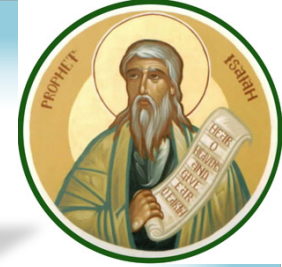


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Summary

1. The Holy Chastiser (Chapters 1-35)
 - a. Prophecies around Judah & Jerusalem (1-12)
 - b. Prophecies concerning surrounding nations (13-23)
 - c. Prophecies concerning the world (24-35)

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

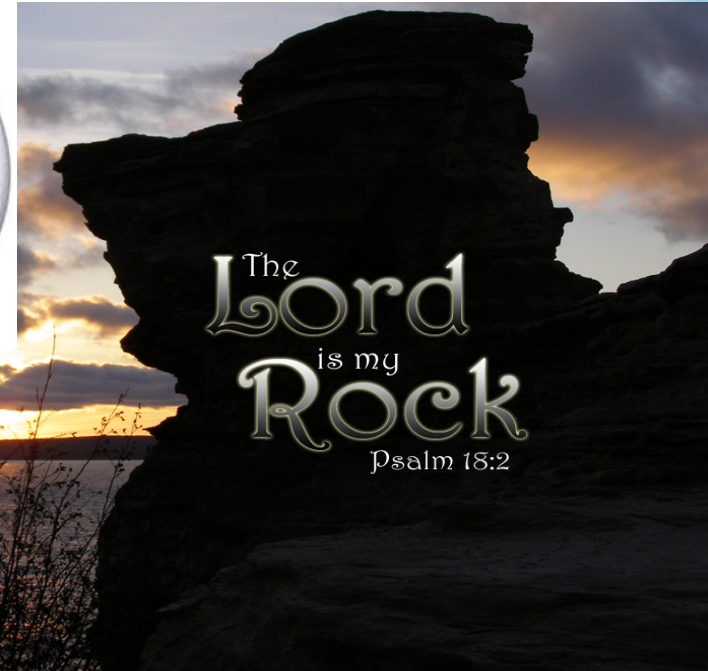
Isaiah 17:7

Monday (Read Isaiah 16)

In chapter 15, we saw how Isaiah cried for Moab (15:5). In this chapter, Isaiah gives Moab advice to mend their ways, have a good relation with Judah and to pay their taxes (in the form of lambs as mentioned in verse 1) to the King Hezekiah (the ruler of Judah at the time).

Verse 5 is a prophecy proclaiming that the Church (the tabernacle of David) is the refuge where the Messiah reigns to draw nations to Him.

The leaders of Moab did not listen to Isaiah because of their pride and conceit, which is why they fell under bitter punishment and deserved the "wail". As mentioned in verse 14, the prophecy was fulfilled after 3 years. Another reminder for us in our lives and the dangers of living in pride.



Tuesday (Read Isaiah 17)

Damascus was the Capital of Syria and Ephraim (mentioned in verse 3) is another name for Israel (the 10 tribes). God chastises Israel because of its alliance with Syria, with both nations going against Judah and Israel relying on Egypt against Assyria.

The chapter is split up into 3 sections

1. The destruction of Damascus (Syria)- verses 1-3. As it joined forces with Israel against Judah, God punishes them. Father Tadros Malaty says that this represents the evil forces of the world, opponents of the truth.
2. The defeat of Ephraim (Israel)- verses 4-11. Israel likewise deserving severe punishment for relying on human arms in troubles rather than God. *"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... But the harvest will be heap of ruins; In the day of grief and desperate sorrow"* (verse 10-11). Do you ever feel down? When sadness strikes, then its time to pray and remember the Lord- the true source of joy!!!
3. The enemies attacks- verses 12-14.

Wednesday (Read Isaiah 18)

Father Tadros Malaty comments on this chapter “ to be considered the most vague of all in the Holy Bible. Some scholars believe the prophecy is concerning Assyria, but most believe it is against Egypt or Ethiopia”. If you notice- the NKJV Bible actually writes Ethiopia. Never the less the main message in this chapter was directed to Judah who were seeking alliance with this nation against Assyria . Isaiah tells them there is no need of human alliance against forces of the enemy , but rather to rely on the Mighty Lord.

We can liken this to our lives, when trouble strikes in our lives, or if we fall into some sort of sin- do we depend our friends to help us? Or do we look to our Heavenly Father, who can provide the perfect solution?

Thursday & Friday (Read Isaiah 19)

Chapter 19 is a clear prophecy concerning the Holy Family’ s visit to Egypt. St Cyril the Great says that the light swift cloud is St Mary and by Christs entry into Egypt the idols collapsed.

From verses 2-17, Isaiah writes about the chastening of Egypt. Father Tadros Malaty describes this saying “ the escape of the Holy Family to Egypt, and setting an altar to the Lord there, do not mean putting a cover over its evil, but on the contrary, God revealed its spiritual wounds, in order to take away from it every weakness and to set what is new. The coming of the Lord to it means destroying its idols and casting away its uncleanness in order to sanctify its people”. This chastening was by cruelty of rulers, draught, confusion of the economy, fear and terror. However the end of the chapter the Lord reveals His blessings.

Thus we learn that in our lives , chastening is not a bad thing, although unpleasant at the time. Our loving Lord disciplines us and corrects us through them- It is a blessing in disguise.

Blessed is Egypt my People..... Isaiah 19:25

“We will never find a land, talked about in the Holy Bible beside Canaan, like Egypt. Isaiah 19 also fulfils a prophecy about the Coptic Orthodox Church which since her inception by St. Mark in the first century, more than one million martyrs who shed their blood witnessing to Christ, many Egyptian Church Fathers who defended the faith against numerous heresies, desert Fathers who established the rules of monastic life that have been adopted throughout the world, and an unblemished faith and traditions since her foundation”

Saturday (Read Isaiah 20)

God proclaims His plan concerning Egypt, that He will establish His spiritual kingdom and will grant it His blessings. He once more confirms to Judah how pointless it is to lean on Egypt to protect them against Assyria as Egypt itself will be captivated by Assyria.

We should always rely on God and not others!!!

