

“The Pomp of Nations”
Isaiah 17:12-18:7

Raging Nations V. 17:12-14

“Ah” – Woe.

The nations, rulers and people make lots of noise demanding attention and homage. They make loud boastful threats and assert their authority. Reality is that God holds all authority and their time will soon come to an end as the roaring storm or non-productive branch. *Psalm 46, 2*

The Messengers of Cush V. 1-3

“Whirring wings” – Land of many insects found in the Nile Delta. Cush – Ethiopia - Nubia. *Genesis 9:18-10:14* In 740 B.C. the Ethiopian ruler Piankhy took over Egypt and ruled the northern part of Africa. They then tried to build alliances within the middle east against Assyria. They would come to Jerusalem in their “papyrus” boats over the Mediterranean looking regal and offering protection and alliances. They thought they were in control and the world power. *Psalm 36:1-4*

God’s Response V.4-7

God responds by saying that He is in control and He will rule light the due and sunshine, not in a boast loud way but with assurance. *Philippians 2:5-11 (45:23)*.

He will dispatch His justice like the pruner pruning the fruit tree of branches that are barren. *Ezekiel 30:1-5, 9*

The birds will feast on the dead. *Revelation 19:17-18*.

They shall all recognize God’s authority and pay tribute to Him. *Acts 8:26-39*

God’s plans – *Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 119:105*

Application

Discussion Questions

What “raging” do we hear today?

What are the errant messages of our culture today?

How can you defend and nurture God’s message?

Homework

Read *Isaiah Ch. 19-20*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God’s Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God’s Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God’s Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God’s Word today? Live it out.

Surrender authority and power over your life to the one who it belongs to, God, daily.