

ISAIAH 9-10

- Fall of
 - God a scroll and on [הָר] hurry
 - The Ahaz
 - But NOT come
 - God King
 - of
 - And LAND reach
 - But NOT
 - is
 - Reason
 - God NOT other their
 - Isaiah
 - the
 - The to Him - block
- Assyria... told Isaiah to take LARGE [גָּדוֹל] [huge banner] write these words it...
- QUICK plunder [שָׁלֹל] [בָּזָבָז] rob [בָּזָבָז] message was CLEAR - King was looking to ASSYRIA to save JUDAH... ASSYRIA would save them - they would instead and ROB them... would bring the of ASSYRIA like a FLOOD over ALL JUDAH... having filled the - they would up the NECK [Jerusalem] ASSYRIA would take Jerusalem - because IMMANUEL [God with us]! for Assyria... warned Isaiah to follow the people [join in fear]
 - Instead - was to warn the people to FEAR LORD... Lord is a REFUGE those who FEAR but a STUMBLING to everyone else...

- o ASSYRIA was a TEST for the people of God - to see who they would TRUST...
- o God was NOT silent - He was speaking - if the people would LISTEN...
- o Therefore - STOP going to MEDIUMS [asking the dead advice for the living]
- o Because if the people did NOT turn back - they would be driven into DARKNESS!
- 1st - THE LIGHT... vs. 1-5
 - o 1st – The Hope... vs. 1-2
 - Oppressed... vs. 1
 - Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed.
 - As when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.
 - And afterward more heavily oppressed her by the way of the sea.
 - **Beyond the Jordan in Galilee of the Gentiles!**
 - In LIGHT of the DARKNESS that was going to come upon the LAND...
 - The ASSYRIAN army that would rush over them like a mighty FLOOD...
 - God gave a RAY of hope - the DARKNESS [gloom] would NOT [אֵל] stay!
 - The TRIBES of Zebulun and Naphtali - NEVER got much attention [lightly esteemed]
 - If there are TRIBES of Israel people forget to mention - they are at the top of the list...
 - Yet they were HEAVILY [כַּבּוֹד] oppressed when ASSYRIA attacked [Northern most tribes]
 - attacked came in by the GALILEE - and moved down the Jordan river [valley]
 - They followed the Via Maris [way of the sea] as they conquered Israel...
 - So that the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali became filled with GENTILES!
 - Darkness... vs. 2
 - The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
 - Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death - upon them a light has shined!
 - But in the place where it was DARKEST [Zebulun and Naphtali]
 - Those same people saw [perfect] a GREAT [גָּדוֹל] light [אֹור]
 - The people in the shadow of DEATH [almost wiped out] - had a light SHINE on them!
 - **Matthew 4:13-15** - “[Jesus] dwelt in Capernaum... in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali.”
 - Did you ever wonder WHY did Jesus start His ministry in Capernaum...
 - It would seem to have made more sense to begin in Jerusalem [Temple]
 - But God did NOT bring the light to the BRIGHTTEST place...
 - He instead chose to come to the DARKEST - a place where few faithful Jews remained!
 - **Our God will let things get very DARK - the shadow of DEATH - Psalms 23:4**
 - Not that He has abandoned us - but so that we can see Jesus...
 - Because when things are the DARKEST - the light shines the BRIGHTTEST...
 - And we learn NOT to depend on ourselves - but on our God who raises the dead!
 - **II Corinthians 1:9** - “We had the sentence of death in ourselves - that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead.”
 - o 2nd - The Victory... vs. 3-5
 - Rejoicing... vs. 3
 - You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy.
 - They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest.
 - As men rejoice when they divide the spoil!
 - God would INCREASE [רֹבֶּה] the [הָ] nation of Israel again [restoration]
 - And in that day - God would bring GREAT joy upon His people...
 - LIKE [כְּ] when the people were HARVESTING their crops...
 - Or LIKE [כְּ] when they had VICTORY in the battle - and got to enjoy the SPOILS!
 - Think PAYDAY - when we get our checks for our hard work...
 - It might be TOUGH putting in the hours - but we are HAPPY when the reward comes!

- Freedom... vs. 4-5
 - For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder.
 - The rod of his oppressor as in the day of Midian.
 - For every warriors sandal from the noisy battle - and garments rolled in blood.
 - Will be used for burning and fuel of fire!
 - BECAUSE [כִּי] the YOKE that was burdening them...
 - The STAFF across their shoulders - the ROD that struck their back...
 - God would cause [hiphil] to BREAK - just as [כִּי] He did in MIDIAN...
 - Therefore [כִּי] - in that day ALL of the clothes of war [boots and bloodstained coats]
 - Will NO longer be needed - but shall be [sequential] thrown into the FIRE!
 - When the 135 THOUSAND Midianites swarmed into the land of Israel - **Judges 8:10**
 - God commanded Gideon to raise up an army to defeat them...
 - But God sent home those who were AFRAID [20 thousand]
 - And reduced their numbers further at En Herod - till only THREE hundred remained...
 - Because the battle was NOT won by men - God fought for them!
 - **Whether we admit it or not - we were all in BONDAGE - slaves to SIN - Romans 6:16**
 - **It had us under its YOKE - it was the ROD at our back - but Jesus broke the power of SIN...**
 - **NOT by our efforts but by His strength - He set us FREE!**
 - **John 8:36** - "If the Son makes you free - you shall be free indeed."
- 2nd - THE CHILD... vs. 6-7
 - 1st - His purpose... vs. 6
 - The son...
 - For unto us a Child is born - unto us a Son is given.
 - Isaiah gives the ORIGIN of the LIGHT what would COME...
 - He would be [prophetic perfect] born [pual] as a CHILD [צָבֵב] - IMMANUEL - **Isaiah 7:14**
 - Israel would be [prophetic perfect] GIVEN [niphil] - the GIFT of a SON [צָבֵב]!
 - Jesus is the SON of God - NOT because He was born to MARY...
 - His title [used 44 times in the NT] - is NOT a reference to His BIRTH...
 - It speaks of His POSITION in the Godhead [Father - SON - Spirit]
 - The Government...
 - And the government will be upon His shoulder!
 - AND [וְ] it will be [imperfect] that the GOVERNMENT will be upon His shoulders...
 - GOVERNMENT [2 - [הַמְּשִׁיחָה in OT [both here] - from the root word to RULE [מְשִׁיחָה]
 - This likely has a DUAL fulfillment - PRESENT and FUTURE...
 - PRESENT - Ahaz would have a SON - who would grow up to RULE [Hezekiah]
 - And God would use him to set Judah FREE from the YOKE of ASSYRIA...
 - FUTURE - Jesus would come to set us FREE from the YOKE of SIN!
 - **The ONLY way God could save us from our SIN - was for the SON to become a CHILD...**
 - He had to HUMBLE Himself - become a MAN - so He could DIE for us...
 - He BORE our sins upon His back - took up His CROSS...
 - **ONLY then could He RULE [מְשִׁיחָה] over SIN - and set us FREE!**
 - **Philippians 2:8** - "Being found in appearance as a man - He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death - even the death of the cross."
 - 2nd - His name... vs. 6
 - Wonderful...
 - And His name will be called:
 - Isaiah gives the NAME [singular] of the LIGHT what would COME [five titles]
 - FIRST - Wonderful [פָּנָא] - the God who can do the IMPOSSIBLE!

- The word was first used to DESCRIBE the parting of the RED Sea - **Exodus 15:11**
- The second time it is used it is a REMINDER to NOT forget what God can do - **Psalms 77:11**
- To a nation that will be FLOODED by the ASSYRIANS...
- It was important to REMEMBER who has the power to PART oceans!
- Counselor...
 - SECOND - Counselor [רְאִיָּה] - the God who has the PLAN!
 - When Moses was trying to answer ALL of the problems of Israel...
 - It caused a line that lasted from morning until night [waiting to see Moses]
 - His father in law Jethro came to him and gave him COUNSEL [רְאִיָּה] - **Exodus 18:19**
 - Rather than people standing before him - he needed to stand before God...
 - To a people who were looking to a MAN [king] to give them their answers...
 - God reminds them He is the one who has the PLAN - stand before Him!
- Mighty God...
 - THIRD - Mighty God - literally the God [אֱלֹהִים] who is STRONG [כָּבָד]
 - The Assyrian army was MORE powerful than Israel [a lot]
 - NO nation had been able to stand up to them - **Isaiah 37:11**
 - But as STRONG as they were - they were NOT as strong as GOD...
 - Our God is the ALMIGHTY - ALL [πᾶς] POWERFUL [κράτος] - **Revelation 1:8**
- Everlasting Father...
 - FOURTH - Everlasting [עוֹלָה] Father [אָבִי] - this can be interpreted one of TWO ways...
 - It could mean - He is the FATHER who is ETERNAL [had no beginning or end]
 - It could also mean - He is the one who is ALWAYS fathering [protecting us]
 - Because the ROLE of a FATHER is to PROTECT and PROVIDE...
 - Either way it is worth noting - that the SON is also called the FATHER!
 - How can there be ONE God - but in THREE persons...
 - There have been many attempts for people to define the TRINITY...
 - Water [solid - liquid - gas] - or an egg [shell - white - yoke]
 - But the reality is there is NOTHING in this universe like our God [He is unique]
 - **We may NOT be able to tell COMPREHEND how three can be one...**
 - **But we can APPREHEND that is how the Bible defines His nature...**
 - **Jesus is the MIGHTY God - He is ONE with the Father!**
 - **John 10:30** - "The Father and I are one."
- Prince of peace...
 - PRINCE of peace - literally He has AUTHORITY [שָׁרֵךְ] over PEACE [שְׁלָמָם]
 - **Because only when we LOOK to the ONE who can PART oceans [wonderful]**
 - **Only when we LISTEN to the ONE who has the PLAN [counselor]**
 - **Only when we FOLLOW in the ONE who has ALL the power [mighty God]**
 - **Only when we TRUST in the ONE who is ALWAYS protects us [everlasting Father]**
 - **THEN we will have PEACE - because we are have Jesus!**
 - **Ephesians 2:14** - "For He Himself is our peace."

o 3rd - His Authority... vs. 7

- No end...
 - Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.
 - Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom.
 - **To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward - even forever!**
 - This is where we mark the MESSIANIC nature of this prophecy...
 - Although parts of this were no doubt fulfilled by HEZEKIAH [victory over Assyria]
 - There was an END to his RULE [מֶשֶׁרֶת] - peace did NOT last [Babylon]
 - But the MESSIAH [Jesus] will RULE and bring PEACE [שְׁלָמָם] that will NEVER [אָזְן] end...

- God will set Jesus upon the Throne of David [kingdom]
- It will start [hiphil] in JUSTICE [צִדְקָה] - and be sustained [hiphil] by RIGHTEOUSNESS [צִדְקָה]
- From NOW [הַזְּמַן] - until the END of time [זָמֵן]!
- After the Tribulation - Jesus will come riding out of heaven - **Revelation 19:16**
- He will have the name KING of kings - and LORD of lords...
- He will return with us - ten thousands of His saints - **Jude 1:14**
- With one word he will defeat the Antichrist and his army - **II Thessalonians 2:8**
- 30 days after the Return of Jesus - 1290 days after the Abomination - **Daniel 12:11**
- Jesus will judge the nations - those who survived the Tribulation - **Matthew 25:31-46**
- Then Jesus will establish His Millennial Kingdom - **Revelation 20:1-4**
- And there will be peace - the lion will lay down with the lamb - **Isaiah 11:6-9**
- Zeal of the Lord...
 - The **zeal of the LORD** of hosts will perform this!
 - This would NOT be a work of MAN - it was a work of the LORD of heavens armies [צְבָאֹת]
 - He will [future] be the one [imperfect] to do this - [ɔ:] pause and consider...
 - There is NO question - the END is already written - God WINS!
 - As important a lesson for us today - as it was in the days of Isaiah...
 - We might NOT have an invading army flooding into our country [yet]
 - But NO matter what our PROBLEMS might be - the SOLUTION is the same...
 - Come to the God whose KINGDOM will NEVER end - and we will find PEACE!
- **3RD - JUDGEMENT OF SAMARIA... vs. 8-21**
 - 1st – No Repentance... vs. 8-13
 - Northern Kingdom... vs. 8
 - The Lord sent a word against Jacob and it has fallen on Israel!
 - Then the MASTER [רֹאשׁ] sent a WORD to rebellious JACOB [self-reliant]
 - And it also fell upon the faithful people of ISRAEL [governed by God]
 - Because when godly people stand with the ungodly - they end up sharing their fate!
 - Rebuild... vs. 9-10
 - All the people will know Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria.
 - Who say in pride and arrogance of heart:
 - The bricks have fallen down - but we will rebuild with hewn stones.
 - The sycamores are cut down - but we will replace them with cedars!
 - EVERYONE [כָל] who was in the NORTHERN Kingdom [Ephraim] would KNOW [יֵדַע]
 - Especially to those who live in their Capital city of SAMARIA...
 - Who always speak [infinitive] in PRIDE [גָאוֹת] - thinking [heart] they are GREAT [גָדוֹל]
 - That although the BRICKS had fallen - and SYCAMORE tree were cut down...
 - They would REBUILD - and replace them with STONE and CEDAR [something better]
 - Their PRIDE convincing them that things would IMPROVE!
 - People like to think POSITIVELY - look for the silver lining...
 - But unless we put God into the equation - things are more likely to get WORSE...
 - And no matter how ENCOURAGING our words might be...
 - What we are going to SEE [יֵרֶא] - is that God is NOT done teaching us HUMILITY!
 - Destruction... vs. 11-12
 - Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him - spur his enemies on.
 - The Syrians before and the Philistines behind - they shall devour Israel with an open mouth!
 - Because [sequential] of the PRIDE of the NORTHERN Kingdom [Samaria]
 - The LORD Himself would raise [hiphil] up the ENEMIES [עֲצָרָה] of Rezin [King of Syria]
 - And STIR up [piel] those who HATE [אֶבֶד] Israel - against them [עָלָה]

- God would bring SYRIA from the EAST - and the PHILISTINES from the WEST...
- Together would CONSUME the nation like a closing mouth!
- Anger of God... vs. 12-13
 - For all this His anger is not turned away - but His hand is stretched out still!
 - For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them. Nor do they seek the LORD of hosts!
 - But their destruction [כִּי] would NOT quench the ANGER of the LORD...
 - His hand would still be STRETCHED out to STRIKE harder...
 - Because the people still did NOT turn [לֹא-שָׁב] to the one who was DISCIPLINING them...
 - Neither did they SEEK the LORD of HOSTS [אֲבָאֹת]!
 - **A father does NOT spank his child - because he enjoys seeing them in pain...**
 - **The point of a punishment - it to teach a lesson...**
 - **But if that child refuses to LEARN the lesson the father is teaching...**
 - **Then it means for the sake of the child - the father will PUNISH them even harder!**
 - **Hebrews 12:6** - “Whom the LORD loves He chastens - scourges every son whom He receives.”

o 2nd - Bad leadership... vs. 14-17

- Head and tail... vs. 14-16
 - Therefore the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel - Palm branch - bulrush in one day.
 - The elder and honorable - he is the head. The prophet who teaches lies - he is the tail.
 - For the leaders of this people cause them to err - those who are led by them are destroyed!
 - He would remove both the MIGHTY [palm branch] - and LOWLY [bulrush] in ONE day...
 - A poetic way of saying the whole nation would suffer because of rebellion...
 - Why did [sequential] Israel refused to TURN to the LORD...
 - Because of their HEAD and TAIL - that the Lord [hiphil] would CUT off...
 - The ELDER who was lifted [passive] up - the HEAD...
 - And the PROPHET who teaches [hiphil] LIES - the TAIL...
 - Both LED [piel] the people away from God - to their DESTRUCTION!
 - **There are TWO places people look to for answers in times of trouble...**
 - **They look to GOVERNMENT - to give them practical answers...**
 - **And they look to the CHURCH - to give them spiritual answers...**
 - **If NEITHER is pointing the people back to God - then a nation is in real trouble!**
- Whole nation...
 - Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men.
 - Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows.
 - **For everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer - and every mouth speaks folly!**
 - THEREFORE [כִּי] - the MASTER [אָדָם] is [imperfect] NOT happy with the KIDS [בָּחָרִים]
 - He is [imperfect] NOT showing ANY mercy [piel] to the fatherless or widow...
 - One would assume God would be the more lenient on these THREE categories...
 - They represent the INNOCENT [kids] and UNDERPRIVILEGED [widows and orphans]
 - But the leaders had led ALL of the people to be HYPOCRITES....
 - They were ALL doing EVIL [עָשָׂו] - yet out of their mouths came PRAISE to God [folly]!
- Not done...
 - **For all this His anger is not turned away - but His hand is stretched out still!**
 - Even though the MASTER showed NO mercy...
 - For the SECOND time we are told - ALL this [כִּי] would NOT quench the ANGER of God...
 - His hand would still be STRETCHED out to STRIKE harder Israel even HARDER!

o 3rd - Social breakdown... vs. 18-21

- Spreading fire... vs. 18
 - For wickedness burns as the fire. It shall devour the briars and thorns.
 - And kindle in the thickets of the forest - they shall mount up like rising smoke!

- Because [כִּי] - the WICKEDNESS [רִשְׁעָה] of Judah was like [כִּי] a FIRE...
- It did NOT seem dangerous at FIRST - a spark that started to burn the thorns...
- But that was just the KINDLE - that fed the FIRE - until the whole FOREST was consumed...
- And before long a PILLAR of smoke rose up from the devastation!
- How dangerous can a LIE be - how bad is bending the truth...
- How much trouble can ONE look get me into - surely it CANNOT hurt!
- People tend to have a very LAX view of SIN [not very dangerous]
- What they fail to realize is that it SPREADS - and CONSUMES...
- And if it is NOT dealt with quickly - all that is left is a burned out life...
- With the SMOKE of the devastation being the headstone that marks their grave!

- Consuming fire... vs. 19-20

- Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts the land is burned up.
- And the people shall be as fuel for the fire. No man shall spare his brother.
- And he shall snatch on the right hand and be hungry.
- He shall devour on the left hand and not be satisfied.
- Every man shall eat the flesh of his own arm!
- In [בְּ] the WRATH the LORD of heavens armies [צָבָאֹת] poured out...
- The LAND grew [niphal] DARK [because of the smoke]
- As the people became [sequential] the FUEL that fed the FIRESTORM...
- The people CONSUMED each other - not even having pity on their FAMILY [bother]
- They ATTACKED their neighbor on the left - and CONSUMED the one on their right...
- Yet they were still HUNGRY - and ended up eating their own ARM!
- This might be hyperbole - people putting themselves before others...
- But it could also be LITERAL - the result of a severe famine caused by a siege...
- Men reduced to cannibalism in order to survive - **II Kings 6:28-29**
- God had warned Israel what would happen if they turned away from Him!
- **Deuteronomy 28:53** - "You will eat the flesh of your own sons and daughters." [NLT]

- Divided... vs. 21

- Manasseh shall devour Ephraim - and Ephraim Manasseh.
- Together they shall be against Judah.
- For all this His anger is not turned away - but His hand is stretched out still!
- Manasseh and Ephraim [sons of Joseph] would be against one another [brothers]
- And they would come together to attack Judah [relative]
- The Northern Kingdom against the Southern Kingdom in a CIVIL war...
- Yet for the THIRD time we read - in ALL this [לְכָל] the anger of God was NOT satisfied...
- His hand was still STRETCHED out to STRIKE them even HARDER!

- o 4th - Total collapse... vs. 1-4

- Chapter break...
 - There is a bad chapter break here...
 - As the content connects the first FOUR verses to the previous chapter...
 - Chapter marks were added to the Bible in 1227 A.D. [Stephen Langton]
 - Their purpose was to make it easier to look up particular passages...
 - But they are NOT inspired - and sometimes cause confusion!
- Woe to you... vs. 1-2
 - 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!
 - WOE [וְאַל] to the LEADERS of Israel who make WICKED [אָשָׁר] laws...

- Who write down [piel] rules that only cause TROUBLE [לְבָשָׁע]
- Laws used to TURN away [hiphil] those in need - take away JUSTICE from the POOR...
- So that these leaders can take advantage of WIDOWS and ORPHANS!
- The role of a government is to DEFEND and PROTECT the most vulnerable...
- But when it is the government that write the laws to instead ABUSE them...
- That nation does NOT have long before it will collapse!
- Back at you... vs. 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?
 - Because WHAT will these leaders turn to in their DAY of visitation...
 - When DESTRUCTION comes from a faraway place [Assyria]
 - WHO will they look to when someone mightier picks on them [reversal of roles]
 - WHERE do they think they can hide their MONEY [כְּבָזָן]!
 - Matthew 7:2 - "With what judgment you judge - you will be judged."
 - There is a TRUTH that the way we treat others - is how we will be treated...
 - Those who take ADVANTAGE of the needy - will themselves be taken advantage of...
 - And since they were not HELPFUL - they will have NO one to HELP them!
- Conquered... vs. 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!
 - God would NOT be there to HELP them [they rejected God]
 - Some would be taken PRISONERS - others would FALL in battle...
 - For the FOURTH and FINAL time - ALL this [לְזֹאת] did NOT satisfy the anger of God...
 - His hand was still STRETCHED out to STRIKE harder them even HARDER!
 - Giving us a powerful CONTRAST - two very different roads...
 - To those who turn to the LORD - there is a LIGHT - there is PEACE...
 - But to those who continue to REBEL - nothing will satisfy the WRATH of God!