

Title: *“The Apologetics of the Blessed be Egypt”*

Sub-Title: *“Judgement and Revival”*

Key Verse of Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Key Verse of Apologetics: I Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”

Introduction: The incredible thing about studying Isaiah is that we are looking at events that took place 714 BC and prophecy that instructs us on the future events of the Day of the Lord, also known at the Tribulation period. The Tribulation period will take place at the end of the church age.

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Dr. Thomas Strouse broke down Isaiah nineteen this way, “Egypt will receive the Lord’s judgement via the Assyrians (Strouse dating 671 BC) and during the Tribulation (vss. 1-25). He will use civil war (v. 2) and drought (vs. 5-10) to contribute to Egypt’s collapse, and her wise men will be confused and unable to help (vs. 11-14). As the Lord will bring World-wide Tribulation on Egypt, some Egyptians will receive Jehovah and then worship Him, speaking ‘the language of Canaan’ (Hebrew), during the Millennium along with saved Assyrians (vs. 15-25).”¹

The events of Isaiah are powerful for the Christian to be encouraged and motivated by. These events are also powerful for the unbeliever and skeptic to consider. In Isaiah chapter nineteen we are taught and reminded how God deals with mankind. In our Western, and modern developed world, we are used to negotiating our way through a myriad of deals, situations, and relationships.

¹ Thomas Strouse, Expository Notes on Isaiah, OT 513 (Cromwell, CT: Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, date unknown) 15.

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Some may even lobby the government for their own, a constituents, or a client's interest. In our Democratic, Republic, we are used to having a plurality of thought and opinion; and we are used to pleading our case, or even demonstrating to show our displeasure on a public policy. In our modern developed world, we are used to being able to earn and purchase what we want, and do what we want, where we want.

In our text today, all we see is God executing His judgement on Egypt, and having His way as He deals with the idolatry and pagan practices in Egypt. The Lord's judgment is seen in the collapse of Egypt, as well as the prophetic foretelling of the day of the Lord, the Tribulation.

The response of Egypt to the judgment and the Tribulation is a teachable moment for every saint and skeptic. The later part of Isaiah chapter nineteen we not only see a revival of Egyptians coming to faith in Jehovah, but also Egypt, Assyria and Israel all working together in this regional revival.

Text: Isaiah 19:1-25 “The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

Vs. 2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

Vs. 3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmors, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

Vs. 4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

Vs. 5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

Vs. 6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

Vs. 7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

Vs. 8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

Vs. 9 Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded.

Vs. 10 And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds for fish.

Vs. 11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

Vs. 12 Where are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.

Vs. 13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.

Vs. 14 The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

Vs. 15 Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

Vs. 16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

Vs. 17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

Vs. 18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

Vs. 19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

Vs. 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

Vs. 21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it.

Vs. 22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

Vs. 23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

Vs. 24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:

Vs. 25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.”

Concluding Thoughts: History is His-Story, and history is full of life lessons, and teachable moments. One should note that Egypt was a picture of the World, (not exactly a complement to their spiritual condition). Assyria was referred to as a pagan country, while Israel was the one “religious nation” in Asia Minor. The focus of God’s judgment was on Egypt but the spiritual response seemed to influence all three countries.

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It is of importance that the three major world religions all center around Jerusalem, Israel, also referred to as the City of God. Knowing this it is obvious to the Christian why there will never be peace in the Middle East until the Prince of Peace comes.

Isaiah prophesies in 714 BC (Clake's dating), describe with clarity what will take place with these three countries during the Tribulation period. Egyptians will receive Jehovah, and will work and worship together with Assyria and Israel. The Egyptians will be speaking in the Hebrew language. The day of the Lord will surely be a marvelous time, and divinely historic world events, as three Middle Eastern nation's name the name of Jehovah as peace is brought to the region and the World.

1. **Apologetic argument one:** The sovereignty of God. First, we see in Isaiah in 714 BC how God had dealt with Egypt. God judged them by means of civil war, draught and economic collapse. As God's nature, character, and essence do not change, it would be foolish to think that God will not bring catastrophic weather and/or economic conditions wherever needed for God to get people's attention.

2. **Apologetic argument two:** The righteousness of God. Second, we see the character of God in His dealings with Egypt. One might consider God's character as Divine, Personal guarantees, which is to say, that one can place their full faith in God's dealings with man based upon His character. God's righteousness evidenced in Egypt as recorded in Isaiah chapter nineteen is the same righteousness that will be applied to our lives, and to the entire World in the day of the Lord.

3. **Apologetic argument three:** The judgment of God. Third, we see, because of God's righteousness, the judgment of God upon Egypt in 714 BC, and this is the same judgment we can expect to see in the day of the Lord. The two motivating factors are to be save, to live holy, and to seek the salvation of family, friends, co-workers, and of course the nations of the World.
4. **Apologetic argument four:** The power of the Gospel. Forth, we have recorded here in Isaiah chapter nineteen what the Lord will do in these three nations, in the day of the Lord. While today the Middle East, (in biblical times referred to as Asia Minor), is dominantly Muslim, Isaiah prophesied that Egypt, Assyria, and Israel will name the name of Jehovah. This is proof-positive that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most powerful force in the human experience.

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