

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich 6 Lessons from the Oracles Against the Nations, Part 2

Isaiah 13-23

January 17, 2016

Sermon Text

Isaiah 14:24 The LORD of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand, [25] that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains trample him underfoot; and his yoke shall depart from them, and his burden from their shoulder." [26] This is the purpose that is purposed concerning the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. [27] For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?



Babylon 13:1-14:23

Assyria 14:24-27

Philistia 14:28-32

Moab 15:1-16:14

Damascus 17:1-14

Cush 18:1-7

Egypt 19:1-25

Cush and Egypt 20:1-6

Babylon 21:1-10

Edom 21:11-12

Arabia 21:13-17

Jerusalem 22:1-25

Tyre 23:1-18

Sermon Outline

While these oracles are specific to particular nations in a certain time period, they contain valuable lessons about God's character and what he desires of His people.

I. God is absolutely sovereign over the nations

II. Don't align with God's enemies, ever.

III. Worldly wisdom is futile.

Isaiah 19:1 An oracle concerning Egypt. Behold, the Lord is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt; and the idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence, and the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them. [2] And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians, and they will fight, each against another and each against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom; [3] and the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be emptied out, and I will confound their counsel; and they will inquire of the idols and the sorcerers, and the mediums and the necromancers; [4] and I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a hard master, and a fierce king will rule over them, declares the Lord God of hosts. ..

[11] The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish; the wisest counselors of Pharaoh give stupid counsel. How can you say to Pharaoh, "I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings"? [12] Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you that they might know what the Lord of hosts has purposed against Egypt. [13] The princes of Zoan have become fools, and the princes of Memphis are deluded; those who are the cornerstones of her tribes have made Egypt stagger. [14] The Lord has mingled within her a spirit of confusion, and they will make Egypt stagger in all its deeds, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit. [15] And there will be nothing for Egypt that head or tail, palm branch or reed, may do. [16] In that day the Egyptians will be like women, and tremble with fear before the hand that the Lord of hosts shakes over them. [17] And the land of Judah will become a terror to the Egyptians. Everyone to whom it is mentioned will fear because of the purpose that the Lord of hosts has purposed against them. [18] In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan and swear allegiance to the Lord of hosts.

One of these will be called the City of Destruction. [19] In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. [20] It will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry to the Lord because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and deliver them. [21] And the Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day and worship with sacrifice and offering, and they will make vows to the Lord and perform them. [22] And the Lord will strike Egypt, striking and healing, and they will return to the Lord, and he will listen to their pleas for mercy and heal them. [23] In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. [24] In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, [25] whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

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Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
Remember the memory verse? Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. 1. Discuss this statement by Raymond Ortlund- “Isaiah declares that high above the passing spectacle of human arrogance called history, God reigns in unchallenged sovereignty.”	This week our family will lift up requests for:
2. Why is the doctrine of God's sovereignty a comfort?	This week our family will praise the Lord for:
3. The Old Testament is replete with warnings against allying with foreign nations or enemies of God. How might this warning apply to Christians?	
4. Isaiah 19 is an oracle against Egypt with a special emphasis on the emptiness of worldly wisdom. What is worldly wisdom and why is it lacking?	HFG Notes & Actions: Next HFG meeting is: