

## Isaiah 17:1-14 **Proclamation Against Syria and Israel**

1 The burden against Damascus.

"Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They will be for flocks Which lie down, and no one will make them afraid.

3 The fortress also will cease from Ephraim, The kingdom from Damascus, And the remnant of Syria; They will be as the glory of the children of Israel," Says the Lord of hosts.

4 "In that day it shall come to pass That the glory of Jacob will wane, And the fatness of his flesh grow lean.

5 It shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain, And reaps the heads with his arm; It shall be as he who gathers heads of grain In the Valley of Rephaim.

6 Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it, Like the shaking of an olive tree, Two or three olives at the top of the uppermost bough, Four or five in its most fruitful branches," Says the Lord God of Israel.

7 In that day a man will look to his Maker, And his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

8 He will not look to the altars, The work of his hands; He will not respect what his fingers have made, Nor the wooden images nor the incense altars.

9 In that day his strong cities will be as a forsaken bough And an uppermost branch, Which they left because of the children of Israel; And there will be desolation.

10 Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, And have not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold, Therefore you will plant pleasant plants And set out foreign seedlings;

11 In the day you will make your plant to grow, And in the morning you will make your seed to flourish; But the harvest will be a heap of ruins In the day of grief and desperate sorrow.

12 Woe to the multitude of many people Who make a noise like the roar of the seas, And to the rushing of nations That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; But God will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 Then behold, at eventide, trouble! And before the morning, he is no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, And the lot of those who rob us.

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Facts Revealed:

**"In that day" is reference to the Day of Yahweh (Day of the Lord), beginning with God's wrath on the nations (the Great Tribulation) followed by the thousand year Kingdom of God on the earth.**

✧ The burden against Damascus.

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[Isaiah 7:1-3]

✧ Damascus is the capital city of Syria.

- ✧ Aroer is an Israeli city in the ravine of the River Arnon which is the boundary between Israel and Moab.
- ✧ Ephraim is the name of a tribe of Israel by which the northern kingdom is often called.
- ✧ The prophecy is pertaining to the last days when Yahweh judges the nations of the world and the small remnant that will enter the Kingdom age as mortals.
- ✧ This message is specifically speaking of Syria and Israel.
- ✧ "In that day it shall come to pass That the glory of Jacob will wane, And the fatness of his flesh grow lean.  
It shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain, And reaps the heads with his arm; It shall be as he who gathers heads of grain In the Valley of Rephaim.  
Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it, Like the shaking of an olive tree, Two or three olives at the top of the uppermost bough, Four or five in its most fruitful branches," Says the Lord God of Israel. [\[Isaiah 17:4-6\]](#)
- ✧ When Yahweh removes all that offend Him in the purge before the Kingdom, the masses will be judged and removed leaving only a small remnant. This can certainly demonstrate that the glory of Jacob will wane as described in these verses.
- ✧ In that day a man will look to his Maker, And his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.  
He will not look to the altars, The work of his hands; He will not respect what his fingers have made, Nor the wooden images nor the incense altars. [\[Isaiah 17:7-8\]](#)
- ✧ When Messiah returns and purges away all that are offensive to Him and sets up His Kingdom with Messiah seated on His throne in Zion, you can be sure that those who remain will look to their Maker and respect the Holy One of Israel, and they will certainly have no use for idolatry of any kind.
- ✧ In that day his strong cities will be as a forsaken bough And an uppermost branch, Which they left because of the children of Israel; And there will be desolation.  
Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, And have not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold, Therefore you will plant pleasant plants And set out foreign seedlings;  
In the day you will make your plant to grow, And in the morning you will make your seed to flourish; But the harvest will be a heap of ruins In the day of grief and desperate sorrow. [\[Isaiah 17:9-11\]](#)
- ✧ The remnant of Israel will be small because they have forgotten the God of their Salvation, and they have not remembered Yahweh (the Rock) of their protection that brought them through the wilderness into the Promised Land.
- ✧ Therefore their harvest of the fruits of their doings will become ruins in the day of grief and desperate sorrow.
- ✧ Woe to the multitude of many people Who make a noise like the roar of the seas, And to the rushing of nations That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!  
The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; But God will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.  
Then behold, at eventide, trouble! And before the morning, he is no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, And the lot of those who rob us. [\[Isaiah 17:12-14\]](#)
- ✧ The Wrath of God will strike all the nations of the world because of their oppression and slaughter of God's Own people Israel when they were scattered through out the earth.
- ✧ Yahweh will repay their persecution on their own heads. [\[Isaiah 59:17-18, Romans 12:19\]](#)