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Isaiah 18

- ¹ Ah, land of whirring wings
that is beyond the rivers of Cush, [west of Egypt/Africa]
² which sends ambassadors by the sea,
in vessels of papyrus on the waters! [w/ implements of
Go, you swift messengers, [or angels] reed]
to a nation tall and smooth, [drawn out
to a people feared near and far, and obstinate]
a nation mighty and conquering,
whose land the rivers divide. [cleave]
³ All you inhabitants of the world,
you who dwell on the earth,
when a signal is raised on the mountains, look!
When a trumpet is blown, hear!
⁴ For thus the LORD said to me:
“I will quietly look from my dwelling
like clear heat in sunshine,
like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”
⁵ For before the harvest, when the blossom is over,
and the flower becomes a ripening grape,
he cuts off the shoots with pruning hooks,
and the spreading branches he lops off and clears away.
⁶ They shall all of them be left
to the birds of prey of the mountains
and to the beasts of the earth.
And the birds of prey will summer on them,
and all the beasts of the earth will winter on them.
⁷ At that time tribute will be brought to the LORD of hosts
from a people tall and smooth, [drawn out
from a people feared near and far, and independent]
a nation mighty and conquering,
whose land the rivers divide, [cleave]
to Mount Zion, the place of the name
of the LORD of hosts. (Is. 18:1-7 ESV)

The location of Cush is contested by historians. Biblically, it was in Africa. Some Bibles call it Ethiopia, a Greek name. It was south of Egypt in southern Nubia, now Ethiopia.²²⁵ However, in Isaiah’s day the Cushites had conquered Egypt.²²⁶ This is why the Cushites came *out of Egypt*. (2 Chr. 12:3 YLT) They would have been there even after Egypt regained her land. *Beyond the rivers of Cush* indicates a nation distant from Isaiah, certainly west of Egypt—maybe west of Africa. Anything beyond Cush was distant from the prophet; therefore the land is west, beyond

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Cush. The nation was unnamed because it was unknown, but its wings are whirring, clattering, spinning, and noisy, unlike birds. [Heb: *ts'olatsal* is “a clatter, whirring, or buzzing sound.”] The wings of planes contain their roaring engines. Airplanes were invented in America in 1903 just in time for two world wars.²²⁷

What about boats of reed carrying ambassadors across the sea? Imagine wooden ships in the middle of the Atlantic, and we can see why they were compared to vessels of papyrus, or bulrushes. Would we take a trip on a wooden ship miles above the ocean floor? They often died in storms at sea, swallowed by its perilous waves.

One version has, *sending by sea ambassadors, even with implements of reed on the face of the waters.* (YLT) At her inception, Benjamin Franklin was the first American diplomat, taking excursions to England and France with documents and treaties.²²⁸ Europe's diplomats did the same.

The nation is “drawn out” [Heb.: *māshak*], and “obstinate, or independent” [Heb.: *mowrat*]. The eagle's wings were pulled off the lion's back (in Dan. 7:4). [Aram.: *m'rat*, “pull off”] Drawn out of other nations by the hand of God, her people were obstinate and independent. [The words' double-meanings are intentional.]

Determined to strike out on their own, pioneers explored the land, discovered its extent, and crossed it. Pressing westward, they plowed its fields; risked their lives; settled its wilderness; built its towns, farms, and ranches. Marking its state borders, they increased and built highways, railroads, and bridges.

Her people are feared near and far, mighty and conquering; she is the leopard, given dominion. (Dan. 7:6) Her messengers (Rev. 14:6-9) speak *to the earth and to every nation*, sending signals as the whole world watches and listens. (18: 3, p. 295)

Isaiah saw a mighty nation *whose land the rivers divide*. This undoubtedly pinpoints the nation by her geography, including her many rivers. Some versions have, *whose land the rivers [or floods] have spoiled*, which is incorrect. The Hebrew word *baza* means “cleave, split along natural lines, or divide.” *Rivers that divide the land* reveal her location. (18:2) Forty-four of her states have rivers as borders.²²⁹ Together the words describe America, not Britain, Russia, South Africa, or any other on the earth. Twelve states were *meted out*, surveyed with straight lines.²³⁰ In

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verse 4 God is Sovereign, intensely but quietly watching. He is in control, unmovable, impassable. *Like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest (KJV). A clear heat is intense, one that can burn the herbs, but a cloud of dew refreshes both harvest and harvesters. The way God deals with her is a warning to the world.*

In verse 5 at the fullness of time, there is a great slaughter. Multitudes of bodies are left to the scavenging birds and beasts. Her judgment comes before the harvest as her fruit is ripening. In Revelation 15 the first harvest is the first resurrection, and the next yields His wrath, but this is before the harvest. [Heb.: *gamal* is translated *unripe* (in *YLT*); but is “ripen” in several versions and in (*ZGE*). ... *the flower becomes a ripening grape* (in *ESV*).] This is like a nation that reaches her fullness.

Isaiah 18 refers to a powerful nation, unknown in his time; not in her youth, but *when the blossom is over, and her flower becomes a ripening grape* (in 18:5). Then the symbolism is about a slaughter, a judgment from the hand of God. Israel is a nation, Zion, when this land is broken, humbled, and finally healed.

The importance of America’s place as the sister land to Israel can’t be overstated. The two have had close ties, and God will not forget her, but like Israel, her sins have separated her from Him. The blood of innocents is on her hands. Before He saves the nation from total destruction, He cuts off her spreading branches, her strength. His pruning hooks reach her high places. The result of her judgment proves His intention to humble her and correct her course to save her.

Terrible times have come and gone, and millions of souls have been lost. The bodies had lain in our own fields at first; then in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the ME, but this occurs when Israel is a nation. Its imagery shows a land out of destruction like life out of death when at last she offers a gift to God in Zion.

The judgment is severe but ends with an offering to God in Jerusalem *from a nation, feared near and far, mighty and conquering, whose land its rivers divide*. She brings a tribute—a gift, an act, or repayment, given in gratitude for a blessing or act of favor—to the LORD on Mount Zion, Jerusalem. ... *for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:3c)*

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The LORD is *like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest* to His people. (From 18:4) After the fire, her enduring faith is rewarded, and her survivors humbly rise up with a gift of thanks to God in Zion for life itself and for redeeming the nation.

America has been weakened by atheism, immorality, and a drug culture. For decades, millions have been losing their future and their hope. Denying her faith under the spells that deceive her, America's losing her liberty, including fundamental natural rights endowed by our Creator.

The church must act as salt and light to preserve civilization. Jesus never compromised His righteousness with the culture that ultimately killed Him.

The Word of God is a Sword that divides us. He didn't come to bring peace to this world, but to convict it because the world is evil. He doesn't unite us but by personal radical transformation—new birth. Then we're divided from this world but united together in Him if His Word abides in us and we remain in Him. Our country depends on our return to the Holy Bible and to prayers that embrace her foundations.

No country is separate from its founders' faith. Governments are formed by what their founders believe—it's always been that way. It's a dark world. We're all flawed and are often blind to our own sins though we easily spot ours in others.

America matters to God; she's been a sister to Israel since 1947. However, she has fallen since the removal of the Word of God from her schools, and we must pray to save the one nation God chose for each of us to inhabit. We are to follow Christ in meekness, yielded to His will for us to inherit a new earth. Prayer makes a difference; God hears our prayers for America.

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ... (Phil. 3:8, 10-11 NASB)

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; (Phil. 3:14-15 NASB) ["Perfect" is more correctly, mature and of full age, made complete by the exercise of godliness.]

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