

Isaiah ¹⁰ Because you have forgotten the “God of Your Salvation,” and the “Rock of Your Stronghold,” you have not remembered; therefore, though you will plant pleasant plants and sow imported sprigs,
¹¹ in the day of your planting, you will make them grow, and in the morning that you sow, you will make them blossom, but the harvest will be a heap in the day of grief and of incurable pain.

PORTRAYAL OF THE DOWNFALL OF THE NATIONS THAT
 OPPRESS ISRAEL (17:12-14)

Isaiah ¹² Woe to the multitude of many people, who are turbulent like the turbulence of the seas; O the roar of nations, the roar like the roar of mighty waters!
¹³ The nations roar like the roar of many waters, but He will rebuke them, and they will flee far away and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind and like a tumbleweed before the whirlwind.
¹⁴ And behold, in the evening—terror! And before morning—they are gone!

God’s covenant people “Such is the portion of those who loot us, and the lot of those who plunder us.”

THE LORD’S MESSENGERS TAKE THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD
 (18:1-7)

Isaiah **18** Ah, the land whirring with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Cush, ² that sends ambassadors by the sea in vessels of reeds upon the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth-skinned, to a people feared far and wide, a mighty and conquering nation, whose land the rivers have divided.¹⁰⁹

109. The verse presents difficult Hebrew expressions, making a flawless translation impossible.

³ All inhabitants of the world
and dwellers on the earth,

when an ensign is raised on the mountains, you will see;
when a trumpet is blown, you will hear.

⁴ For thus says the LORD to me,

The LORD “I will be still,
and I will look from My dwelling place,
like shimmering heat in the light
and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”

Isaiah ⁵ For before the harvest,
after the budding and the blossoms become ripening grapes,
He will cut off the shoots with pruning hooks
and cut down and take away the spreading branches.

⁶ They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey
and for the wild animals of the earth,
and the birds of prey will summer on them,
and all the wild animals of the earth will winter on them.

⁷ At that time a gift will be brought to the LORD of Hosts, from
a people tall and smooth-skinned, and from a people feared far
and wide,
a mighty and conquering nation, whose land the rivers have
divided,

to the place of the name of the LORD of Hosts—
Mount Zion!

THE LORD SMITES EGYPT AND LATER HEALS IT (19:1-25)

Isaiah **19** A prophecy against Egypt:
Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt,
and the idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence,
and the heart of Egypt will melt within it.

The LORD ² And I will provoke Egyptian against Egyptian,
and they will fight, everyone against his brother,
and everyone against his neighbor, city against city,
kingdom against kingdom.