

## WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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### Announcements

- **Every Sunday, 12:00 PM: Family Dinner.** Everyone is invited. Consider this as you invite people to church, you can bring them to experience fellowship with us.
- **Sunday Evening Service:** An interactive Bible Study with Q and A.

### Agents of Wrath, Part 2; Isaiah 19:1-25

Agents of Wrath Part 1: Assyria was both an agent of God's wrath and an object of God's wrath. Their case illustrates two important biblical truths that appear to some as a paradox:

- God is absolutely sovereign in all earthly affairs. 1 Samuel 2:6-7; Hebrews 6:17; Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:25, 4:35; Acts 2:23, 4:28; Ephesians 1:11; Philippians 2:13.
- Every human being (and indeed, nation) is responsible for his actions. Isaiah 10:7, 12; Ezekiel 18:20-21, Acts 2:38, 17:30.

Agents of Wrath Part 2: Does God judge all nations in this way? What is the criteria for his judgment? How then do we live as God's people in one of those nations?

### **Case Study: Egypt**

- Yes, God judges all nations.
- Striking, Isaiah 19:1-15.
- As he will strike all other nations: Assyria, Isaiah 10, etc; Philistia, Isaiah 14:28-32; Moab, Isaiah 15:1-16:14; Damascus, Isaiah 17:1-14; Cush, Isaiah

18:1-7; Egypt, Isaiah 19:1-25; Egypt and Cush, Isaiah 20:1-6; Babylon, Arabia, Kedar, Isaiah 21:1-17; Babylon, Isaiah 46-48; Tyre and Sidon, Isaiah 23:1-18; The whole earth, Isaiah 24:1-23, 34:1-17, 63:1-6; (including the host of heaven, Isaiah 24:21)

- Why? Read the text and discover the reasons including: Sin, Pride/Arrogance, rebellion, social injustice, idolatry, murder, conquest, etc.
- How? Read the text and see that God primarily uses other nations, but also uses 'natural' disasters, economic pressures, internal strife, and a number of other means to bring his wrath upon nations.

### **Striking and Healing**

- Striking, Isaiah 19:1-15.
  - Egypt's gods would fail, Isaiah 19:1, 3;
  - Its wealth of resources would fail, Isaiah 19:5-10;
  - Its wisdom would fail, Isaiah 19:11-15;
  - Its human abilities would fail, Isaiah 19:3, 12;
- Healing, Isaiah 19:16-25.
  - There will be a final judgment by Jesus (The Lion of the Tribe of Judah), Isaiah 19:16-17;
  - The saving truth of the gospel will go forth into Egypt, Isaiah 19:18-22;
  - And into all the world, Isaiah 19:23-25.

### **Encouragements**

- God is just and does not allow the sins of nations to go unpunished.
- God is gracious and sends his saving Gospel into all the world. Ezekiel 18:19-20; Isaiah 66:18-20.
- So we live in this world being salt and light, preaching the Gospel and making disciples. Matthew 5:13-16, 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20.
- And informing the nations regarding God and his righteous standards.
- And we cannot fail. Isaiah 55:11.

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