

# ISAIAH 9 vs 8

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 four strophes, Isaiah next outlines their crime, their punishment, and a final refrain.



**8** The Lord sent a word to Jacob / a message is sent the descendants of their scheming forefather,

and it has rested on **Israel** / condemnation has fallen on rebellious Israel.

**9** And all the people will know, even **Ephraim** and the inhabitants of Samaria / Ephraim the leader of the House of Israel, the 10 northern tribes... received all the birthright 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,

who say in the pride and stoutness of heart / these northern fat-head tribes were very much like those who populate the 21<sup>st</sup> century, they proudly speak their bold pronouncements,

**10** The bricks are fallen down,

but we will build with hewn stones / on the surface, their response sounds laudable, but remember, the Lord lifted His hedge of protection around them... allowing Assyrians to invade and their walls to fall; yet notice the people aren't remorseful, they are stubborn fools who want to argue with the Lord, refusing to humble themselves before Him; they are going to rebuild bigger, taller, stronger than ever, adding:

the sycamores are cut down,

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



Other than the nation Israel, America is the only other country in world history... which built their foundation on the Bible... which is the only reason why it had been able to be a great blessing to the world. These are the same words and verse spoken by the ignorant, rebellious citizens duped by a global agenda at the rebuilding of the World Trade Center -- the modern-day equivalent of **the Tower of Babel** in New York City; not knowing these defiant words are against the Lord God who was driven out of the life of their country... as He was driven out of the lives of those Isaiah was warning.

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How does the Lord respond to their rebellion? By the way, 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.

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 Washington warned America what would happen, if the fledgling nation ever turned away from God.

Also at St. Paul's, since 9/11... for some unknown reason, the Tree of Hope keeps dying.

Check out the link: [St Paul's Chapel NYC -- Ground Zero](#)



**11 So the Lord will set up the adversaries of Rezin against him /** having violated God's warning: Ephraim conspired with Rezin and their duplicitous neighbors turned on them,

**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 outstretched to help or to hinder? His people will reveal the answer as they either turn to Him...or turn from Him. It was Jesus who said, as is your faith it would be done to you. Will they want to exercise their faith for Him? Or against 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 /** the highest, the lowest will be effected.

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**15 The elder and the honorable, he is the head;**

**and the prophet who teaches lies,**

**he is the tail** / Jesus said liars and deceivers along with the lawless are coming –

doing what is right in their own estimation; well, they have arrived.

**16 For those who lead people to error;**

**and those led by them are destroyed** / they're all blindly falling into the ditch together.

**17 So, the LORD has no joy in their young men,**

**He has no mercies for the fatherless and widows** / and you might wonder why?

Well don't interrupt Isaiah:

**for everyone is self-indulgent,**

**and an evildoer,**

**and every mouth speaks foolishness** / the language of fools, who have no awareness of God.

**For all this His anger is not turned away,**

**but His hand is still outstretched.**

**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** / the lowest and highest are touched by those who do wrong.

**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** / internal discord snaps asunder the once natural ties.

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<sup>20</sup> 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 figurative? only time will reveal.

<sup>21</sup> Manasseh on **Ephraim**; Ephraim on Manasseh / both very competitive brothers... Joseph's 2 sons, ½ Egyptian sons, inheritors of the many nationalistic blessings given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Manasseh, the once great nation... and Ephraim, the once greater commonwealth of nations – they are still in the news today, Isaiah tells us, they will be feeding on each other... until the time of the Gentile nations comes to a close... or until they wake up and remember it is the Lord God who blessed them;

together they will be against **Judah** / so until they wake up, they definitely can be labeled **dumb asses**; it is **not** a good thing for brothers... or cousins... to quarrel. **Israel** does not need to resemble **Judah**; the many tribes of Israel and where they went... welcomed the good news of the Messiah and helped carry the good news for the past 2000 years; thankfully our cousins in Judah are also embracing the Messiah.

Check out: [BEHOLD ISRAEL](#) | [ONE FOR ISRAEL](#) | [LEON MAZIN - TIKKUN](#) | [MESSIAH OF ISRAEL](#)

Also check out: [The Promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#)

Isaiah tells us, the great nation *will be brought as a present for the Lord of Hosts to Mount Zion in the last days*; so get ready; don't be like the clueless generations who squander their fair warning and are caught off guard.

Ezekiel sees **2 Houses** – the **House of Israel**, the northern 10 tribes kingdom... and **the House of Judah**, the southern 2 tribes kingdom, who have been separated for the last 2500 years; who need to rightly divide the scriptures as to what the LORD God wrote of them, each fulfilling their unique histories. Tragically they both need a shaking to wake up... due to the last global govt – an eclectic roman composite of all the previous evil govts who still seek to destroy them both; before they become ONE stick... in the hand of the Lord.

Until that happens...

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**but His hand is still outstretched.**

to help; or to hinder? As is our faith, it will be done to us.