language of Canaan [Hebrew] and swear by the LORD of hosts... (Isa. 19:18)

- B. To speak the "language of Canaan" means they will speak Hebrew. The official language of Canaan was Arabic for 1400 years. In 1948, the primary language changed to Hebrew. It would not be a noteworthy prophetic event for five cities in Egypt to speak Arabic. Does this refer to Jews speaking Hebrew in these five cities because so many moved to them? Or will Egyptians be called by the Spirit to learn Hebrew in preparation for Jews seeking refuge there?
- C. We pray, "Lord, release a spirit of revival, dedication, and boldness in the five cities, and come in power to awaken these five regions with an unusual outpouring of the Spirit."

VI. DECREE #3 (NATIONAL): PRAYER MINISTRY & NATIONAL SALVATION (ISA. 19:19-22)

- A. The grace of prayer leading to a great revival and supernatural deliverance from the Antichrist will be released in Egypt before Jesus returns. The Lord will strike the land and then heal it.

19In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border. 20And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them. 21Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the LORD and perform it. 22And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them. (Isa. 19:19-22)

- B. ***Altar to the Lord:*** Egypt will build an altar and a pillar as expressions of gratitude.
- C. ***Pillar to the Lord:*** Egypt will build a pillar as expressions of their gratitude for their national deliverance. It will be a monument at the border to testify of their devotion to Jesus (19:19-20).
- D. ***Cry to the Lord:*** A mighty prayer movement will be raised up that will cry out for God to remove wickedness until the nation and protect them from the Antichrist's oppression until the land is delivered (19:20) and fully healed (19:22). The Antichrist will function as an "end-time Pharaoh" who will oppress God's people. The saints will cry out for deliverance as Israel did in Moses' day.
- 7"I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry... 8So I have come down to deliver them..."The cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them." (Ex. 3:7-9)***
- E. ***Make a vow:*** Egypt will perform or follow through on their vows to the Lord (19:21).

- F. **Five stages:** Egypt's national oppression (stage #1, v. 20) will create the context for a national prayer movement to mature (stage #2, v.20, 22). This will lead to a national deliverance (stage #3, v. 22), then national salvation (stage #4, v. 21), and the healing of the land and its national infrastructures (stage #5, v. 22).
- G. We pray, "Lord, release grace on to raise up a mighty prayer movement in Egypt to contend for national deliverance, salvation, and healing."

VII. DECREE #4 (INTERNATIONAL): RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NATIONS (ISA. 19:23)

- A. Believers in Egypt will be unified with believers in Assyria—parts of modern-day Iraq, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon, and parts of the Gulf countries, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Iran.
²³In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria. The Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. (Isa. 19:23)
- B. **Highway:** A highway will facilitate international relationships, cooperation, and communication. Isaiah often referred to this literal millennial highway (Isa. 11:16; 19:23; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10).
- C. We pray, "Lord, fully unify Egyptian and Iraqi believers now as a first fruits."

VIII. DECREE #5 (GLOBAL): RELEASE WORLDWIDE UNITY (ISA. 19:24-25)

- A. Egypt and Assyria (Muslim nations) will be fully reconciled with Israel (19:24-25). Israel will be reconciled to her longest-standing enemies as they embrace Jesus. The names once reserved only for Israel will be given to Egypt and Assyria. Unity comes as the national identity and destiny of each nation is understood by each of these three nations.
²⁴In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria-- a blessing in the midst of the land [earth], ²⁵whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." (Isa. 19:24-25)
- B. The garden of Eden will be restored (Isa. 35:1-8; 51:3; Ezek. 34:29; 36:35; 47:6-12). The geographic area where Eden is most likely existed will be restored in the Millennium by the territory of these three ancient nations—Israel, Egypt, and Assyria. This unity will result in a blessing in the midst of the "land." The word for *land* is often translated "earth," as in the NIV, NAS, and RSV.
³⁵They will say, "This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden..." (Ezek. 36:35)
- C. God's glory will be poured out, resulting in the unity of Israel, Egypt, and Assyria. Great blessing to the world will result from this historic and unprecedented unity in Christ (Jn. 17:21-22).
²¹that they all may be one...that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one... (Jn. 17:21-22)

- D. Believers in Jesus from Israel and Gentiles nations (including Egypt and Assyria) make up one new man (Eph. 2:15), fulfilling part of the mystery of Christ (Eph. 3:4-6).
¹⁵...so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace... (Eph. 2:15)
⁴The mystery of Christ...⁶that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs... (Eph. 3:4-6)
- E. We pray, “Lord, unify Arab and Jewish believers as first-fruits and cause all to see Your calling on each of these nations, that they might serve You together with joy.” (Eph. 1:17-18).
- F. **Summary of 19:16-25:** There is a progression in the Lord’s plan here. It starts with fear, being filled with fear. Next, five cities or communities in Egypt become deeply devoted to Jesus. They will learn to speak Hebrew to help and relate to the Jewish people who are refugees in their land. An altar including a robust prayer movement and a pillar to the Lord will be erected in the land as a sign and a witness to Jesus who will deliver them from the oppression of the Antichrist. The Egyptians will know the LORD. This is followed by deep international relationships among Arab brothers in Christ in Assyria. The blessing from this unity will impact the earth.
- G. If the Lord will show such extravagant grace to Egypt, then we can ask Him show the same extravagant grace to other nations too.
- H. Isaiah 19 is thematic more than chronological. The ultimate fulfillment of the events in 19:1-15 will occur at the same time that the events of 19:16-25 occurs.
- I. Some events occur **before** Jesus returns, some **after**, and some may occur in **both** time frames.
1. Events that will occur **before** Jesus’ returns—include all those described 19:1-17, five cities who will speak Hebrew and swear by the Lord (19:18), Egypt establishing an altar and a pillar to the LORD (19:19), crying to the Lord because of oppressors (19:20), and the Lord striking Egypt, and Egypt returning to the Lord and entreating Him and being healing by Him (19:22).
 2. Events that will occur **after** Jesus returns—include the Lord sending a Savior (Jesus) to deliver them (19:20), the Egypt’s national salvation in knowing the Lord and making sacrifice and offering and performing their vow to Him (19:21), the establishing of a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Egyptians serving God with the Assyrians (19:23), Israel being unified with Egypt and Assyria and together blessing the earth (19:24) and the Lord saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance” (19:25).
 3. Events that may occur **before and after** He returns—include establishing an altar and a pillar to the Lord (19:19), returning to the Lord and entreating Him and being healing by Him (19:22).