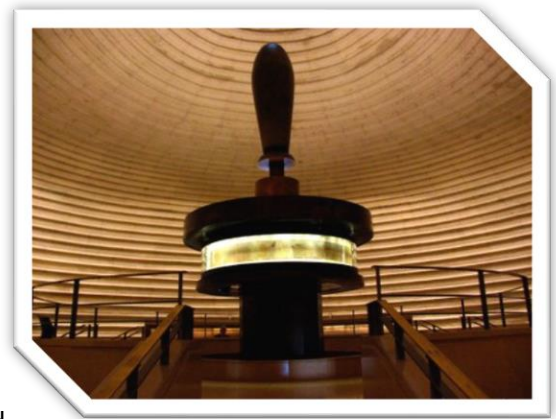


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Watch **Israel** and **Judah** – greatly blessed by God. **Israel** = **Ephraim** ½ Egyptian son of Joseph who received all the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and was promised to become a commonwealth of nations, **Manasseh** promised to become a great nation at the center of the earth; these 1/2 Egyptian brothers were not Jewish,

and **Judah**, father of the **Jewish people**, was promised the great law giver Messiah.



Isaiah says there are 2 Houses BIG **Ephraim Israel** and little **Judah Israel**.

The Two Houses of **Israel**.

The Two Houses supposedly **ruled by God**

1 **HO!**

Now that should get somebody's attention! Don't you think? **Eliminate the woe. This chapter is NOT a curse.** The Hebrew word is **hoi**. It's an interjection, and can also mean reactions like: **Ah! ... Ha! ... Oh! ...** or as in Isaiah 55, **HO! everyone who thirsts!** In other words: **Hey! the Lord wants your attention!**

The Lord wants us to know, when He makes any promise, He keeps His word. This promise is not because of anything some people did... though I imagine God would be pleased if they were thankful for His mercy. Remember: father Israel blessed 2 half-Egyptian sons; **Manasseh would become the great nation**; the least mentioned of **the 3 faithless shepherds** in view – **Zechariah 11**. Ephraim, Manasseh, and Judah.

This chapter is about a promise the Lord gave over 2,500 years ago... to a nation that would arise... at the end of the time of the Gentiles; that was expected to be faithful to the God who gave it birth; as well as be a blessing to the rest of the world. And for a little history lesson; after prophet Isaiah wrote these verses to be read among the nations, of all the nations that have risen and fallen since Isaiah, only America took this same word of God as the basis for its existence; for its legal system, elevating the God of the Bible.

Now quite honestly, a nation, **any faithless nation that turns its back on God**; that becomes infiltrated with two-faced fools, thieves and robbers in every position of leadership, embezzling God's goodness for their own greedy gain; who are not a blessing, but a curse to many nations will undoubtedly **be worthy of their homes becoming a dunghill = a shit pile**. even old Nebuchadnezzar had enough sense to know that. Isn't it interesting that **Manasseh** would become a great nation at the center of the world, and **the Battle of Manassas** is where they first fought the opening salvos of the American Civil War.

But back to Isaiah; keep your eyes on God and His faithfulness...

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HO! ...

to the land shadowing with wings / with outstretched eagle's wings; Matthew Henry in 1706 -- 70 years before the American Revolution... began his comments on this chapter by saying, Interpreters are very much at a loss where to find this land that lies... **beyond the rivers of Cush.**



Well then Mr. Henry... let's just listen to Isaiah...

beyond the rivers of Cush / Isaiah is talking; he's looking WEST, far, far to the WEST!

To a land...

² **that sends ambassadors by the sea** / Isaiah sees... it's a land with international influence; it's ambassadors are leaders to the world – even to Jerusalem,

even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters / as Dr. Gene Scott pointed out, and he is absolutely right... Isaiah is using his language... more than 2500 years ago. He doesn't have a technical manual for the 21st century. He sees: ships like sponges... taking up water... gobbling up water. He's not writing a scientific journal. How would you describe steamships... in primitive words?



HEY! to a land with outstretched eagles' wings... that sends ambassadors...

Go, you swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled / this phrase can be translated,

to a tall and smooth faced people / smooth faced... as in clean shaven people. **These people did not look like the bearded people in Isaiah's part of the world;**

to a people terrifying from their beginning / to a people... able to cause fear from their beginning;

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onward to the end / from its beginning till its end; many times we read... God put the terror of His people into the surrounding nations; these people are like a nation whose first shot... was heard around the world!

a nation meted out and trodden down / it is laid out and organized.

It's entirely tilled; and it's flawlessly surveyed -- north, south, east and west; every square inch of the country is mapped out;



whose land the rivers divide / even its rivers are a distinguishing mark... dividing up and cutting through the land. Rivers... plural... like the Mississippi... and the Missouri... and the Ohio.

³All you inhabitants of the world,

and all you dwellers on earth / on this planet, Isaiah is speaking to all of us; nobody is left out! Everyone is invited to pay attention.

See! / see what? Isaiah says... WORLD be looking!

See! when he lifts up a flag on the mountains / WORLD... when you see him... lift up his national symbol... his flag: like when the Marines raised the flag on Iwo Jima;



You will hear it, when he blows a trumpet / for war!

In other words, WORLD, you will see, and you will hear... so watch out! Pay attention!

⁴For so the LORD said to me, I will take My rest: again, Matthew Henry writes about these words, "I will take My rest" It is not as if HE is weary of governing the world... or, as if He either needed or desired to retire from it, and repose Himself. But it intimates that the great GOD... has perfect, undisturbed enjoyment of Himself. He is not bothered by the agitations; He is not astonished by the commotions. **He's simply... going to sit back for a while.**

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and I will consider in My dwelling place / in the eternities -- His heavenly home He is going to watch and consider what is going on; from His vantage point, what is to be done,

like a clear heat upon herbs and like a cloud and dew in the heat of harvest / after rain which is very reviving... and makes the **herbs**... to flourish; both are welcome! The dew to the ground; and the cloud to the laborers. And the Lord GOD will watch... because He is most concerned about His people.

Now, there is a bump in the road coming, that involves: His people... the faithful ones; this great nation with outstretched wings; and the world -- ALL the world.

And God sees this bump in the road approaching.

⁵ **For before the harvest** / hmm?! What harvest? the end-time harvest. The prophet Joel in chapter 3 of his book... says, [Put in the sickle... for the harvest is ripe!](#) And he tells us in much more detail about this harvest.

And isn't it interesting... that the next great **Feast Day**... a specific Day appointed by the Lord God, that we anticipate to be fulfilled by something Christ, the Messiah does... [that next great Day that Moses told us about: Leviticus23](#); that next Day of the Lord is: [the Feast of Trumpets](#) -- usually in September or early October... when the summer season of growth is over... and all the labor to produce a good yield is finished... when the trumpets blast 100 times that Day... and with joy they rush out and gather up the harvest. That's the harvest we are learning about: what we are anticipating; the one fulfilled in Christ.

But before the harvest when the bud is perfect / this Hebrew word means: **in front of**, facing; even... leading up to the presence of... Isaiah says when the sprout or growth is complete; when it is finished and whole: without any more room to grow,

and the sour grape is ripening in the flower / is the Lord talking about the ripe grapes in His vineyard? **Yes!** Jesus told us the night He was betrayed; [His Father is the worker in the vineyard](#) inspecting the healthy growth in the lives He planted: with lots of love and joy and peace. -- [John 15](#). Definitely here we are learning: when life has matured... and comes to fruition; suddenly... and quite unexpectedly



He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks,

and take away / notice there are 2 actions: the fruitful, fragile vines... He will surgically cut off with pruning tools and clippers, and remove or discard; a word used over 300 times in the OT. These words tell us: the Lord Himself... will come to His vineyard when the fruit is ripe and what? Will He remove what little fruit could be found? Will He take away all the grapes that none remain? We are reminded to: Pay attention to what He says! Does this hint at: [the next great Feast day that even Paul would not have us ignorant of?](#) When the Lord himself will descend and gather up His people;

and cut down the branches ...

6 they will be left together for the fowls of the mountains / to chop down the branches that maybe had lots of leaves but produced no fruit. GOD Himself, messed up everyone's day! Did you know the CIA, UN and Brussel's EU were formed by Jesuits - the shadowy military thugs of Rome?

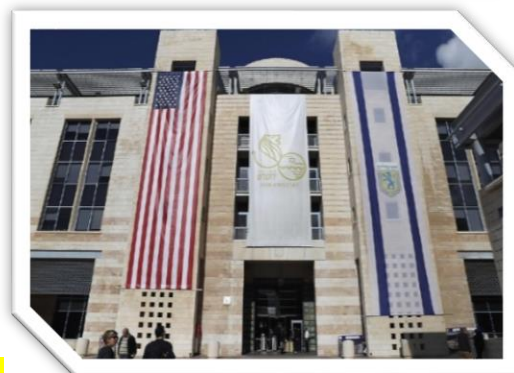
and to the beasts of the earth and the fowls will summer on them; and all the beasts of the earth will winter on them / Daniel tells us the 4th great beast govt (which was roman) will be hard as iron, smashing and destroying until the whole world is broken; when they speak, when they work... all they know to do is to smash and destroy; in defiance to the Lord, like Goliath the Philistine who... defied the armies of Israel.

Here Isaiah tells us, What is left after the fowls nibble on... the beasts will continue to go after and will chew on! Happening in the news one day! And for one last time, GOD will allow His gift of life on earth... to be nearly decimated and destroyed; munched on by beasts and birdbrains!

7 In that time the present / the gift, right before the harvest, that God prepared for this special time...

will be brought to the LORD of hosts / the Lord of ALL things! And what is that gift? It will be from the **PEOPLE** / at the center of earth, this NATION, obviously an exceptional nation... with outstretched wings...

tall and smooth faced, and from a people, to be feared far and wide, from their beginning,



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onward to the end;

a nation measured out and surveyed foot by foot / and organized; every piece of the land, whose land the rivers divide.

WHAT is the gift? the present...

and to where will this present be brought? The Gift will come from We The People of this great nation, and brought...



to the place of the name of the

LORD of hosts, Mount Zion / to the City of David; where the flock gathers, someday the **LORD** will call on this great and special People, they will come quickly to help **Jerusalem!** Did it happen, when the President of We The People moved our embassy? Or is it still future?

If this isn't the great nation, then don't worry for the next 1,000 years, because no other is on the horizon.

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