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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text; **Isaiah 10:1-34**

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Here in Isaiah chapter 10 we began looking at the devastation that comes upon a people when it's leaders become godless in their leadership. In this chapter, the Lord is warning that He is bringing national judgement - - why? - - because its leaders had forgotten God and mishandled their God-given authority and their God-given position.

God gives leaders so that they might benefit the people. Throughout the Scriptures a king is either praised or cursed based upon two key things, #1 his relationship to God, and #2 his relationship to the people.

1.) Even when things look hopeless vs. 1-2

“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed 2 To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people,

There is of course the historical aspect to what we're reading here, but because we are talking about the nation of Israel – **there must be the prophetic aspect as well.**

I reminded you last time, that we need to be very careful as to **how we understand** the nation of **Israel** and its promised **land**.

Israel is God's "Time Stamp" on Earth.

Jeremiah 30:3

For behold, **the days are coming,**' says the LORD, "that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.' "

Ezekiel 37:21-22a

"Then say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Surely **I will take the children of Israel from among the nations,** wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; **22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel;**

Verse 1

"Woe to those who **decree** unrighteous decrees,
Who write **misfortune,** Which they have prescribed

**We are very close to seeing some
horrific things in the world.**

Ezekiel 39:28-29

Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to **their land,** and left none of them captive any longer. **29 And I will not hide My face from them anymore;** for I shall have poured out My Spirit on **the house of Israel,**' says the Lord GOD."

Judging Israel's False Leaders *(and all wicked leaders)*

Tiglath-Pileser The Assyrian

Verse 2b-4

That widows (Hebrews) may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless. *(Jesus had much to say about this)* **3** What will you do **(Israel)** in the day of punishment, And in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you **(Israel)** flee for help? And where will you leave your glory? **4** Without Me they **(Israel)** 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.

Verse 5-11

"Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.

**The Nations are ultimately under God's rule.
He uses Nations to Deal with Other Nations**

Here God is saying that...

"I will send a wicked nation against my people because my people will not listen to me. Then I will destroy that wicked nation because it was in their heart to attack my people in the first place."

6 I will send him **(Assyria)** against an ungodly nation **(Israel)**, And against the people of My wrath I will give him **(Assyria)** charge, To seize the spoil, to take the prey, And to tread them **(Israel)** down like the mire of the streets. **7** Yet he does

not mean so, Nor does his heart think so; **But it is in his heart to destroy**, And cut off not a few nations. **8** For he says **(The Assyrian)**, *“Are not my princes altogether kings? 9 Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not Ha'math like Arpad? Is not Samaria like Damascus? 10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, Whose carved images excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria, 11 As I have done to Samaria and her idols, Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?”* “

Sin is bad enough to God but Sin among His people is worse.

How is it – that there are some people who think because they are “Christians” that God somehow automatically forgives their sins and excuses their conduct – He does not !

1 John 1:5-11

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.... **1 John 2:3** Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. **4** He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **5** But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. **6** He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.... **1John 2:9** He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. **10** He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. **11** But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Verse 12

Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has performed all His work (*discipline*) on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He will say, **“I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks.”**

God will judge the nations of the earth & Israel will be the issue.

Godless Leaders and Rulers Going too Far (Obama-like)

That strut about and plot against Israel will fall down flat without anyone to help them or rescue them in the end.

Here's an example,

On **July 4th 1776**, **America** is born as a nation but from its inception On **November 11th 1620** it has had the vision to be a uniquely Biblical, **Christian nation**. Over time the USA takes its place among the nations of history as the first **Judeo-Christian** nation in human history. The United States became the most "everything Nation" in history. And from the **1840's** thru to the **1940's** The United States became the largest haven for the Jewish people on earth. On **November 29, 1947** the United Nations adopted **Resolution 181** that would divide the land into two paving the way for both Jewish and Arab states on what was called Palestine. On **May 14th 1948** David Ben-Gurion and his government declared the Re-Birth of the Nation Israel according to its ancient "Biblical name." On **July 14th 2015**, history was made again when The President of the United States of America led Israel's arch enemy Persia (Iran) into the nuclear age.

Today's News is Old School

The United States has set itself up for Judgment – a nation(s) will humble us.

Verse 13-34

For **he** says: (**the Assyrian** and all Leaders with Big Mouths) *"By the strength of **my** hand **I** have done it, And by **my** wisdom, for **I** am prudent; Also **I** have removed the boundaries of the people, And **I** have robbed their treasuries; So **I** have put down the inhabitants like a*

valiant man. **14** *My hand has found like a nest the riches of the people, And as one gathers eggs that are left, I have gathered all the earth; And there was no one who moved his wing, Nor opened his mouth with even a peep."*

God hears leaders who say... I did this or my administration has done that. I have fundamentally changed America... - God hears that boasting !

Now God responds to the proud-blood-lust of the Assyrians **15** Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it? Or shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it? As if a rod could wield itself against those who lift it up, Or as if a staff could lift up, as if it were not wood! **16** Therefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts, Will send leanness among his fat ones; And under his glory He will kindle a burning Like the burning of a fire. **17** So the Light of Israel will be for a fire, And his Holy One for a flame; It will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day **18** And it will consume the glory of his (Assyria) forest and of his fruitful field, Both soul and body; And they (Assyrians) will be as when a sick man wastes away. **19** Then the rest of the trees of his forest Will be so few in number That a child may write them.

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20 And it shall come to pass **in that day** That the remnant of **Israel**, And such as have escaped of **the house of Jacob**, Will never again depend on him who defeated them, But will depend on the **LORD, the Holy One of Israel**, in truth. **21** The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, To the **Mighty God**. **22** For though your people, **O Israel**, be as the sand of the sea, A remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness. **23** For the Lord GOD of hosts (armies) Will make a determined end In the midst of all the land.

:24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "O **My people**, who dwell in **Zion**, do not be afraid of the **Assyrian**. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. **25 For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction.**" **26** And the LORD of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb;

This is a reference to the battle that the LORD fought on Israel's behalf. It was in the dark of night when the Assyrian army was totally destroyed – but not by the Israelites, **but by the Angel of the Lord; (185,000 dead)**

as His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt. **27** It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the **anointing oil**. **28** He has come to A'ath, He has passed Mig'ron; At Mich'mash he has attended to his equipment. **29** They have gone along the ridge, They have taken up lodging at Ge'ba. Ra'mah is afraid, Gib'eah of Saul has fled. **30** Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gal'lim! Cause it to be heard as far as La'ish - - O poor Ana'thoth! **31** Mad'me'nah has fled, The inhabitants of Geb'im seek refuge. **32** As yet he will remain at Nob that day; He will shake his fist at the mount of the daughter of Zion, The hill of Jerusalem. **33** Behold, the Lord, The LORD of hosts, Will lop off the bough with terror; Those of high stature will be hewn down, And **the haughty will be humbled**. **34** He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, And Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

It is very possible that tonight you're listening
and you are wondering if your life has been in the crucible of discipline.
You need to be reminded that these hardships that come upon you are

not for your destruction, but to get you to stop trusting in people. Stop leaning on others. Stop going after the things of this world.

Hebrews 12:5-8,11

And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; **6** For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." **:7** If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? **8** But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons... **11** Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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**Even when things look hopeless and there seems to be
no answer to my troubles –**

The LORD sees = El Roi (*EL raw-EE*).

_____ *End of Study* _____

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