

ISAIAH –Lesson 24

Learn: For the preaching of the gospel is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? I Corinthians 1:18- 20

Read: Isaiah 19:1-25

NOTE: The ancient historian, Manetho, divides Egyptian history into 30 dynasties, and they in turn are divided into the following seven periods of time:

- (1) Archaic period – 3100-2700 BC – unification of Upper and Lower Egypt.
- (2) Old Kingdom – 2700-2200 BC – produced the Famous pyramids.
- (3) First Intermediate Period – 2200-2040 BC
- (4) Middle Intermediate Period – 2040-1786 BC
- (5) Second Intermediate Period – 1786-1550 BC
- (6) New Kingdom – 1550-1070 BC
- (7) Late Period – 1070-332 BC

For the purpose of our study of Isaiah’s prophecies, it is important to note that Egypt was united in 715 BC with the control of the 25th Ethiopian dynasty which established control over all Egypt.

From that time on, Egypt was very active fomenting anti-Assyrian attitudes through out the Middle East. Assyria invaded Egypt in 671 BC and sacked Thebes in 664 BC. After years of conflict with Babylon and Persia, Egypt was conquered by Alexander the Great in 332 BC.

After his death in 323 BC, Egypt was given his general, Ptolemy, and this continued until the time of Cleopatra when Egypt fell to the Romans in 30 BC. During the time of the NT, Egypt was the “breadbasket of Rome” and under their total control.

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1. Who is this prophecy against? v 1
2. What does verse 1 tell us about the LORD? See also Psalm 18:9
3. What is indicated by the LORD coming in this way? Matthew 26:64; Revelation 1:7

4. What will be the response of Egypt to the LORD'S coming? v 1

5. What are the things that the LORD says He will do to Egypt? vv 2,3,4,14,16,17,22

6. What happens among the Egyptians? v 2

Who is responsible for this behavior among themselves?

7. What happens to the leadership of Egypt? vv 3, 11-14

8. How does God describe the state of the leadership of Egypt? v 14

9. How does I Corinthians 1:18-21 apply to this situation of leadership in Egypt?

What application does it have to us today?

10. Leaders often seduce their people, as we see has been done in verse 13. We see Israel's seduction in Ezekiel 13:1-16. What is the purpose of leaders in doing this?

11. When the leadership offers no hope to the Egyptians, where do they go for help? v 3

12. What kind of government do the Egyptians come under? v 4

13. What happens to the Nile River and its tributaries? vv 5-8

14. Egypt's economy will collapse. What will this cause in the people? vv 9, 10
15. What does the phrase "in that day" as seen in verse 16 tell us?

16. What will happen "in that day," that will bring a change in Egypt? vv 16, 17

17. What will bring about the change for the people of Egypt from destruction to blessing? vv 18-22

18. How will the relationship between Egypt and Assyria be different than it was in the past? v 23

19. Where does Israel fit in the relationship of Egypt and Assyria? vv 24, 25

20. Why does all this matter to you and to me?