

Man's Ways and God's Plans

Text: Isaiah 19-20

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Review: The danger of forgetting God is not only an affront to the people's Maker, but it leaves the person without an anchor to guide them through the seas of life. Forgetting God actually becomes a judgment unto itself.

Let's be reminded of the dangers of forgetting God:

- *The repercussion of defeat
- *The repercussion of languishing.
- *The repercussion of great sorrow.
- *The repercussion of bad alliances.

Ask yourself: Is forgetting God worth it?

Truth: In judgment a nation is no match for God's power. Man continues to look for ways to live apart from God but in the case of Egypt, we find that there is nothing new under the sun. Man attempts many methods to stave off God's judgment, only to find that it is all vain and impossible to stop God.

I. God announces judgement on Egypt (Isa 19:1-4).

*The failure of _____

Why do the idols sway? They know their destruction is coming at the hand of the Lord.

Over and over in the Scriptures and throughout human history nations have made a strong resolve to place God in a box and set Him aside. The results are family dysfunction, anger, chaos, and destruction.

They turn to people who claim they have occult powers and relationships with mysterious unseen forces, but in actuality are as empty and false as the idols themselves.

II. God's judgment transforms Egypt from fruitfulness to a barren land (Isa. 19:5-10).

*The failure of _____

That which brought life would cease. Death would be certain to follow. What was once rich is now famished.

The foundations of the land will crumble and the workers will be crushed for lack of work. The nation will become rubble and all that the nation rests upon will be crushed.

III. The attempt to look for relief will end with a crushing defeat (Isa. 19:11-15).

*The failure of _____

Those in government were not nearly smart enough to match Jehovah's judgment.

The wise men will not be able to stop the calamity and disaster that is to befall the nation.

The person that leaves God out will fail miserably no matter how hard they try to save their own lives and nation.

IV. The redeeming hand of Jehovah will restore Egypt (Isa. 19:16-25).

***The benefit of _____ in God's sovereign plan.**

First, God will judge the nation.

Second, Egypt will affirm its allegiance to God.

Third, worship to the Lord will commence.

***The benefit of God's _____.**

Fourth, God will send a deliverer to Egypt.

Fifth, the nation will have immense spiritual change.

***The benefits of _____ Jehovah.**

- The Lord will be known in Egypt.
- The Egyptian will know the Lord.
- The Egyptian will vow to the Lord.
- God will heal Egypt.
- Egypt will return to the Lord.
- Peace will come to the 3 nations.

V. The folly of following Egypt (Isa. 20:1-6).

Isaiah became an example of what would happen to Egypt and Ethiopia: defeat and intense humiliation.