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SENNACHERIB'S GREED

Isaiah 10

INTRODUCTION:

*Lightning War! Violent surprise - sudden overpowering -*

We confronted with a Blitzkrieg. Isaiah 10 a remarkable account of the providence of God at work among the Nations.

Chapter 9 - Forecast of Isreal's Fall.

Chapter 10- Forecast of Judah's Fall.

I. Social Conditions - Verse 1-4 (Judgment on Oppressive Rulers)

Verse 1-2 - Inditement - A. Unrighteous decrees - Power to make laws.

B. Incorrect justice - bribes.

C. Oppressing for riches - rob widows.

Jesus - stern words for those who make laws for own interest, binding heavy burdens. "If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Where can the oppressed turn for relief. The devoured widow's houses.

Verse 3 - Days of Visitation.

Can such things be permanent? You trample upon the people today -- what will become of you when God reckons with his servants and demands an account from each one of work done in the vineyard?

The day is going to come -- what will you do. To whom will you flee for help?

Supreme Day of Judgment will come to all men. Great white throne and you will not be overlooked or forgotten. Judged according to record books - Rom. 14:12.

Time to prepare is NOW. - *looking - rioting - can't blame one one man - Only Adam - hearts of men - stolen goods not brought in your house if right with God -*  
Way you know. *Dr. Martin Luther King - shot - Memphis, Tenn.*

Verse 4 - No way of escape. Must submit to captivity or death. God's unchanged position -- "Outstretched hand".

II. Sending Correction - Verse 5-19.

Verse 5 - Sennacherib King of Assyria. Tool in the hand of God.

Called a Rod in the hand of God to correct his people for their sins. God's Battle Axe.

(Russia) - What do you see? Ezek. 38. Used of God in the last days to chasten the Jew. Assyria was a world power - <sup>CHINA</sup> Russia is a world power - getting to be a world empire - Dominant power - representing the world ruler of the last days where prophecy extends.

Who is behind the human pieces on the chessboard? "Beast from the sea". Rev. 19:20. A great rebel behind world powers.

(Instead) of doing their best to represent God, they do their utmost to resemble the devil!

Verse 6 - Hypocritical Nation - not as good as pretended to be.

I will send Him.

I will give Him charge - all the power.

(Pilate) - had power over Christ, only as given. John 19:11. Plunder the country, rifle the houses, rob the people of wealth, tread the people like mire.

Verse 7 - Without Mercy.

Assyria - A commission from Jehovah to inflict Judgment. Ungodly man. Representative of "Prince of the world".

Was this Sennacherib's design? No -- not think of self as God's tool to judge his people.

Joseph's brethren designed it for hurt - God for good.

Design to cut off the nation - as covetous monarch.

Verse 8 - Unconscious of being Jehovah's instrument. (Carrying own) plan. He is King of Kings - last for world dominion. World Conquerors. Great things he had done to other nations.

God was using him like the miller deals with the stream that rushes past his mill. Does not try to destroy it but turns it among his wheels.

Verse 9 - Master of cities. Names several.

Verse 10 - Reached - punished - made subject.

As I have done to the idol <sup>gods</sup> ~~deities~~ of Samaria, I will do to Jerusalem! Exalts himself above all that is called God.

Knitting - each stitch adds strength. Each verse adds to the shape of the garment.

Verse 11 - Golden Calves.

Verse 12 - When Assyria has done his work - God will then deal with him. The enemy of the church will not go unpunished.

Judah could - fight, pay, parley, pray!

Judah must repent.

They thought the prophet talked kindergarten talk. Seemed so distant. Four years later, things looked different.

Popular measures suggested - treaty - tribute - alliance with Egypt. Isaiah called this a covenant with death. Solemn treaties were "scraps of paper", torn up at convenience. Rulers had no idea of reliance upon God.

Prophet said God is sovereign - Judah was safe only as long as God ordained it. Jerusalem will soon be like a bird in a cage. Ambassadors leave their official robes. The streets are filled with crowds -- proud, boasting. Germany.

Vengeance upon the invaders.

Verse 13-14 - Enlarged his domain. Added to his wealth. Mastered his opposition. Physical strength - hand. Look at his armies on parade! Does this sound like nations today? Building mighty armies - Nuclear stockpiles - taking land.

Power of Knowledge - My Wisdom. The fear of the Lord is wisdom. World gripped today by force of wisdom. Men are saying knowledge is power.

John Ruskin - "I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility."

Isaac Newton - (When an old man) "I am as a child on the seashore picking up a pebble here and a shell there, but the great ocean of truth lies before me!"

Charles Dickens - People who met him for the 1st time would never have suspected that he was the most distinguished literary man of his time. He never spoke of himself.

Prosperity - Dangerous - Caribbean pine, hardy, tall, beautiful tree. Hurricanes, drought, fire - But cannot stand cultivation. It will die in a well kept yard & plenty of water & fertilizer on its downfall. Few Christians can -4- carry a full cup. Material things have a way of turning -

He took modest interest in the affairs of others."

Power of Wealth - I have robbed. Peril of success - puffed up.

Had done this with great ease and had even done this as sport. As a man taking a bird's nest.

Verse 15 - Vanity of his boast. Axe taking to itself the boast.

Verse 16 - Threat to his Army.

Final doom. Melts like a forest of beautiful trees. Crackling - sputtering and hissing of fire. Seizes upon everything within its reach.

Verse 17 - One day - 185,000 single night lost by Sennacherib. God enlightens his people. Briers no hinderance.

Verse 18 - Illustrates:

1. Consumption - Disease, bodies.
2. Consumption of Buildings.

The choice Veterans - Bravest troops.

Verse 19 - Assyria becomes as a dying man near the end. Just about gone. A few trees - a few men in his Army left. So few that a little child, who can count a limited number, could number them.

III. Saving A Certain Remnant - Verse 20-34.

Verse 20 - Conversion of some. Remnant. (Isaiah 8 - Shear Jashub - Remnant shall return. Change their confidence completely. No longer depend upon the arm of the flesh but upon God. Not trust Assyrians.

Verse 21 - The mighty God - Remnant is the work of Grace. Rom. 9:27. Isa. 9:6. Ref. to the Messiah. Tailor's Shop.

Verse 22 - This judgment is of God's making.

Verse 23 - It has been decreed not at random but in righteousness.

450 yrs -  
Bondage - through  
Slaves

Verse 24 - Persecution of Remnant Compared to Days in Egypt.

Fear Not - Whatever happens do not give way to fear.

Warned in advance of Assyrian Rod - Like Egypt treated your fathers in days of old - yet God was with them. You are to dwell in Zion. Rom. 5:2. Rev. 14:1.

Verse 25 - Storm soon pass - the enemy that threatens them shall himself be reckoned with.

Verse 26 - Deals with the enemy of the church.

Midian - invisible power suddenly destroyed the enemy.

Oreb - A prince of Midian was slain, so Sennacherib.

Rod - Red Sea opened and closed upon the enemy.

Observe the resemblance of God's appearance for his people and against their enemies.

Verse 27 - Remnant delivered from power of enemy. Not have to pay tribute - the Enemy shall no more recover.

Because of the anointing.

1. Hezekiah's Sake - Anointing of the Lord.
2. People's Sake - " " " "
3. Messiah's Sake - Anointed of God.

Verse 28 - Description of the March and Terror of Sennacherib toward Jerusalem.

First put foot on Judah's soil at Aiath - 15 miles north of the city.

Swift advances - met no opposition.

Carriages at Michmask - as if no further occasion for his heavy artillery.

Verse 29 - Coming through Mt. Pass. Loss of this is noted with a cry of complete despair.

Verse 30 - Poor Anathoth - Priest's City. Should have been an example of courage.

Shricks louder than any.

Verse 31 - News flew through the Kingdom.

Jerusalem was in imminent danger. The enemy advances and not city is able to make a stand.

*Eliab - Philistines - Defy Israel -  
David - Shing & 5 smooth stones -*

Verse 32 - Now stands upon the hill at Nob. From here he can see Jerusalem.

Shake his fist at it. Threaten it.

*PSALM 6: 5 "God is in the midst of her; He shall not be moved; God shall help her; & that right early."  
"Right Early" - At the appearance of morning - 1. constant presence,  
2. Help at the right time.*

Verse 33 - A real Blitykrieg is described.

Ready to put his hand upon God's Remnant! Time for God to appear. Enemy

lifted up like mighty tree. Top looped off!

Verse 34 - The Thicket - Army's power broken. Assyrian Army with spears looked like a forest. II Kings 19: 35-36 ; 20: 1

As the Easter Season approaches we are reminded that death stood and shook its fist at the annointed one of Zion.

Jesus, executed a real Blitykrieg and lopped off the opening of the sealed tomb.

Jesus, became the Remnant of death - 1st fruits - deaths (greed could not hold the Son of God.

*A Passion Play - on actor sick (substitute) for Jesus - Carried cross some spit on, pulled beard, he said the cross down & chased them. The Manager told him he could not do that -*

*Next day - spit - abused - Jesus whispered "I see you boys after the resurrection!"*