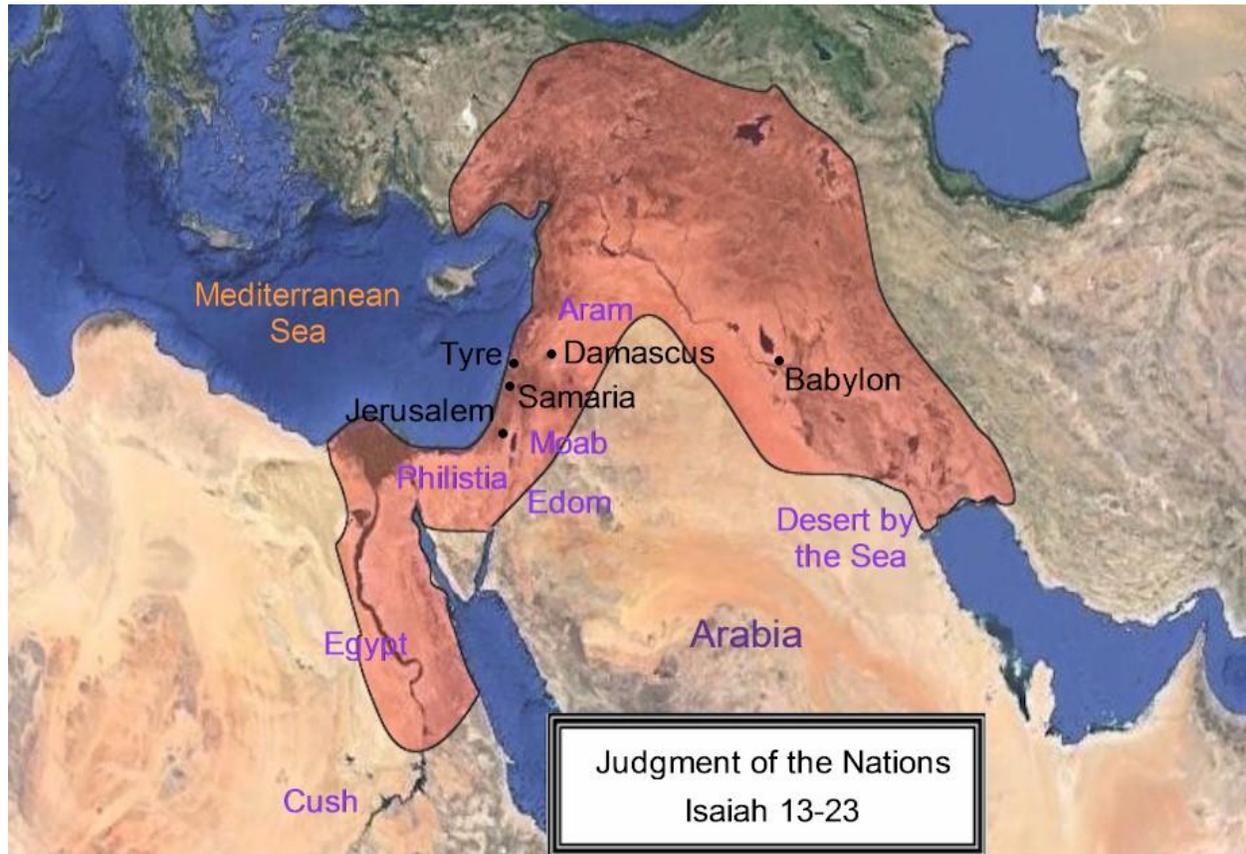


8 - JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS - PART 2 (ISAIAH 17:1-21:12)



I. Damascus (Isaiah 17:1-11)

- The nation of Aram is represented by its capital city, Damascus.
- Its cities will be reduced to ruins where flocks of sheep will roam.
- Its glory will be as fading as the northern kingdom of Israel.
- The glory of Israel will fade and only a remnant will remain as fruit in a harvested field.
- In the future, Israel will turn away from its idols and turn back to God.
- Until that time, Israel will face judgment as its cities become desolate.
- Because of their unfaithfulness, their efforts will be deemed as worthless as judgment comes.

II. Cush (Isaiah 17:12-18:7)

A. The raging of the nations (Isaiah 17:12-14)

- Isaiah compares the nations to a raging sea, yet they are nothing more than chaff.

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- Isaiah points out that those who would plunder will become as nothing.

B. The messengers to Cush (Isaiah 18:1-3)

- Isaiah proclaims woe on nation that sends ambassadors to form alliances.
- Rather, they should go back to Cush and inform them to fear the true ruler of the world.
- They should be alert for the banner and trumpet of God.

C. A message from God (Isaiah 18:4-7)

- Like the sun and dew, God is simply present and inescapable.
- He will cut down the enemy nations like unproductive branches.
- Israel must take note that one day Cush will bring an offering to God.

III. Egypt (Isaiah 19:1-20:6)

A. Egypt's fall (Isaiah 19:1-15)

- Egypt should fear the Lord who is coming in judgment.
- Their idols and practices are helpless before the living God.
- It is foolish for the nation to trust in the river that will one day dry up.
- All of Egypt's wisdom will be useless in the face of God's plan and purpose.

B. Egypt's future worship of God (Isaiah 19:16-25)

- In the future, Egypt will be afraid because of God and Judah.
- The cities of Egypt will speak Hebrew and swear allegiance to the Lord.
- The Lord will be worshipped in Egypt.
- God is going to join the Assyria, Egypt and Israel together in worship of the Lord.

C. Egypt's judgment (Isaiah 20:1-6)

- God spoke to Isaiah when Ashdod was taken commander of the Assyrian armies.
- God told Isaiah to walk about naked and barefooted for three years.
- It was to be a sign of how the Egyptians and Ethiopians will be led to captivity.

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- People will realize that the help they expected is gone and there is no other help.

IV. The Desert by the Sea (Isaiah 21:1-10)

- The Desert by the Sea refers to an area near Babylon known as the Persian Gulf today.
- Isaiah sees an invasion of the Desert by the Sea like a desert storm.
- Isaiah sees an uprising in Babylon as it rises up against Assyria.
- Isaiah is pained by the news that Babylon is rising up as a power.
- Rather than eating at a feast, they should be preparing for war.
- The Lord tells Isaiah to set a watchman to listen for the report that Babylon has fallen.
- Judah feels crushed like grain on the threshing floor.
- Isaiah proclaims that he is stating what he has heard from the Lord of Hosts.

V. Edom (Isaiah 21:11-12)

- Isaiah proclaims that the longed-for dawn yields only the night of destruction.