



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
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PROPHECIES OF JUDGEMENT
AGAINST DAMASCUS

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Genesis 15:2
 - ❖ 14:15
- ❖ 2 Samuel 8:5-6
- ❖ 1 Kings 11:23-25
 - ❖ 15:18-20
- ❖ 2 Kings 16:7-9
- ❖ Isaiah 8:3-4

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Isaiah 17

Guided Questions

1. Why was it necessary for God to send a prophecy to Damascus?
2. Why was Damascus so powerful?
3. Why is it important for believers to remember that God will always be with them?
4. What did God promise to do to Damascus?
5. What happened in Damascus in the New Testament?

Background Reading

Genesis 15:2 And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

Genesis 14:15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

2 Samuel 8:5-6

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went.

Background Reading

1 Kings 11:23-25

23 And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

Background Reading

1 Kings 15:18-20

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

20 So Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

Background Reading

2 Kings 16:7-9

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

Background Reading

Isaiah 8:3-4

3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

Devotional Reading

Isaiah 17

- 1** The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.
- 2** The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.
- 3** The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the Lord of hosts.
- 4** And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.
- 5** And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

Devotional Reading

Isaiah 17

6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the Lord God of Israel.

7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:

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Isaiah 17

11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

Central Verse

Isaiah 17:1 (KJV)

“The burden of Damascus, behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.”

INTRODUCTION

Damascus is one of the oldest cities in the world. It was, and still is, the capital and largest city of Syria and has played a significant role in the history of both the Old and New Testaments. Isaiah prophesied that it would be overthrown. Ephraim, which refers to Israel, or the Northern Kingdom, would also suffer because of its alliance with Damascus against Assyria.

INTRODUCTION

Damascus is an oasis city that sits on the edge of the Syrian Arab Desert, about 130 miles northeast of Jerusalem. It has been said that Damascus is one of the most beautiful cities in all of Western Asia. Damascus was at least a six-day journey on foot from Jerusalem. Located northeast of Mount Hermon and about fifty miles from the Mediterranean coast, it was a leading commercial and transportation center. Isaiah spoke to the people and told them that the riches of Damascus and Samaria would be taken away before the king of Assyria ([Isaiah 8:4](#)).

INTRODUCTION

The judgments of God upon Israel would cause a remnant to turn away from idolatry and return to God, their Maker. They would realize how useless idols are in times of trouble and war. God always has a purpose for His people, even when He allows destruction to come upon them. God is serious when He tells His children that they can have no other gods before Him. He makes it clear to believers that He is a jealous God.

DISCUSSION

The first mention of Damascus in the Bible is in connection with Abraham's rescue of his nephew Lot after he was kidnapped by a confederation of Mesopotamian kings. It is also noteworthy that Abraham's senior servant, Eliezer, was from Damascus. Damascus was a very progressive city where many activities flourished.

DISCUSSION

Damascus was part of the Aramean confederacy and was often involved in wars against Israel. King David eventually conquered the Aramean kingdom of Syria when he slew twenty-two thousand men. The Syrians became servants to David, but King Rezin of Damascus regained control of Syria during Solomon's reign. Damascus was part of the Aramean confederacy and was often involved in wars against Israel. King David eventually conquered the Aramean kingdom of Syria when he slew twenty-two thousand men. The Syrians became servants to David, but King Rezin of Damascus regained control of Syria during Solomon's reign.

DISCUSSION

Isaiah prophesied that Damascus would be removed from Syria and become a ruinous heap. All the glory of Damascus would vanish. God would allow the mighty city of Damascus to be crushed until it became like a heap of rubble. The cities surrounding Damascus would become forsaken wastelands. The glory of Damascus would disappear – the flourishing grain fields olive groves, vineyards, berries, and fruit trees would all be lost. People would come to realize that their prosperity was due to the love and mercy of the Holy One of Israel.

DISCUSSION

God told Jeremiah to tell the people of Damascus that He was going to kindle a fire in the walls of Damascus, and it would consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad.

Heathen nations often think they can mistreat God's people and escape judgment.

However, from time to time, God sends them a prophetic word to remind them that although He sends rain upon the just and the unjust alike, there comes a time when He makes it known that Israel is His chosen people. He will avenge His elect.

DISCUSSION

Jeremiah 1:19 tells believers that "they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee." God assures believers that He is with them and will deliver them.

In the New Testament, we read about Damascus again. Before his divine encounter with Jesus on the Damascus Road, the Apostle Paul was a Jewish leader determined to stop the spread of Christianity. He traveled to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests.

DISCUSSION

It was in Damascus that Saul went to Straight Street and had another encounter with God's divine purpose for his life. There, he received prayer from Ananias, regained his sight, and was filled with the Holy Ghost. It was in Damascus that he was strengthened and began preaching the Gospel. Years later, he wrote the book of Ephesians while under house arrest, imprisoned because of his passionate faith and commitment to spreading the message of Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

Amid Isaiah's prophecy, the Spirit of Prophecy pointed toward hope for the future. No matter what happens, believers who remain faithful to God have no reason to fear. God, who is called Immanuel, will be the confidence of those who trust in Him.

Trials, tribulations, troubles, and challenges will come in life, but believers must remain steadfast in the profession of their faith. They must remain rooted and grounded in the Word and promises of God, knowing that He never fails His children. Jesus promised believers that He would never leave them nor forsake them.

There will always be a place like Damascus waiting to draw people away. There will always be a Samaria where people believe they can do whatever they desire and still prosper. However, believers know that God has a plan for their lives – a plan that gives them a future and a hope.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

When a believer's trust is in God, he or she can be assured that God will always fight their battles, and they will always be victorious though Him.

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Isaiah's Prophecies Against Assyria