

Isaiah 17 New King James Version

Proclamation Against Syria and Israel

17 The burden^[a] against Damascus.

"Behold, Damascus will cease from *being* a city,
And it will be a ruinous heap.

2 ^[b]The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken;
They will be for flocks
Which lie down, and no one will make *them* afraid.

3 The fortress also will cease from Ephraim,
The kingdom from Damascus,
And the remnant of Syria;
They will be as the glory of the children of Israel,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

4 "In that day it shall come to pass
That the glory of Jacob will ^[c]wane,
And the fatness of his flesh grow lean.

5 It shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain,
And reaps the heads with his arm;
It shall be as he who gathers heads of grain
In the Valley of Rephaim.

6 Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it,
Like the shaking of an olive tree,
Two *or* three olives at the top of the uppermost bough,
Four *or* five in its most fruitful branches,"
Says the LORD God of Israel.

7 In that day a man will look to his Maker,
And his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

8 He will not look to the altars,
The work of his hands;

He will not respect what his fingers have made,
Nor the ^[d]wooden images nor the incense altars.

- 9 In that day his strong cities will be as a forsaken ^[e]bough
And ^[f]an uppermost branch,
Which they left because of the children of Israel;
And there will be desolation.
- 10 Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation,
And have not been mindful of the Rock of your ^[g]stronghold,
Therefore you will plant pleasant plants
And set out foreign seedlings;
- 11 In the day you will make your plant to grow,
And in the morning you will make your seed to flourish;
But the harvest *will be* a heap of ruins
In the day of grief and desperate sorrow.
- 12 Woe to the multitude of many people
Who make a noise like the roar of the seas,
And to the rushing of nations
That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!
- 13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters;
But *God* will rebuke them and they will flee far away,
And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind,
Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.
- 14 Then behold, at eventide, trouble!
And before the morning, he *is* no more.
This is the portion of those who plunder us,
And the lot of those who rob us.

Footnotes

- a. Isaiah 17:1 *oracle, prophecy*
- b. Isaiah 17:2 So with MT, Vg.; LXX *It shall be forsaken forever; Tg. Its cities shall be forsaken and desolate*
- c. Isaiah 17:4 *fade*
- d. Isaiah 17:8 Heb. *Asherim*, Canaanite deities
- e. Isaiah 17:9 LXX *Hivites*; Tg. *laid waste*; Vg. *as the plows*

f. Isaiah 17:9 LXX *Amorites*; Tg. *in ruins*; Vg. *corn*

g. Isaiah 17:10 *refuge*

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