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## Why God Judges

There are several types of judgment. There is what is called chastisement which God uses for training his followers. This helps to keep them on the right path. There are warning judgments that bring hardship to individuals and nations. There is the final judgment of nations. And there is the final judgment of the wicked. In this study we will primarily focus on why God brings hardship to individuals and nations.

### God Is Merciful And Slow To Anger

**Psalm 103:8-13** – The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth (has compassion for) his children, so the LORD pitieth (has compassion for) them that fear him.

### God Desires Our Salvation

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-10** – For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

**Ephesians 1:4-7** – <sup>4</sup> According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: <sup>5</sup> Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. <sup>7</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

### The Reason For Judgment

**Colossians 3:5-6** – <sup>5</sup> Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: <sup>6</sup> For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

**Romans 2:5-9** – <sup>5</sup> But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; <sup>6</sup> Who will render to every man according to his deeds: <sup>7</sup> To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: <sup>8</sup> But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, <sup>9</sup> Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

**Ecclesiastics 12:13** – <sup>13</sup> Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

**Romans 13:3-4** – <sup>4</sup> For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

**Romans 1:18-32** – <sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; <sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them: for God hath shewed it unto them. <sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: <sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. <sup>24</sup> Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: <sup>25</sup> Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. <sup>26</sup> For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <sup>27</sup> And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. <sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; <sup>29</sup> Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, <sup>30</sup> Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: <sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10** – <sup>9</sup> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, <sup>10</sup> Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

**Galatians 5:19-21** – <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

## The Blessings of Obedience

**Deuteronomy 7:12-18** – <sup>12</sup> Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers: <sup>13</sup> And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless

the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee. <sup>14</sup> Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. <sup>15</sup> And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. <sup>16</sup> And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee. <sup>17</sup> If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? <sup>18</sup> Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

## God Gives A Choice

**Deuteronomy 30:15-18** – <sup>15</sup> - See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; <sup>16</sup> In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. <sup>17</sup> But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; <sup>18</sup> I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20** – <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: <sup>20</sup> That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

**Deuteronomy 11:26-32** – <sup>26</sup> Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; <sup>27</sup> A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: <sup>28</sup> And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. <sup>29</sup> And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal. <sup>30</sup> Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh? <sup>31</sup> For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. <sup>32</sup> And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

## God Delights In Judgment

**Psalms 19:7-11** – <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: **the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous** altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are

they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** - <sup>23</sup> Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: <sup>24</sup> But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that **I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness**, in the earth: for **in these things I delight**, saith the LORD.

**Isaiah 61:8** – For I the LORD love judgment...

## God Disciplines His Children

Chasten means to discipline in order to train-up.

**1 Corinthians 11:32** - <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

**Hebrews 12:5-11** – <sup>5</sup> And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: <sup>6</sup> For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. <sup>7</sup> If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? <sup>8</sup> But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? <sup>10</sup> For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. <sup>11</sup> Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**Proverbs 3:11-12** – <sup>11</sup> My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: <sup>12</sup> For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

**Deuteronomy 8:5-6** – <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. <sup>6</sup> Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

**Revelation 3:17-21** - <sup>17</sup> Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: <sup>18</sup> I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. <sup>19</sup> **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:** be zealous therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

**Psalms 94:8-16** – <sup>8</sup> Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? <sup>9</sup> He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? <sup>10</sup> He that chastiseth

the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? <sup>11</sup> The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; <sup>13</sup> That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. <sup>14</sup> For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. <sup>15</sup> But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. <sup>16</sup> Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

## **Judgment of Wicked Nations**

**Deuteronomy 9:3-6** – <sup>3</sup> Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee. <sup>4</sup> Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. <sup>5</sup> Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>6</sup> Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people.

## **A Nations Cup of Iniquity Must Be Filled Before They Are Judged**

**Genesis 15:13-16** – <sup>13</sup> And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; <sup>14</sup> And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. <sup>15</sup> And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

## **God Brings A Warning**

**Amos 3:7** – Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

**Isaiah 42:8-9** – <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

**Job 33:14-18** – <sup>14</sup> For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. <sup>15</sup> In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; <sup>16</sup> Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealet their instruction, <sup>17</sup> That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. <sup>18</sup> He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

## God Forgives The Nation That Repents

**2 Chronicles 7:13-14** – <sup>13</sup> If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; <sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

**Jeremiah 18:7-10** – <sup>7</sup> At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; <sup>8</sup> If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. <sup>9</sup> And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; <sup>10</sup> If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

## God Warned Israel

**Ezekiel 18:30-32** – <sup>30</sup> Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. <sup>31</sup> Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

**Jeremiah 26:11-13** – <sup>12</sup> Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. <sup>13</sup> Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

**Ezekiel 14:6-8** – <sup>6</sup> Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. <sup>7</sup> For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: <sup>8</sup> And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

## Judgment Pronounced

**Ezekiel 24:12-14** – <sup>12</sup> She hath wearied herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the fire. <sup>13</sup> In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee. <sup>14</sup> I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

**Hosea 7:8-16** – <sup>8</sup> Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. <sup>9</sup> Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon

him, yet he knoweth not. <sup>10</sup> And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this. <sup>11</sup> Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. <sup>12</sup> When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard. <sup>13</sup> Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me. <sup>14</sup> And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me. <sup>15</sup> Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. <sup>16</sup> They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

## The Example of Nineveh

**Jonah 3:3-10** – <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. <sup>4</sup> And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. <sup>5</sup> So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. <sup>6</sup> For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: <sup>8</sup> But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup> Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? <sup>10</sup> And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

**Jeremiah 26:19** – Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

## God Preserves And Protects A Faithful Remnant

God reveals his judgments to the prophets so the prophets can warn the people that God loves. This warning is intended for everyone because God loves everyone and desires that none perish. God's warnings which He sends through his prophets are intended to bring change within a nation so that the judgment can be withdrawn. God is looking for people to change their lives, to stop sinning. Specifically, they must: accept the Father in heaven as their one and only God; they must accept Jesus Christ as their savior; they must accept his law as holy; and they must confess and repent of their sins. Repent means to be truly sorry for your sins and to turn away from sin with the true desire to stop sinning. If an individual or nation does these, they can prevent Gods judgment.

Even when a nation refuses to repent, God protects his own. What purpose would it serve God to judge his faithful followers? It would serve no purpose. God's judgments are true and righteous.<sup>1</sup> Therefore these judgments are not intended for his faithful followers. In Proverbs, King Solomon writes: "It is not good...to overthrow the righteous in judgment" (Proverbs 18:5). During the flood, God

preserved Noah and his family in the ark.<sup>ii</sup> When God destroyed Sodom and Gomorra, he sent Angels to deliver Lot and his family.<sup>iii</sup> Each time that God judged Israel he saved and left a remnant.<sup>iv</sup> In Ezekiel God specifically marked his remnant in the forehead and ordered that they should be preserved. This remnant was sorrowful concerning the sin that was being done by their countrymen.

## Summary

God is love, it is his very being. God is pure and holy and desires only that, which is pure, holy, righteous and just. He is merciful and slow to anger. He desires the salvation of all the people of the earth.

God longs to bless his righteous followers, to answer their prayers and grant them the desires of their heart. He is delighted in the righteous acts of his faithful followers, acts of truth, charity, mercy and justice. But he is also saddened by those who have rejected him and have rejected the saving grace of his Son, Jesus Christ. For this reason the Lord God of heaven delights in exercising loving judgment. He delight in it because judgment leads people to repentance and therefore salvation.

God uses judgment on both individuals and nations. Chastening is a type of minor judgment that God uses to train His sons and daughters in the way they should go. God uses more severe judgments on non-repentant individuals and nations in order to lead them to repentance. God brings judgment on individuals and nations to lead them to repentance because he loves them. Without judgment they would be eternally lost.

God loves judgment because, through judgment he is able to open the eyes, ears and hearts of his lost children and turn them heaven ward. He turns them toward their Father who is calling them to offer them forgiveness, salvation and eternal life through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Those who hear his call and desire the salvation of his Son Jesus Christ must: accept his law and judgments as holy and just; they must confess their sins; they must repent; they must accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ; they must profess the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and they must be baptized. Any person who does these things receives the righteousness of Christ (his sinless character) and eternal life through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. These are free gifts.

When nation continually reject God's warning judgments, their cup of iniquity eventually becomes filled. When a nations cup of iniquity is filled, God eventually destroys the nation. Before God destroys a nation, he brings a warning through His prophets. God uses prophets today just as he did in the past. If an individual or nation repents, God will forgive. Nineveh is the perfect example, the nation repented and God spared the nation.

Even when God destroys a nation, He protects His own. The Word of God states: "It is not good... to overthrow the righteous in judgment" (Proverbs 18:5). When God judges a nation, he will protect his faithful. Ezekiel prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem. God set his hand of protection upon all the faithful who cried over the sins of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 9). God protects His faithful today just as He did in the past!

- i Psalm 19:9, 119:7, 62, 106, 137, 164; Romans 2:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:5; Revelation 17:7 and 19:2.
- ii Genesis 7:1-16.
- iii Genesis 19:1-29.
- iv 2 Kings 19:30-31; Isaiah 1:8-9; Jeremiah 15:11; Ezekiel 9:4-6.