

Isaiah 10 & 11:1-5

4-13-04

“El Gibor/Mighty God!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. Paul – Pioneers. (property in Belize)
- 1.2. Israel Trip -

2. **MIGHTY GOD! (Ch.10)**

- 2.1. **Divine Discipline!** (1-4)
- 2.2. (3) **What will you do in the day of punishment?**
 - 2.2.1. *“What will you do when he comes for you?”* (bad boys, bad boys!)
 - 2.2.2. Prepare to meet your Maker!
 - 2.2.2.1. Amos 4:12 **“Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”**
 - 2.2.3. These are great questions for people, for us!
- 2.3. (3b) **Where will you leave your glory?**
 - 2.3.1. Or, where will you deposit your wealth for safe keeping?
 - 2.3.1.1. Ps.49:17 **“For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him.”**
- 2.4. **Assyria’s Pride!** (5-19)
- 2.5. (5) His **Rod** & His **Staff** won’t comfort you! (if you’re not one of His!)
- 2.6. (15) All who forget that they were made by, & are subject to their creator will fall.
 - 2.6.1. He gives these **examples**: When I received jury duty this year & then was picked for service. We finally found the man guilty for the manufacturing of Methamphetamines.
 - 2.6.1.1. As I headed up the jury, it was **my pen** that signed the final piece of paper that went to the judge, declaring him guilty.
 - 2.6.1.2. Could **my pen** rise up & say, “look what I have done for society!”?
 - 2.6.1.3. The one who uses a pen, club, or ax, has power over it!
 - 2.6.2. **Q: Relate this verse to your Christian service as an instrument in the hand of God!**
 - 2.6.3. **Q: Do you sometimes forget your humble role?**
- 2.7. (16) A wasting disease.

- 2.8. (19) Their army would vanish like trees in a forest fire.
- 2.8.1. Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, was conquered by Babylon in 612bc.
- 2.8.2. Nations may boast, but God has the last word. (almost as comical as the officer on Iraqi TV...“They are not even in our country!”)
- 2.8.3. Imagine Nathan, who God told to deliver a stinging rebuke against David & his sin, imagine him starting up a “Ministry of Rebuke”?
- 2.8.3.1. *“Since God used me so clearly in this way...I now see I have this gift!”*
- 2.8.3.2. God might **you** to be an instrument of rebuke in someone life...don't enjoy it!!!
- 2.9. **Returning Remnant!** (20-23)
- 2.10. (21) **Mighty God** – remember 9:7 - *El Gibor*.
- 2.10.1. Introduced in Deut.10:17.
- 2.11. **Tall Trees!** (24-34)
- 2.12. (25) Ps.30:5 **“For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”**
- 2.13. (26) The same God who delivered the Israelites in the days of **Gideon & Moses** will do it again!
- 2.14. (28-32) This described the Assyrian assault in 701bc.
- 2.14.1. **Sennacherib** began his march towards Jerusalem, stopping at Nob(possible Mount Scopus), w/in the sight of the sacred city of Jerusalem.
- 2.14.2. But God stops them. Then depicts them as a lofty tree that is cut down, felled w/a terrible crash, illustrative of the 185,000 Assyrians that were struck dead(37:36).

3. **NETZER!** (Ch.11)

- 3.1. **Little Shoot!** (1-5)
- 3.2. (1) **Yes, the transition is intentional.**
- 3.2.1. While Assyria will be cut down like a tree in the forest, a shoot will sprout from the Davidic kingly tree.
- 3.2.2. Cutting down the Davidic tree was Babylon.
- 3.2.3. The sprouting of the stump is Messiah.
- 3.3. **Branch** - God cuts down the tall trees(10:33,34) & builds a great kingdom from a tiny shoot!

- 3.3.1. **Explain** olive tree not like regular trees – can't cut & see rings, because it doesn't grow from the inside out.
- 3.3.2. **Netzer** – branch, shoot.
 - 3.3.2.1. Messiah from David's line(Jesse's son)
 - 3.3.2.2. This is how 2 Sam.7:16 is able to be fulfilled, "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you(David). Your throne shall be established forever."
- 3.3.3. **Show** - both trees in Gethsemane.
- 3.3.4. **Notzri** – Christian(m)
 - 3.3.4.1. The Jews call us today "Notsreem", we are "off shoots of Christ!"
 - 3.3.4.2. We are a chip off the ol' block; we are tapped into the root system.
 - 3.3.4.3. Jn.17:23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one,"
 - 3.3.4.4. **See** Ps.52:8,9.
- 3.3.5. Now how about a situation in your life, where it seems the tree of your life has been **chopped down**, & now the stump is only an inch high...is there hope in your situation?
 - 3.3.5.1. **Israel's exile(death of a nation)** – New life(brought back to the land & future promise to keep it)
 - 3.3.5.2. **Christ's death** – New life(res.)
 - 3.3.5.3. **Our Spiritual death-to-self** - New life(born again)
 - 3.3.5.4. **Death of a dream**– New life(new dream)
- 3.4. (2) **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him** –
 - 3.4.1. Rev.(1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6) – The 7 spirits?
 - 3.4.2. His ministry was **always** in the spirit.
 - 3.4.3. **Samson** knew, **David** knew, **Gideon** knew, when the power of the Spirit enabled them to undertake special tasks given to them.
 - 3.4.4. The Spirit's work is seen in a blend of **power & wisdom**.
 - 3.4.5. **Q:** Isn't this a great prayer for our counselors?
 - 3.4.6. **Q:** Isn't this a great prayer for yourself personally?
- 3.5. (3) Oswald Chambers said, "God never gives us **discernment** in order that we may criticize, but that we may **intercede**."