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## Isaiah 18

- 18 Ah, land of whirring wings [clattering, noisy]  
that is beyond the rivers of Cush,  
2 which sends ambassadors by the sea,  
in vessels of papyrus on the waters! [w/ satchels of papers]  
Go, you swift messengers, [or angels]  
to a nation tall and smooth, [drawn out and independent/  
to a people feared near and far, 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 & independent/  
from a people feared near and far, obstinate]  
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, but biblical Cush was in Africa. Some sources call it Ethiopia, a Greek name. Its land was south of Egypt in southern Nubia, now Ethiopia.<sup>234</sup> However, in Isaiah’s day, the Cushites had conquered Egypt.<sup>235</sup> This is why Cushites came *out of Egypt* (in 2 Chr. 12:3 YLT). They were there after Egypt regained her land. *Beyond the rivers of Cush*—distant from Isaiah, surely west of Egypt—maybe west of Africa, was a land far away from the prophet. Had Isaiah known

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the nation, he would have named it, but it was unknown to him. Its wings whirl, clatter, and spin. Unlike birds' wings, these have noisy engines like an American aerial invention from 1903. The airplane was on time to cross the globe for two world wars.<sup>236</sup>

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

Reeds are also called *papyrus* (in 18:2 *ESV*). One version has, *sending by sea ambassadors, even with implements of reed on the face of the waters.* (*YLT*) At her inception, near the time of the Revolutionary War, Ben Franklin, the first American diplomat, made excursions to Europe. Taking documents and treaties with them, ambassadors from France, England, and Spain also sailed to America.<sup>237</sup>

In Hebrew *mowrat* means obstinate or independent. Double-meanings may be intentional, true in more than one way. Drawn out of the nations and independent, her pioneers explored the land to discover its extent. Pressing westward, they plowed its fields; risking their lives, they settled its wilderness. They built towns, farms, and ranches, and raised their families in uncharted territories. Marking state borders, the people increased and built highways, railroads, and bridges.

*Fear'd near and far, mighty and conquering:* America was given dominion. (Dan. 7:6) Her *messengers* (Rev. 14:6-9) speak to every nation, via *signals* as the world watches and listens. TV and FM towers are erected on mountaintops and tall buildings with signals that work by line-of-sight, unlike AM. (See 18:3.)

Isaiah saw a mighty nation *whose land the rivers divide*. This undoubtedly pinpoints America by her topography, even as her rivers delineate state borders. Some versions read, *whose land the rivers have spoiled*, but the word *baza* means "cleave, or split along natural lines, divide." *Rivers that divide the land* reveal her nation (in 18:2): Forty-four of her fifty states are bordered by rivers.<sup>238</sup> Twelve states were also *meted out* with straight lines.<sup>239</sup>

Its pieces form America; putting them all together, it looks like none of the other great nations. It's hard to refute the details. In 18:4 God is Sovereign, intensely yet quietly watching, He is in control, unmoved, steadfast:

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<sup>4</sup> 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.”  
(Is. 18:4 ESV)

A clear heat is intense, but a cloud of dew refreshes the harvest and its harvesters. The way God deals with her warns the world. In 18:5 there is a great slaughter. Multitudes of carcasses are left for scavenging birds and beasts. Her judgment is before the harvest, as her fruit ripens. In Revelation 15 the first harvest is at the first resurrection, and the next is at the end of time, but these things take place before the harvest. [Heb.: *gamal* is “unripe” in YLT but is often “ripen” in other versions and in ZGE interlinear. *The flower becomes a ripening grape (in ESV).*] This nation nearly reaches her fullness when she is judged.

Isaiah 18 shows a powerful nation, unknown to the prophet; not in her youth, but *when the blossom is over, and her flower becomes a ripening grape (in 18:5)*. After that, the symbolism is about a great slaughter, the judgment of God. When this land is broken, humbled, and finally healed, Israel is a nation, Zion.

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. She turned from God; then, slew the innocents. Before He saves the nation from utter destruction, her spreading branches are cut off. Her strength is in her branches, but her spreading branches might be her bureaucracy. His pruning hooks reach her shoots, possibly, her children. His judgments correct her course to humble and save her without utterly destroying her.

Terrible times have come and gone, and millions of souls have been lost. The bodies had lain in her own fields when she was young; then in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the ME. But at the time described, Israel is a nation when the land comes up from destruction like life out of death and 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 her 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*

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*Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:3c)*

The LORD is *like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest* to His people. (18:4) After the trials, her faith is rewarded; her survivors humbly rise up with a gift of thanksgiving to God for life and for a redeemed nation.

America has been weakened and divided by slander, racism,, atheism, rebellion, immorality, violence, hatred, drugs, organized crime, human trafficking, false witness, and murder. Tens of millions of children are killed or lose hope by fatherless homes. Their minds have been ravished by her education system, which has been indoctrinating them for decades; it's spiritual warfare, and it has never been more intense than now. Denying her faith by spells that deceive her, people are losing their liberties, even those which were endowed by her Creator.

The church must act as salt and light to preserve civilization. Jesus never compromised His righteousness with the culture that ultimately killed Him; we must never forget His mercy or truth. When they persecute us for righteousness, we must not fear.

The Word of God is a Sword that divides us. He didn't come to bring peace to a sinful world, but to convict it because it's evil, and hopefully, now many more of us realize that.

We can unite by personal transformation: renewing our minds. Though we're divided from the world, we're united by Christ if the truth is in us and we live by faith in His words; there may not be many of us. Our nation's future depends on our return to the Bible, prayer, and godliness.

No country is separate from its founders' faith. Governments are formed by what their founders believe—it's always been that way. America matters to God; He plucked her wings off a lion's back, but she fell by denying Him. We must repent to save the nation that God prepared for us to inhabit. If we hope to have eternal life, we must live in humility, serving Him well. Then our prayers will make a difference to God who hears every word.

<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, all who are mature, let's have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that to you as well; (Phil. 3:10-11, 14-15 NASB) ["Perfect" here is mature, of full age, made complete by the exercise of godliness.]