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Background Reading:

- Isaiah 10:5-6, 16-19, 24-26
  - 37:27-36
- 2 Kings 19
- Nahum 1:1-10

Devotional Reading:

- Isaiah 14:24-31

Guided Questions

1. Why was Assyria under the judgement if God?
2. What part did King Manasseh have in the destruction of Assyria?
3. What was the relationship between Kind Hezekiah and King Manasseh?
4. Why did God use Nahum to prophesy to the people in Nineveh?

Background Reading

Isaiah 10:5-6

5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

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Background Reading

Isaiah 10:16-19

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

Background Reading

Isaiah 10:24-26

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

26 And the Lord of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

Background Reading

Isaiah 37:27-36

27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

28 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

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Background Reading

Isaiah 37:27-36

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord.

35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36 Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Background Reading

2 Kings 19

Nahum 1:1-10

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

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Background Reading

Nahum 1:1-10

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10 For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

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Devotional Reading

Isaiah 14:24-31

24 The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

Devotional Reading

Isaiah 14:24-31

29 Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

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Central Verse

Isaiah 10:12 (KJV)

"Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks."

INTRODUCTION

God used the Assyrians to punish His godless people. But now He has Isaiah to prophesy their destruction because of their pride and arrogance. This prophecy was fulfilled when God's angel put to death 185,000 soldiers in the Assyrian camp surrounding Jerusalem (Isaiah chapter thirty-seven).

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INTRODUCTION

In the Middle and Neo-Assyrian periods, Assyria was one of the two major Mesopotamian kingdoms, alongside Babylonia in the south, and at times became the dominant power in the Ancient Near East. At one time, Assyria had the world's strongest military power and ruled the largest empire ever assembled, spanning from parts of modern-day Iran in the east to Egypt in the west.

Assyria was the kingdom of northern Mesopotamia that became the center of one of the great empires of the ancient Middle East. It was in what is now northern Iraq and southeastern Turkey.

DISCUSSION

Isaiah preached to the southern kingdom during the reign of Hezekiah and his son Manasseh. Manasseh was reported to be the most wicked king ever to rule God's people in Judah. (2 Kings 21:2-11). Please note that Manasseh was born to Hezekiah during the extra fifteen years that he begged God to add to his life. (Isaiah 38; 39). Manasseh led the people into horrible wickedness including idolatry, immorality, and child sacrifice. Manasseh even sacrificed some of his own children to idolatry. (2 Kings 21:2-11). Manasseh was not a good example to the people; he would not listen to the voices that God sent to him. Therefore, Manasseh was able to seduce the people into doing more evil than all the other nations that God had destroyed before the children of Israel. God told the prophet to tell the people that because Manasseh King of Judah had sinned and had done wickedly above all of what the Amorites did; which were before him, and also made Judah to sin with his idols, God said, that he would bring such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah that whoever hears about it, their ears shall tingle.

DISCUSSION

It seems like the devil will try to cause the children of believers to go farther into sin and unrighteousness than other young people who are sinners. The devil likes to scandalize the believers and their families more than people who have never professed Jesus as their Lord. Satan wants the people to see God's people as wicked as his people.

Judah's immoral idol worship had made them just like the wicked nations around them. God asked Isaiah to exhort Judah to repent of their sins and turn back to Him. He required that they forsake their evil practices and get rid of their alliances with wicked nations. It is said that birds of a feather, flock together. God wanted them to separate themselves SO that they could show the world that they were different, letting people know that they only worshiped and served the true and living God.

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DISCUSSION

God has always been concerned about the nations in His world. He called Jonah to go to Ninevah to give them a proclamation of judgment. The King of Ninevah and most of the people repented at that time. Once again Ninevah fell into sin. Then God sent the Prophet Nahum who consoled Israel by prophesying the destruction of Nineveh and all of Assyria for the devastation they brought to God's people. The prophecies in Nahum remind the believers that God Himself is not disinterested; rather He is the Lord of history. He builds and destroys empires according to his good purpose. During the reign of that evil, wicked King Manasseh God commissioned Prophet Nahum to prophesy the impending downfall of Assyria in 612 BC. This was an invincible empire subjugating nations in Mesopotamia and a dreadful oppressor to Israel for many centuries.

DISCUSSION

Overwhelmed by darkness from both inside and out, the people of God found comfort from Nahum that God will never leave the guilty unpunished and He would be the refuge in times of trouble. The Word says in Exodus 34:6-7, "And the Lord passed by before him and proclaimed, the Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and will by no means clear the guilty: visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."

DISCUSSION

The Assyrians had a reputation which said that they were mighty warriors, but God let them know that with all their might, they were no match against Israel. Because of their threat against Israel, God told Isaiah to prophesy to them and tell them that He would crush their Assyrian Army (Isaiah 14:24-27).

CONCLUSION

In any age when there is no Prophetic voice to speak a Word to God's people, spiritual death and apostasy are sure to occur. It's important for leaders of the Church to understand that there must be a Prophetic Voice to bring correction, exhortation, and comfort to the ministry or the Church cannot come to the fulness that God has designed for it.

God allowed Assyria to be destroyed in a battle they thought that could win. The devil forgets that "the angel of the Lord encamps round about them that fear Him And delivered them." (Psalm 34:7)

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

God allows wicked people to prosper for a time, but they are all eventually cut down.

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NEXT LESSON

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Prophecies to Jerusalem