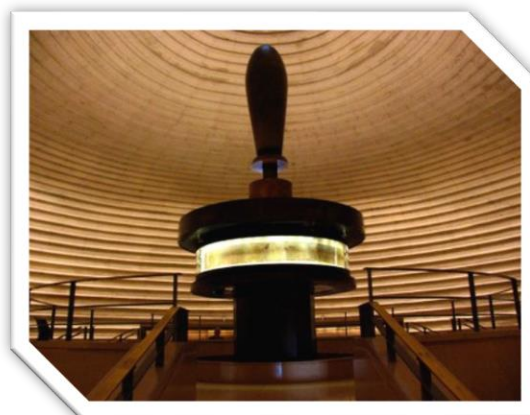


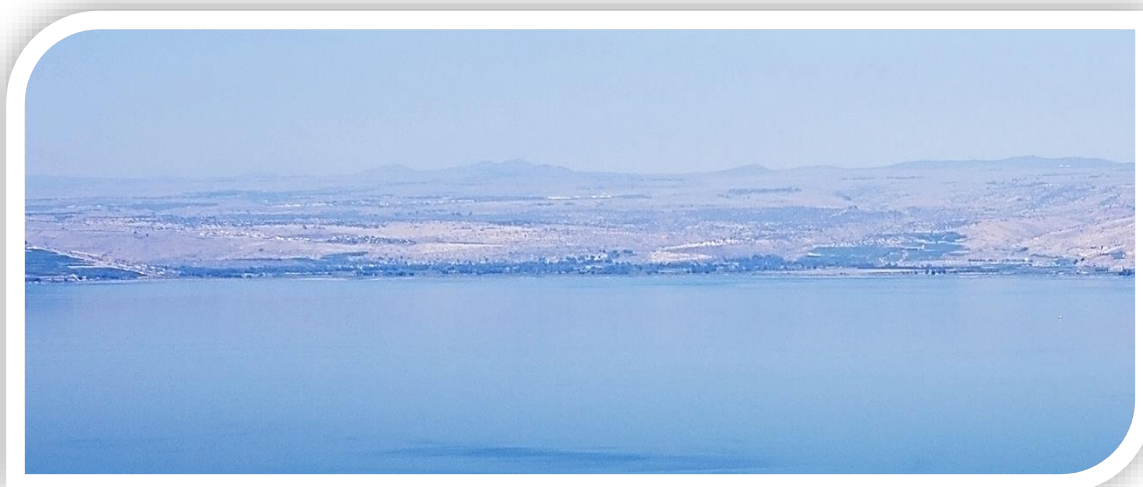
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Watch **Israel** and **Judah** – greatly blessed by God. **Israel** = **Ephraim** who received the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and was promised to become a commonwealth of nations, **Manasseh** promised to become a great nation; and **Judah** promised the law giver Messiah.



¹ But the gloomy darkness will not be such as was in her anguish, when at the first when He lightly afflicted the land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali and afterward did more grievously afflict her by

the way of the sea, in Galilee of the nations beyond the Jordan River / Isaiah reminds them about the first Assyrian invasion of king Hazael all the way up to Jerusalem's doorstep, when the 10 northern tribes of **Israel**... possessing all the birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, were taken into captivity; and were first resettled clearly [in a different place of their own](#) – **2 Samuel 7**,



² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

/ the region where Jesus the Christ – the Messiah of God first called and taught His disciples when He came the first time in great humility; where He gave His Sermon on the Mount – of blessings to His people; where He reaffirmed God's covenant to those who do and teach His instructions; to pray to our Father in heaven – **Matthew 5-7**; and where He met with over 500 brothers and sisters at the same time after His resurrection – **1Corinthians 15**: those who carelessly forgot the ways of God for centuries;

they saw the greatest light; full of grace and truth;

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those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined / here, the Lord is promising... the ones who first endured the afflictions... would be honored by God to first receive **the Light of the world.**

³**You multiplied the nation, but not increased the joy also -- the joy before You according to the joy in harvest** / like farmers and workers of the field; you know, after the sweat and toil and long hours since the early planting. You know, right? most people now days, don't know that joy! We shop... well really, we complain at the local market, right?

They joy before You as soldiers rejoice when they divide the spoils / in victory! Of course after the battle is fought. That joy!

⁴**For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the beam on his shoulder, the club of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian** / the tools of slavish cruelty have been smashed; recalling when Gideon and his 300 were victorious in the Lord.

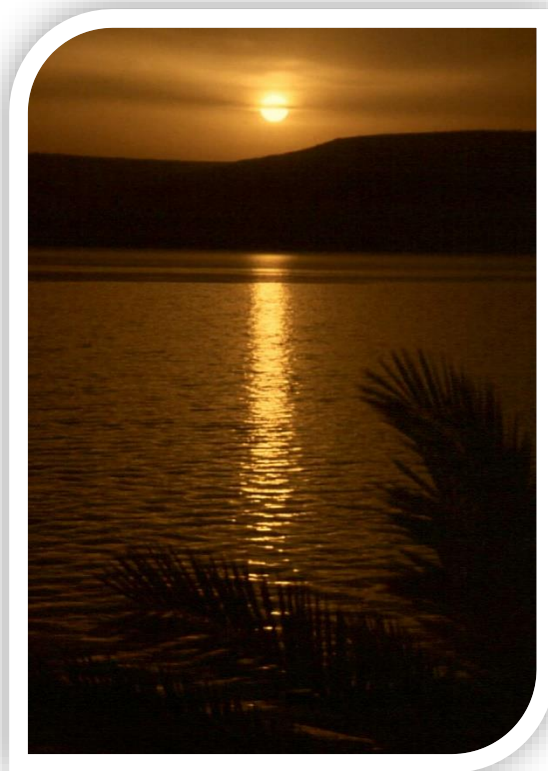
⁵**For every gory battle of the warrior is with confused noise** / with frenzy, clamor, and mistakes being made, **and with garments rolled in blood; but all that will be done away with, burned in the fire.**

Why? Because God has something better in mind; listen:

⁶**For unto us a Child is born,** [for unto us a Child is born](#)

to us a Son is given: and the government will rest on His shoulder / to govern is His honor; it is His burden... His alone!

and His name will be called: Wonderful Counselor / after all, He is the Wisdom of God, He is... **The Mighty God,**



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✓ **unto us a Child is born**

He is... **The Father of eternity,**

✓ He is... **The Prince of Peace** / whose Son is this? **Surely, you know.**

unto us a Child is born

So unlike all the worthless rulers of the world – be they civil or religious whose kingdom began in gold and splendor but will end in the iron and clay trash heap of history,

7 Of the increase of His government... and peace... there will be no end! Wow! Can you imagine? This Child, this Son knows how to govern and manage; and peace -- **not** like the world gives, but real peace comes from Him,

set upon the throne of David / so David's throne over Israel will still exist when He comes again, [according to Jeremiah 33](#);
[if the sun, the moon and the stars are still doing what the Creator made them do in the beginning,](#)



and set upon His kingdom / at His trial, Jesus the Messiah clearly answering Pilate as to whether or not He was a king; at that time, He repeatedly said, [My kingdom is not of this world, if My kingdom was of this world then My servants would fight](#) – 1 servant alone could cause every person on planet earth... to soil their pants in a second – the prophet tells us, one day [He will come whose right it is to reign; and the Lord God will set Him in place](#) – [Ezekiel 21](#), sooner than most of us can imagine,

to order it, and to establish it with justice, and with rightness from hereafter even forever. / in Hebrew: **mishpat**... literally means: **the One with authority to shut the serpent's mouth.** His right way of doing things; always in truth,

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

He will accomplish it. He is going to make it happen. But in the meantime...The people were forewarned by Moses as they entered the land pledged to their forefathers, they knew the blessings promised by God should they obey His voice, and the curses should they choose to turn away from Him. Isaiah spoke words of hope to the people who were preparing for yet another invasion due to their faithlessness.

In the next four strophes, Isaiah outlines **Israel's** crime, their **punishment**, and a final refrain.

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8 The LORD sent a word against Jacob, and it fell on Israel / a message is sent the descendants of their scheming forefather; a condemnation has fallen on rebellious Israel.

9 And all the people will know, even Ephraim and the residents of Samaria, who say in pride and arrogance of heart / Ephraim the leader of the House of Israel, the 10 northern tribes... received all **the brilliant promises God first made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**... that they might be a blessing to the world; but due to their faithlessness, they forfeited their right to remain in the land; these northern fat-head tribes were no different than their offspring who populate the 21st century, who proudly speak their bold assertions defying God,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with smooth stones / on the surface, they sound laudable, but remember, the Lord lifted His hedge of protection around them... allowing Assyrians to invade and their walls to fall; yet they are not remorseful, but stubborn fools who refuse to humble themselves. And want to argue with God; they are going to rebuild bigger, and better:

the sycamores are cut down, but we will exchange them with evergreens / again they are in defiance of God's judgment; they are sure that they will grow higher and fuller than before.



Since Isaiah first spoke these words, to the nation Israel 2700 years ago, **America** is the **only** other country in world history, to build their foundation on what the prophets said... which is the only reason why it was a blessing to the world. These are the same words spoken by globalists rebuilding the World Trade Center -- modern-day **Tower of Babel** in New York City; probably not knowing their defiant words were against the Lord God who they drove out of the life of their country, as He was driven from those Isaiah warned.

How does the Lord respond to their rebellion?

Most people do not know, ground zero in New York City is exactly where the little **St. Paul's chapel** is located -- still standing; it is where George Washington after his inauguration a few blocks away on Wall Street, he stopped at St. Paul's to pray.



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For more than 250 years the chapel has served as a quiet place of prayer and meditation for workers and residents of New York City's financial district.

St. Paul's is the same place where Washington warned America what would happen, **if the fledgling nation ever turned away from God.**

At St. Paul's, since 9/11, for some unknown reason, the Tree of Hope keeps dying. Check out : **St Paul's Chapel NYC -- Ground Zero**



¹¹ So the LORD will set up the enemies of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together, ¹² the Syrians to the east, the Philistines to the west; and they devour Israel with gaping mouths. For all this His anger is not turned away,

but His hand is still outstretched / and is His hand extended to help or to hinder? The people will reveal the answer as they either turn to Him...or turn from Him.

¹³ For the people do not turn to Him who struck them; they do not seek the LORD of hosts.

¹⁴ So, the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel, branch and rush in one day / both the highest, and the lowest will be affected.

¹⁵ The elder and the honorable, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail / Jesus said deceivers and the lawless are coming – doing what is right in their own opinion; well, they arrived; they're all blindly falling into the ditch together.

¹⁶ For those who lead people to error; and those led by them are destroyed ¹⁷ So, the LORD has no joy in their young men, He has no mercy for the orphan and widows / and you might wonder why, but don't interrupt Isaiah: **for everyone is self-indulgent, and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks like a fool** / with no awareness of God.

For all this His anger is not turned away,

but His hand is still outstretched.

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18 For wickedness burns like a fire: it consumes briars and thorns, it ignites thickets of the forest, and it billows like columns of smoke, 19 By the wrath of the LORD of hosts, the land is burned, its people are like fuel for the fire: no one will spare his brother / the lowest and highest are touched by those who do wrong; internal discord snaps asunder the once natural ties.

20 On the right, he will seize, and be hungry; on the left, he will destroy, but not be satisfied: each will feed on the flesh of his own offspring / is this literal or symbolic? time will tell.

21 Manasseh on Ephraim; Ephraim on Manasseh / both very competitive brothers ½ Egyptian sons of Joseph, inheritors of the nationalistic blessings given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Manasseh, the once great nation, and Ephraim, the once greater commonwealth of nations – are in the news, Isaiah tells us, corrupted, they will be feeding on each other consuming each other until the time of the Gentile nations comes to a close... so they were infiltrated by the last roman government that Daniel said will smash and destroy until the whole world is broken;

 **together they will be against Judah** / these 3, will either wake up and be greatly blessed, or infested with Herodians and greatly cursed... so until they wake up, they can be labeled **dumb asses**; it is **not** good for brothers, or cousins, to quarrel. **Israel** does not need to look like **Judah**; many of Israel resettled and welcomed the good news of the Messiah, carrying it's good news for the past 2000 years.

Check out: [The Promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) if Abraham was Jewish I'll eat my hat!

Ezekiel like Isaiah sees **2 Houses** – the **House of Israel**, the northern 10 tribes realm, and **the House of Judah**, the southern 2 tribes realm, who have been separated for the last 2500 years; who need to rightly divide the scripture regarding what the LORD God wrote of them, each to fulfill unique histories. Tragically both houses need a good shaking before they become **ONE stick in the hand of the Lord**.

For all this His anger is not turned away,

but His hand is still outstretched to help; or to hinder? As is our faith, it will be done.

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