

Isaiah 10:1-19 **Assyria is the next nation God will bring against Israel**

Continued from Isaiah 9:8-21 **Against the Northern kingdom of Israel**

¹ "Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed ² To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless.

³ What will you do in the day of punishment, And in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory?

⁴ Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, And they shall fall among the slain." For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.

Arrogant Assyria Also Judged

⁵ "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. ⁸ For he says, 'Are not my princes altogether kings? ⁹ Is not Carchemish 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?"

¹² 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."

¹³ 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."

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁷ 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.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ God's anger with the northern kingdom continues beyond the punishment received from Syria as God brought them against His people because of the people's sin and the influence toward wickedness caused by the Elders and False Prophets who caused the people to err. [Isaiah 9:13-17]
- ✧ "Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless. [Isaiah 10:1-2]
 - ◇ In spite of the chastisement the Lord has brought upon them, they refuse to be corrected and persist in the evil that was the cause of the punishment in the first place. [Hosea 11:5]
 - ◇ This is the same problem we see from the people in the Great Tribulation who also refuse to be corrected even when they know the source of the problem. [Revelation 9:20-21, 16:9, 11]
- ✧ Since they refuse to repent, Yahweh asked:
 - "What will you do in the day of punishment, And in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory? [Isaiah 10:3]
 - ◇ Yahweh is a God of reason, and the question is to cause the people to think and consider their plight and what is required of them if they wish to change the outcome.
- ✧ ⁴ Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, And they shall fall among the slain." [Isaiah 10:4]
 - ◇ The truth is that we are all dependent on God and have no hope without Him, therefore it is wise to consider our latter end. [Deuteronomy 32:29]
- ✧ For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still. [Isaiah 10:4]
 - ◇ Additional punishment is still coming as God is preparing to send the northern kingdom into captivity by the Assyrians and end that wicked kingdom as an example to Judah the southern kingdom.
 - ◇ God will do what He has purposed when He enters into judgment against a people.

Arrogant Assyria will also be Judged because they take pride in their own accomplishment being a chastising tool in the hand of God

- ✧ Yahweh is using Assyria as an instrument of chastisement against His erring people. [Isaiah 10:5-6]
- ✧ Being puffed with pride, the Assyrians failing to realize that the work is done by God, they take credit for it all in their own pride showing no mercy toward the people of God who are being punished. [Isaiah 10:7-10]
- ✧ After defeating Israel, the Assyrians plan to also destroy the kingdom of Judah, thinking that their gods of idols are the same as the idols of pagan nations. [Isaiah 10:10-11]
 - ◇ Israel fell to the Assyrians in the 6th year of Hezekiah the righteous king of Judah. [2 Kings 18:10-12]
 - ◇ The Assyrians came against Judah in the 14th year of Hezekiah. [2 Kings 18:13]
- ✧ Because of the pride and arrogance of the Assyrians, God promised to bring the Assyrians down. [Isaiah 10:12-19]
- ✧ Because Hezekiah turned to Yahweh for help the Assyrian invasion against Judah failed and the Assyrian king returned home crushed and was killed in the temple of his god by his own sons. Yahweh had killed the 185,000 man Assyrian army in their camp around Jerusalem over night. [2 Kings 19:35-37]
- ✧ 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. 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.

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✧ The glory of Israel goes to the Lord of Hosts.