

Oracles Against the Nations (Part 2)

Isaiah 18-22

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The Abrahamic Covenant

- ① The prophets called a guilty people to repentance and warned of judgment if the people did not repent.
- ② The prophets brought a message of comfort and hope to the nation that was distressed, oppressed, and even exiled from their land.

THE HOPE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WAS BASED ON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM.

I. The sinful condition of Judah and impending judgment (1-12)

A. The present and future of God's people (1-5)

- The current sinful condition of God's people
- God's future restoration of His people

B. God calls and sends Isaiah (6)

C. The coming Assyrian invasion (7-12)

- God promises a miraculous child to reign on the throne of David
- God promises His people a home in the Messianic kingdom

II. God's judgment on the nations (13-23)

The link that joins chapters 13-23 is their concern with nations that have encountered or will encounter Assyrian rule or threats and who take part in useless coalitions against Assyria



Message to Ethiopia

(18:1-7) Ethiopia will honor God for destroying its enemies

The Oracle Against Egypt

(19:1-15) The Lord punishes Egypt

- ✦ Egypt's internal troubles (19:1-4)
- ✦ Egypt's lack of fertility (19:5-10)
- ✦ Egypt's wisdom unable to help (19:11-15)

(19:16-25) In the Millennium, Egypt worships the Lord

- ✦ Judah terrifies Egypt (19:16-17)
- ✦ Egypt's allegiance to the Lord (19:18)
- ✦ The institution of worship (19:19-22)
- ✦ Peace on Earth (19:23-25)

The Oracle Against Egypt & Ethiopia

(20:1-6) Egypt and Ethiopia cannot protect Ashdod from Assyria

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The Oracle Against Babylon

(21:1-10) Treachery leaves Babylon with no hope

The Oracle Against Edom

(21:11-12) Prolonged darkness enveloping a frightened world

The Oracle Against Arabia

(21:13-17) Gentile nations seeking help and finding none

The Oracle Against Jerusalem

(22:1-14) Judgment against Jerusalem

(22:15-25) Judgment against Shebna

✦ Eliakim would fill Shebna's important position

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FAITH IN THE LORD'S PURPOSES, AND NOT
FOREIGN POLICIES, WILL PROTECT JERUSALEM.**

¹⁰ He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man. ¹¹ The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.

Psalm 147:10