

GOD'S JUDGEMENT IS ALREADY SEALED!

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Introduction: In this chapter we have the fatal doom of all the nations that are enemies to God's church and people. Although only Edom is mentioned, because of the old enmity of Esau to Jacob, which was typical, as much as that more ancient enmity of Cain to Abel, and flowed from the original enmity of the serpent to the seed of the woman. It is probable that this prophecy had its accomplishment in the great desolations made by the Assyrian army first, or rather by Nebuchadnezzar's army some time after, among those nations that were neighbors to Israel and had been in some way or other injurious to them. Remember how in previous lessons mighty conqueror took a pride in shedding blood, and laying countries waste, and therein, quite beyond his design ,not knowing he was fulfilling what God here threatened against his and his people's enemies.

Let's take a look at some Edom history:

I. A DEMAND FOR ATTENTION (VS 1-4)

FURY AND INDIGNATION

Because of God's judgment conditions on earth would be the worst anyone has ever seen.

There will be widespread ecological, economic, cosmic, and human catastrophe on a level never before known in history.

The stage is set these are the last days. The Lord's will not be appeased. There will be no relenting this time. The day of reckoning is at hand.

- 1. take heed**
- 2. destrucion**
- 3..stench**
- 4.no more starry nights**

II. GREAT BLOODSHED (S 5-7)

BLOOD AND CONFUSION

The Edomites were near neighbors to Israel, and often bitter rivals. The Edomites rejoiced whenever the people of Judah or Israel were afflicted. "Edom was a sister nation to Israel, but it hated Israel more than any other nation. Throughout all of

history we see a burning hatred of Edom against Israel. It is for this reason that Edom is frequently presented as a representative of all the nations that hated the Jews. Edom had derided and attacked Judah for centuries, but now God would avenge this hateful attitude.

In associating this time of judgment with the image of sacrifice, Isaiah tells us that this is payment for the penalty of sin. Even as a sacrificial victim paid for the sin of the one bringing the sacrifice, so the bloody judgment of sin at Armageddon will be a payment for the penalty of sin. It will be an imperfect, incomplete payment, but it will be a payment of some kind. The mention of sacrificial animals is primarily intended to refer to the slaughter of people.”

III. THE LORD'S INDIGNATION AGAINST THE NATIONS (VS 8-10)

THE LAND IS MADE DESOLATE

There will be unparalleled ecological disaster. Before Jesus Christ returns at the end of the great tribulation, one-third of the earth's vegetation, one-third of the oceans, and one-third of fresh waters will be destroyed and unusable

IV. THE LAND WILL ONLY BE INHABITED BY WILD ANIMALS (VS 11-15)

CITIES ABANDONED TO WILD BEASTS

Much of the earth will be so destroyed that in many places, only wild animals will be able to live.

V. THE SURETY OF THE LORD'S JUDGEMENT (VS 16-17)

SOLEMN RATIFICATION HEAR & FEAR

Study to show thy self approved... Read it heed it believe it receive God is not mocked God said it that settles it God's word will not be voided it will accomplish whatever He speaks!!

Conclusion: The warning regarding this time of the indignation of the LORD is directed not to God's people, but to the nations. This is because God's people will escape the terrors of the great tribulation, though they may experience great hardship in the time leading up to it. Jesus said we should pray that we would be counted worthy to escape that time of terrors (Luke 21:36) and be taken to heaven in the great catching away of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)