

Isaiah 10:5-19

Let Us Boast Only In The Lord

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The Nations Are God's Tool For Wrath

Isaiah 10:5-6 Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hands is My indignation, I send it against a godless nation and commission it against the people of My fury to capture booty and to seize plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets.

God Can Even Use Man's Evil Intent

Isaiah 10:7 Yet it does not so intend, nor does it plan so in its heart, but rather it is its purpose to destroy and to cut off many nations.

1. **God's revealed will:** Word of God
2. **God's decretive will:** Hidden until it happens

God Is Sovereign, Man Is Responsible

Acts 2:23 ...this Man, delivered over **by the predetermined plan** and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Acts 4:27-28 For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do **whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.**

The Evil Boasting of Assyria

Isaiah 10:8-11 For it says, "Are not my princes all kings? Is not Calno like Carchemish, or Hamath like Arpad, or Samaria like Damascus? As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images were greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria, shall I not do to Jerusalem and her images just as I have done to Samaria and her idols?"

The Lord Will Punish Assyria

Isaiah 10:12 So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will say, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness.

Assyria Boasts Against God

Isaiah 10:13 For he has said, "By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did this, for I have understanding; and I removed the boundaries of the peoples and plundered their treasures, and like a mighty man I brought down their inhabitants...

Acts 17:26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, **having determined** their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation...

Assyria Boasts Against God

Isaiah 10:14 And my hand reached to the riches of the peoples like a nest, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth; and there was not one that flapped its wing or opened its beak or chirped.

God's Response: Judgment

Isaiah 10:15-16 Is the axe to boast itself over the one who chops with it? Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it? That would be like a club wielding those who lift it, or like a rod lifting him who is not wood. Therefore the Lord, the GOD of hosts, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors; and under his glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame.

God's Response: Judgment

Isaiah 10:17-19 And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame, and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day. And He will destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and body, and it will be as when a sick man wastes away. And the rest of the trees of his forest will be so small in number that a child could write them down.

Don't Boast Over Israel!

Joel 3:2 I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.

Obadiah 13 NET You should not have entered the city of my people when they experienced distress. You should not have joined in gloating over their misfortune when they suffered distress...

Don't Boast Over Israel!

Romans 11:17-18 NET Now if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them and participated in the richness of the olive root, do not boast over the branches. But if you boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

In Whom Do We Boast?

Then

Genesis 11:4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name..."

Now

"We Are The Ones We Have Been Waiting For"

In Whom Do We Boast?

Proverbs 16:18-19 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

1. Pride leads to sin.
2. All sin is a form of thievery!
