

Series: Isaiah

Lesson # 39

Title: In That Day

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REVIEW

The LORD said that his dealings with Egypt, particularly with his elect in Egypt, was so that "Egypt shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth *their* iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD" (Eze 29: 16.) Last time we saw:

FIRST, HE IS THE LORD, POWERFUL OVER ALL (V1)

Isaiah 19: 1:...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.

SECONDLY, HE IS THE LORD WHO DESTROYS EVERY FALSE REFUGE IN WHICH HIS CHILDREN VAINLY TRUST.

Concerning civil wars (v2, 3): when his children sought peace within Egypt from their enemies without, the LORD made war to break out within Egypt. No peace can be found in Egypt, only in Christ Jesus the Son of God.

Concerning the civil and religious leaders **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.** Because it will not be by the wisdom of this world that his children know the LORD:

I Corinthians 1: 29: That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

The LORD turned Egypt over to the hand of a cruel lord, bringing all their wealth and prosperity to nothing, bringing his children to mourn, to lament. The riches of God's saints is not in this world, but our riches are: the unsearchable riches of Christ; the riches of his grace; the riches of his glory

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Concerning all their strivings and purposes

Isaiah 19: 15: Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do. 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.

THIRDLY, WE SAW THAT HE IS THE LORD WHO THEN REVEALS HIS GRACE.

Isaiah 19: 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.

By a miracle of judgment the tongues of men were confounded at the tower of Babel. By the miracle of grace, God's people are brought to speak the pure language of God's free grace.

Now we pick up in verse 19:

Isaiah 19: 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.

I. HE IS THE LORD WHO PROVIDES THE BELIEVER A PLACE TO WORSHIP.

THE PLACE OUR LORD PROVIDES IS IN CHRIST IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

We need to understand that this prophecy was given to the children of Israel. They were being instructed by the Lord in the manner you instruct a child--they were taught by the use of types and pictures. That is why it speaks of altars, pillars and oblations. In this gospel age, the church of God we no longer need animal sacrifices. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. We no longer need an earthly priest. Christ is our great High Priest. And we are priests in him. Christ has fulfilled and forever abolished all the carnal ordinances of Old Testament worship. And we no longer need a material altar. Christ is our Altar established in our hearts.

Isaiah 19: 19: In that day shall there be an Altar to the LORD--

Christ Jesus the Way to the LORD; Christ Jesus who is the Altar that Sanctifies all who come to the LORD by faith in him and when our Lord has stripped us of all vain confidence, he reveals in us that:

Hebrews 13:10: We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

In that day they shall worship God in the spirit through faith in the merits of Christ alone.

Isaiah 19: 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.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IS CALLED THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF TRUTH

1 Timothy 3:15: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

His messengers are called pillars.

Galatians 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

So the saints of God which make up his church are living stones.

I pray that God will never let us take for granted that we have a place to worship him. **HE IS THE LORD WHO PROVIDES THE BELIEVER A PLACE TO WORSHIP.**

II. HE IS THE LORD WHOSE WORK BEARS WITNESS OF HIS GREAT NAME.

Isaiah 19: 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. 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.

It shall be for a sign and for a witness of the LORD's faithfulness to show mercy to his elect.

Isaiah 19: 20: They shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and HE SHALL SEND...

Psalm 86:5: For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

It shall be for a sign and witness of the LORD's faithfulness in giving his Son.

Isaiah 19: 20: 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.

In Titus 2:13 he is called the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Our Savior Jesus Christ is the great God. Christ is the great Savior, He is the great One! Great in his person! Great in his work! Great in his intercession! Great in his dominion! Great in his second coming! Great in his efficacy! The Great One shall deliver his people from their sins.

Isaiah 19: 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.

This people who were outside of the common wealth of Israel shall the LORD make himself known and they shall know the LORD. Remember what the LORD said he was doing all this for? And they shall know that I am the LORD.

They were once rebellious. But now shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it. Not those sacrifices and oblations in the ceremonial law, but spiritual sacrifices of prayer, praise, and good works, and of the presentation of themselves, as a holy, living, and acceptable sacrifice to God, their reasonable service

1 Peter 2:5: Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Romans 7 describes our union with Christ as a marriage. When you get married you vow a vow to one another in the sight of God. Faith is marriage to Christ. The Lord says they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, AND perform. The same grace which sent Christ who established righteousness for us, brings sinner's to profess their allegiance to Christ; the same grace which makes a believer cherish and obey Christ is sufficient to keep us trusting only Christ; they will not play the harlot in adulterous works religion and spiritual fornication anymore, but they will stay on Christ through faith (Ephesians 2: 1-11)

Isaiah 19: 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.

In using the oppressors--civil wars, mingling a perverse spirit among their counselors and princes, giving them over to a cruel ruler--the LORD smote Egypt, some in righteous judgment and others in righteous mercy. But in smiting, he turns his elect--they shall return even to the LORD. And he shall be intreated of them--the LORD will bring his children to confess their totally inability and sinfulness and to cry out to him for mercy. He did so by smiting them in his lovingkindness. And shall heal them--he shall smite, they shall turn and cry out, and he shall heal them.

Isaiah 8:18: Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

HE IS THE LORD WHOSE WORK BEARS WITNESS OF HIS GREAT NAME...it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt:

III. HE IS THE LORD WHO GIVES HIS ELECT AMONG ALL NATIONS THE PEACE THAT ONLY HE CAN GIVE.

Isaiah 19: 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.

Christ Jesus is the High Way joining all his people together in one.

Egypt was an enemy to Assyria and Assyria to Egypt and to Israel, but grace makes us one in Christ.

My peace I give you, not as the world gives you, said our Lord. Men who attempt to make peace between folks in this world, in politics, using civil law, protests, etc, can't make peace, they don't even want peace or they would be out of job.

Christ is the Peacemaker:

Ephesians 2: 16: And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18: For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; 21: In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Colossian 3: 11: In Christ...there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all. 12: Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13: Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye. 14: And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15: And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

We are reconciled to God in Christ and reconciled to one another. God's people love each other, forgive each other, excuse each other, and defend each other.

The LORD blesses his people and makes his people a blessing in the land.

Isaiah 19: 24: In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land: 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.

What a blessing from the LORD to be called "my people, the work of my hands, mine inheritance."

Matthew 13: 16: But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

He makes his people a blessing in the midst of the land. How so?

Acts 26: 16: But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17: Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18: To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.