

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

ISAIAH CHAPTER 18:1-19:25

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“ALWAYS GOD AT WORK” – PART 1

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text;

Isaiah 18:1-19:25

Isaiah, the “Evangelical Prophet” as he is known,

has in the book some of the most beloved and familiar passages and verses of the Bible when it comes to our salvation and the ministry of the messiah – Jesus Christ.

Isaiah, The Seer is also a key player in the End Time events of Biblical prophecy. His ministry is focused on the nation and people of Israel - - but his prophecies encompass the entire world and even more so as the end approaches.

And so – I am not sure what you think about when you

pick up your Bible to read it, but when you do, you are holding a **“Time Missile”** or a Divine **“Rosetta Stone”** if you would – a **“God-Lens Telescope”** that is looking into the future, from the past and here we are dropping in on it all.

We have been looking at the “Burden of the Lord against...”

The word burden is our word Judgment.

Judgment is a Reality and a Fact.

What would be the “Burden against America” ?

I believe that the judgment that is coming to the United States will be some of the most harsh that God has applied. – here’s why?

Luke 12:47-48 NIV

“The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. 48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

**Because the United States has Been Blessed
by God more than any other nation in the history of mankind.**

He made us the most *Prosperous* Nation in Human history.

He made us the most *Influential* Nation in Human history.

He made us the most *Benevolent* Nation in Human history.

He made us the most *Powerful* Nation in Human history.

He made us the most *Advanced* Nation in Human history.

He made us the most *Fruitful* Nation in Human history.

But we turned those blessings into *Self Reliance*

But we turned those blessings into *Greed*

But we turned those blessings into *Abuse*

But we turned those blessings into *Selfishness*

But we turned those blessings into *Sexual Idolatry*

The final moments of a nations life is evidenced by;

**Prosperity / violence / self-absolution / dissolving of the family unit / sexual
fixation / lawlessness / humanism**

**Consider the final stages of our national cancer;
sexual aberrance / aberration**

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/grand-jury-indicts-leader-planned-parenthood-videos-36512019>

http://assets.nydailynews.com/polopoly_fs/1.1077461!/img/httpImage/image.jpg_gen/derivatives/article_970/gay14n-1-web.jpg

ALWAYS GOD AT WORK

1.) God at work among the nations

v.1-7

Isaiah 18:1-7

Woe to the land shadowed with buzzing wings,
Which is **beyond the rivers of Ethiopia** **Cush**.

:2 Which sends ambassadors by sea, Even in vessels of reed on the waters, saying, *“Go, swift messengers, to a nation **tall** (developed, independent, advanced) **and smooth of skin**, To a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide.”*

(and here - the prophecy goes global)

3 All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth: When he lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see it; And when he blows a trumpet, you hear it. 4 For so the LORD said to me, *“I will take My rest, And I will look from My dwelling place Like clear heat (withering) in sunshine, Like a cloud of dew (not good) in the heat of harvest.”* 5 For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect And the sour grape is ripening in the flower, He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks And take away and cut down the branches. 6 They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey And for the beasts of the earth; The birds of prey will summer on them, And all the beasts of the earth will winter on them. 7 In that time a present will be brought to the LORD of hosts From a people tall and smooth of skin, And from a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide - **To the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, To Mount Zion.**

ALWAYS GOD AT WORK

2.) God at work for a reason

v.1-3

Isaiah 19:1-24

The burden against Egypt. Behold, the **LORD** rides on a swift cloud, And will come into Egypt; The **idols** (worthless, icons, images – pyramids?) 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. 3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers.

This is of course historic and it is also happening
At this present hour and it shall be Egypt’ s future.
Egypt has, is and will be in a perpetual state of civil unrest.

**(as nations go - this is where the United States is in our day.
In her final hours, as judgment is looming)**

Verse 4

4 And the Egyptians I will give into the hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king will rule over them,” Says the Lord, the **LORD of hosts**. (Hosts – The Armies of Heaven)

Some Biblical Eschatologists see in verse 4 a prophecy regarding the coming Antichrist of the Last Days.

Verse 5-10

5 The waters will fail from the sea, And the river will be wasted and dried up. 6 The rivers will turn foul; The brooks of defense will be emptied and dried up; The reeds and rushes will wither. 7 The papyrus reeds by the River, by the mouth of the River, And everything sown by the River, Will wither, be driven away, and be no more. 8 The fishermen also will mourn; All those will lament who cast hooks into the River, And they will languish who spread nets on the waters. 9 Moreover those who work in fine flax And those who weave fine fabric will be ashamed; 10 And its foundations will be broken. All who make wages will be troubled of soul.

The Environmental Effects of the Russian / Egyptian Aswan Dam

<http://elitetourclub.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Egypt-Aswan-High-Dam.jpg>

They are listed here perfectly in Isaiah 19.

<http://www.sin.org.uk/geography/enquiry/images/egypt.jpg>

The Environmental Effects :

(1) Loss of nutrients to the crops due to no longer flooding (2) the diverging of creeks and streams have killed off animals. (3) Egyptian river snail are no longer being washed away by flooding and have destroyed the flax industry. (4) the damming of the Nile River has prevented microorganisms from flowing down stream into the **Mediterranean** sea resulting in the ruining of their fishing industry which has tragically affected the Egyptian economy, unemployment and crime rates and has also removed a key source of food.

Verse 11-15

11 Surely the princes of Zoan (Tanis) are fools; Pharaoh's wise counselors give foolish counsel. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the wise, The son of ancient

kings?" 12 Where are they? Where are your wise men? Let them tell you now, And let them know what the **LORD of hosts** has purposed against Egypt. 13 The princes of Zoan have become fools; The princes of Noph are deceived; They have also deluded Egypt, Those who are the mainstay of its tribes....

...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. 15 Neither will there be any work for Egypt, Which the head or tail, Palm branch or bulrush, may do. = **poverty and unemployment**

**(a word about development and technologies
per grudem's book)**

End of Study

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