

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 28-35

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gone. It's Arabs that control Egypt now. The ancient Assyrians have disappeared, the Babylonians. All these nations of antiquity have disappeared. The Jews have been widely scattered but they still maintain their identity to this day, and God still have a future for them. The time is coming as Paul says when all Israel will be saved. So they flee and are scattered, but they remain as a beacon on the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill. Scattered throughout the world, yet visible there as an evidence that God's people that He called to bear His name are still continuing though in unbelief and that God has his fut. purposes for them.

30:18 And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you. He will eventually show great graciousness and goodness to them. Therefore he will be exalted that he may have mercy upon you . . . that wait for him."

Well I don't think I'll take time to look on through the chapter much but I'll ==except to note toward the end of it again the references to the Assyrian. Reference to the destruction of Sennacherib's invasion. We find here in 30:31, For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod." It is not through their force. It is not through their army. It comes because of the Lord sending a great destruction which we saw predicted in these other places.

Then in ch. 31 and 32 he goes back again to the immediate situation. Ch. 31 starts like 30 did, "Woe to them that go down to Egypt . . . Vs. 3 Now the Egyptians are men and not God . . . They are looking for help to Egypt, and they are not going to get it. They will not be delivered. Sennacherib will come, and they will -- all of Judah will be taken except Jerusalem. They will be in a situation in which it will seem absolutely hopeless, but we find that at the latter part of vs. 4(30:4 . . . so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. Vs. 5 As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem. That's not saying they are going to come with airplanes and destroy Sennacherib's force, but it is saying that which they can't reach, that which is above them which represents simply the acts of God is going to come in a way that no human being in those days could possibly accomplish and is going suddenly to bring complete destruction of Sennacherib's army. 30:5(read)