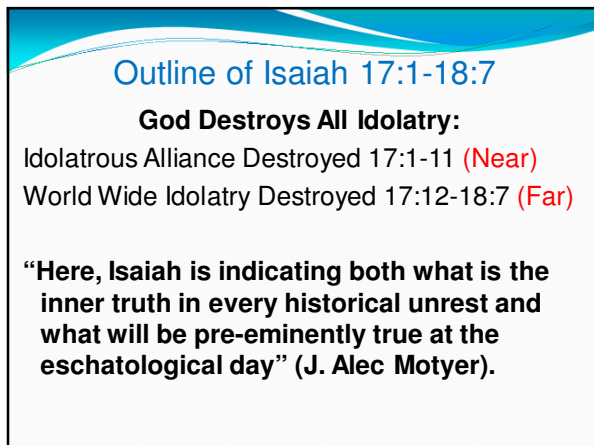




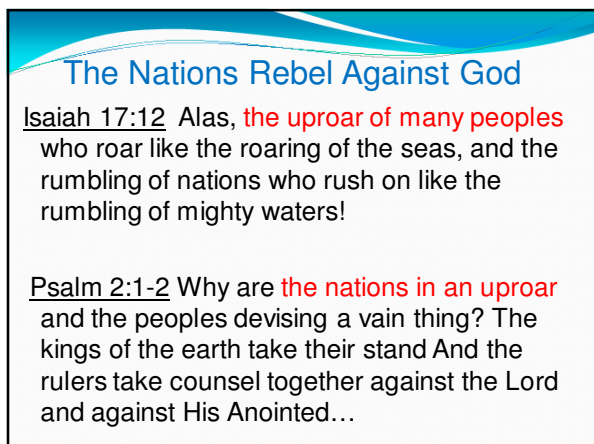
Isaiah 17:12-18:7
God Will Destroy All Idolatry Part 2

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Outline of Isaiah 17:1-18:7
God Destroys All Idolatry:
Idoltrous Alliance Destroyed 17:1-11 (Near)
World Wide Idolatry Destroyed 17:12-18:7 (Far)

“Here, Isaiah is indicating both what is the inner truth in every historical unrest and what will be pre-eminently true at the eschatological day” (J. Alec Motyer).



The Nations Rebel Against God
Isaiah 17:12 Alas, **the uproar of many peoples** who roar like the roaring of the seas, and the rumbling of nations who rush on like the rumbling of mighty waters!

Psalms 2:1-2 Why are **the nations in an uproar** and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed...

The Nations Are No Match For God

Isaiah 17:13-14 The nations rumble on like the rumbling of many waters, but He will rebuke them and they will flee far away, and be chased like chaff in the mountains before the wind, or like whirling dust before a gale. **At evening time, behold, there is terror! Before morning they are no more.** Such will be the portion of those who plunder us and the lot of those who pillage us.

Isaiah's Response To Ethiopia's Envoys

Isaiah 18:1-2 **Alas**, oh land of whirring wings which lies beyond the rivers of **Cush, which sends envoys by the sea**, even in papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a nation **tall and smooth**, to a people feared far and wide, a powerful and oppressive nation whose land the rivers divide.

Isaiah's Response To Ethiopia's Envoys

Isaiah 18:3 All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth, as soon as a **standard** is raised **on the mountains**, you will see it, and as soon as **the trumpet** is blown, you will hear it.

Isaiah 14:25-26 ...to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on **My mountains**... **This is the plan devised against the whole earth...**

Yahweh Will Judge The Nations

Isaiah 18:4-5 For thus the LORD has told me, "I will look from My dwelling place quietly like dazzling heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." For before the harvest, as soon as the bud blossoms and the flower becomes a ripening grape, then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives and remove and cut away the spreading branches.

Which Supper Will You Be Part Of?

Isaiah 18:6 They will be left together for mountain birds of prey, and for the beasts of the earth; and the birds of prey will spend the summer feeding on them, and all the beasts of the earth will spend harvest time on them.

Revelation 19:7 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in mid-heaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God..."

The Nations Will Pay Homage To God

Isaiah 18:7 At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people feared far and wide, a powerful and oppressive nation, whose land the rivers divide— to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, even Mount Zion.

Psalms 2:12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

In Whom Do We Trust?

Assyria: Those who trust in imperialism will be disappointed.

Ethiopia/Aram: Those who trust in collective security will be disappointed.

Isaiah 31:1 **Woe** to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many... **But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!**

Saving Faith Must Have A Worthy Object

Isaiah 1:11 What are your **multiplied sacrifices** to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats."

Hebrews 11:6 And without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that **He is** and that **He is a rewarder** of those who seek Him.

The Danger of Empty Religion

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were **baptized** into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate **the same spiritual food**; and all drank **the same spiritual drink**, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

We Must Flee From All Idolatry!

1 Corinthians 10:5-7 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. **Do not be idolaters, as some of them were;** as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

The Remedy of Remembering

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 ...when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in **remembrance of Me.**" In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in **remembrance of Me.**" For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**
