Isaiah 59

<u>Isaiah 59:1-2</u> Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, **that it cannot hear**: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will **not hear**.

Does the Lord hear or not? What is the meaning of verse 1-2?

<u>I John 4 : 6</u> We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us

<u>I John 5:14-15</u> And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Does God always hear our petitions to Him?

<u>Isaiah 59:3-6</u> For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

<u>James 4:2-4</u> Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

<u>II Nephi 3:65</u> yea, my God will give me, if I ask not amiss: therefore, I will lift up my voice unto thee; yea, I will cry unto thee, my God, the rock of my righteousness.

<u>Isaiah 59:7</u> Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to **shed innocent blood**: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

At that time, what examples would apply to "shed innocent blood" (1) How many nations (tribes) of the House of Israel make up Israel at that time?

<u>Isaiah 59:8-16</u> The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope

for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

II Chronicles 33: 10-13 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of

Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.



<u>Isaiah 59:17</u> For he put on **righteousness as a breastplate**, and an **helmet of salvation** upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for **clothing**, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

Does this sound familiar?

<u>Ephesians 6:14, 17</u> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness**; ...And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<u>Isaiah 59:18</u> According to **their deeds**, accordingly he will repay, **fury to his adversaries**, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense.

Standards

<u>Isaiah 59:19</u> So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

<u>Alma 23:24</u> And the remainder of those dissenters, rather than to be smitten down to the earth by the sword, yielded to the **standard of liberty**, and were compelled to **hoist the title of liberty upon their towers, and in their cities**, and to take up arms in defense of their country.

Malachi 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Revelation 19:11-16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon

him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.



Is there another Standard that will be raised?

<u>Isaiah 49 : 22</u> Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my **standard** to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. (<u>I Nephi 6 : 52</u> p 72)

<u>Isaiah 59:20</u> And the **Redeemer shall come to Zion**, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Zechariah 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

<u>Isaiah 59:21</u> As for me, **this is my covenant** with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, **and my words which I have put in thy mouth**, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, **nor out of the mouth of thy seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.**

So much for replacement theology!

Manasseh Child Killer, Prophet slayer

II Kings 21:6 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

<u>Jeremiah 2:30</u> In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: **your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.**

Manassas sponsored the Assyrian astral cult throughout Judah. Malamat, Abraham and Ben-Sasson, Haim Hillel. A History of the Jewish People, Harvard University Press, 1976 ISBN 9780674397316

