

“THE ROD OF MY ANGER”

Isaiah 10-12

Introduction

- 1) The first half of **Isaiah** (chs. 1-39) deals with the Assyrian crisis against Israel and Judah
- 2) The Assyrian empire became the “rod” of God’s anger to punish His unfaithful nation
- 3) God rules over all the nations and, therefore, Assyria would fall under His judgment, too
- 4) This reminds us that God continues to rule over all nations today (cf. Dan. 4:17)

I) Four Oracles of Punishment against Ephraim/Israel/Samaria (9:8–10:4)

- A) Condemned for its pride (9:8-12), evil leaders (9:13-17), wickedness (9:18-21), and injustice (10:1-4)
- B) Divine punishment is coming – “For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still” (9:12b, 17b, 21b; 9:4b)

II) Assyria – Rod of God’s Anger that will be Punished for Its Arrogance (10:5-19)

- A) Assyria was sent by God to punish the ungodly nation of Israel (vv. 5-6)
- B) Assyria, in its arrogance, glorified itself instead of God (vv. 7-14)
- C) God would bring down the pride and glory of Assyria (vv. 15-19)

III) A Remnant will Return (10:20-23)

- A) A remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God
 - 1) “Remnant” = a small portion of the whole
- B) Two-fold fulfillment
 - 1) Literal return after captivity (Ezra 1-2, 8)
 - 2) Spiritual remnant in Christ (Rom. 9:27-28; 11:5)

IV) The Assyrian Threat will soon End (10:24-34)

- A) Comforts people in Zion [Jerusalem] – do not be afraid of the Assyrian (v. 24)
- B) Lord’s anger will cease and will turn to punish Assyria (vv. 25-34)

V) From the Roots of Jesse – the Messiah and the Kingdom of Peace (11:1-16; 12:1-6)

- A) Out of the stem [stump] of Jesse, a rod [shoot] will come forth (v. 1)
 - 1) The Messiah would be of the lineage of David, whose father was Jesse (1 Sam. 16)
 - 2) A Branch will grow from his roots (cf. Isa. 4:2; Jer. 23:5-6; 33:15-18; Zech. 3:8; 6:12-13)
- B) The Spirit upon the Messiah (v. 2)
 - 1) *of the Lord* – Holy Spirit (61:1; Lk. 4:18; Acts 10:38; Lk. 3:22)
 - 2) *of wisdom and understanding* – knowledge and application
 - 3) *of counsel and might* – guidance and strength
 - 4) *of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord* – understanding and obedience
- C) Perfect judge – fair and strict (vv. 3-5)
- D) Reign of perfect peace – no harm done to others in God’s holy mountain (vv. 6-9; 2:2; 65:25)
- E) Banner inviting all people to come – Gentiles will seek Him (v. 10; Rom. 15:12)
- F) Second remnant gathered “in that day” – citizens of the Messiah’s kingdom (vv. 11-16)
- G) Hymn of praise (12:1-6)
 - 1) God is our salvation, strength, and song
 - 2) Praise Him and declare His deeds – His name is exalted and He has done excellent deeds

Conclusion

The “Holy One of Israel” is great and magnificent! He is our salvation, and with joy we draw water from its wells. Are you a part of His glorious and faithful remnant today?