Isaiah 15-20

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INTRODUCTION

- Is Isaiah 14, 12 through 15 telling us of the origin of the devil? No.
- Everybody understands that as a term for Satan, and it's never used as a term for Satan that I'm aware of in the Bible anywhere.

1 The Burden Against Moab

Isaiah 15:5; Isaiah 15:9; Jeremiah 48:29–42

- And that's going to be a key charge against Moab. Their belief in idols to the rejection of God.
- Some people picture the prophets of Israel as just feeling vindictive against other nations. But really, when you read what Isaiah has to say, he is emotionally involved in these things.
- Moab shall be destroyed as a people because he has magnified himself against the Lord.
- When what we think that we are more important than what God says that we should do, we magnify ourselves, our selfishness, and we feed self and deny God.

2 The Burden Against Syria and Israel

Isaiah 7; 2 Kings 16:7–9; 2 Chronicles 28:21

- Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city.
- Ahaz didn't take God's sign. He took matters into his own hands because he did not trust in God.
- Here's what it was supposed to produce repentance. In that day a man will look to his maker, and his eyes will have respect for the holy one of Israel.
- When things get really dark and really deep, what do you do? What do you trust in?
- Let's don't condemn them and absolve ourselves. Let's remember these can be lessons for us.

3 Ethiopia Sends Emissaries, but God Will Prune Assyria

- Verses 4 through 6 tell us that God is not idle.
- In other words, God will prune Assyria.
- All of this is intended to emphasize to Judah that God is in control. God should be getting our praise. God should be getting our trust.

4 The Burden Against Egypt

- The Lord rides on a swift cloud, that's God's presence coming, and it's coming in judgment. The idols will totter at his presence.
- The Lord of hosts has purposed this against Egypt. In other words, when it comes, they will know that God caused this. And the intent is to cause them to turn.

- The Lord will strike Egypt, he will strike and heal it. And that shows the idea of the strike was intended to bring repentance, and with that is healing.
- The Lord shall bless, saying, Blessed is Egypt, my people.
- That's the picture of Messianic times. That's what God has in mind for his people.

5 A Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia

- Just as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia.
- If there was ever a time in which Israel was hoping for Egypt and Ethiopia to be a help, it was now, because it looked like they were being encircled.
- Whether we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria, and how shall we escape? There is no help. That's the message.

6 The Fall of Babylon and the Other Burdens

Ezekiel 35

- Turn to the Lord. For the Lord is the only help. Man cannot help them. But it does not produce what it should.
- Yes, Babylon is fallen, is fallen. Cyrus the Persian comes in and takes Babylon.
- If you will require, inquire, return, come back. In other words, trust in the Lord, come to the Lord, come back to the Lord.
- Don't think you can escape this judgment by fleeing to the desert.

MY NOTES