

THE PROPHETIC LANGUAGE OF NATIONAL JUDGMENT

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INTRODUCTION: Prophetic language

In the following pages, it is my intention to discuss and outline the various types of prophetic language used by Isaiah to describe national judgment. It should be noted that the prophet of God is one who has a message to proclaim from God. Thus the language in which this message is expressed is of the nature to communicate in word pictures the necessity of heeding the word of God. The prophet's mouth was God's mouth speaking (Is. 6:8 cf Amos .6; Acts 4:20; 5:29).

The prophet's mission was to speak to his own generation of judgment and salvation concerning the religious, political, and social corruption.

Judgment:

Refusal to repent brings about national judgment. This judgment upon a nation is seen in the prophetic language of Isaiah in many aspects. It is the ruin and loss of one's own community, the collapse of the governmental structure, and the end of the nation as a recognized political entity of people.

Judgment comes upon the unrighteous nation when its iniquity becomes so great that there is not remaining in it enough righteous individuals to preserve it from the wrath of God.

NATIONAL JUDGMENT:

There are a number of methods Isaiah used in preaching the message of God to the people of his day. There are also a number of Messianic applications to some of the passages. However, I will limit this paper only to the figure used to express the judgments pronounced by Jehovah God.

A. LITERAL STATEMENTS OF JUDGMENT

There are a number of statements and phrases used by Isaiah but perhaps the most dynamic are the literal and out-right statements denoting judgment.

1. DESTRUCTION: Waste, ruin, spoiling, breaking, to cut off
 - a. 10:18 - "And He will destroy...both soul and body"
 - b. 10:23 - "For a complete destruction...the Lord God of hosts will execute"
 - c. 10:25 - "My anger will be directed to their destruction."
 - d. 11:15 - "And the Lord will utterly destroy."
 - e. 13:6 - "Wail, for the day of the Lord is near!
It will come as destruction from the Almighty."
 - f. 14:23 - "and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction."
 - g. 22:4 - "Do not -ry to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people."
 - h. 23:14 - "Wail. O ships of Tarshish, For your stronghold is destroyed."
 - i. 28:22 - "For I have heard from the Lord of hosts of decisive destruction on all the earth."
 - j. 33:1 - "As soon as you shall finish destroying, you shall be destroyed;"
 - k. 34:5 - "Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom, And upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction."
2. DISTRESS: oppress, straiten
 - a. 5:30 - "If one looks to the land, behold there is darkness and distress."

- b. 8:22 - "Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress..."
 - c. 5:7 - "Thus He looked for...righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress."
 - d. 29:2 - "And I will bring distress to Ariel,"
3. DESOLATION: waste, forsaken habitations
- a. 1:7 - "Your land is desolate."
 - b. 5:9 - "...Surely, many houses shall become desolate."
 - c. 6:11 - "Then I said, 'Lord, how long?' And He answered, 'Until ...the land is utterly desolate.'"
 - d. 15:6 - "For the waters of Nimrim are desolate."
 - e. 17:9 - "In that day, their strong cities will be like forsaken places in the forest...and the land will be a desolation."
 - f. 24:12 - "Desolation is left in the city."
 - g. 34:11 - "And He shall stretch over it the plumbline of desolation and the plumbline of emptiness."
 - h. 64:10 - "The holy cities...Jerusalem a desolation."
4. JUDGMENT:
- a. 2:4 - "And He will judge between the nations."
 - b. 3:14 - "The Lord enters into judgment with the elders and princes."
 - c. 4:4 - "The Lord has wasted away...and purged...by the spirit of judgment."
 - d. 26:9 - "For when the earth experiences Thy judgments, The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness."
5. DEVASTATION:
- a. 6:11 - "Until the cities are devasted and without inhabitant."
 - b. 10:3 - "Now what will you do in...the devastation which will come from afar."
 - c. 24:1 - "Behold, the Lord lays the earth waste, devastates it"

5. OPPRESSION:

- a. 3:5 - "And the people will be oppressed."

B. ACTIVITY OF GOD IN JUDGMENT:

The most recognizable statement used through prophetic language is that declaring the activity of God. We must always remember that judgment is from the Righteous God who rules the nations and universe. It is God Who controls and sustains all and this is why His activity is expressed ~~in~~ words of action.

1. CHASTENING: Instruction, chastisement

- a. 26:16 - "Your chastening was upon them."
- b. 53:5 - "The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him."

2. ABANDONING:

- a. 2:6 - "For Thou hast abandoned Thy people."

3. AVENGING:

- a. 1:24 - "I will...avenge Myself on my foes."
- b. 47:3 - "I will take vengeance and will not spare a man."

4. STIRRING UP:

- a. 13:17 - "Behold, I am going to stir up the Medes against them."

5. DEVOURING:

- a. 1:7 - "Strangers are devouring them in your presence."
- b. 1:20 - "You will be devoured by the sword."
- c. 9:12 - "And they devour Israel with gaping jaws."
- d. 24:6 - "Therefore, a curse devours the earth."

6. CRUSHING:

- a. 1:28 - "But transgressors and sinners will be crushed together."
- b. 19:10 - "all the pillars of Egypt will be curshed."
- c. 23:12 - "You shall exult no more, O crushed virgin daughter of Sidon."
- d. 53:5 - "He was crushed for our iniquities."
- e. 53:10 - "The Lord was pleased to crush Him."

7. BRINGING EVIL:
 - a. 3:9 - "For they have brought evil on themselves."
8. ARISING AND CONTENDING:
 - a. 3:13 - "The Lord arises to contend, and stands to judge the people."
9. ROLLING AWAY:
 - a. 22:18 - "And roll you tightly like a ball."
 - b. 34:4 - "And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll."
10. THRESHING:
 - a. 21:10 - "...my afflicted of the threshing floor!"
11. HURLING:
 - a. 22:17 - "The Lord is about to hurl you headlong, O Man."
12. GRASPING:
 - a. 22:17 - "HE IS ABOUT to grasp you firmly."
13. TAKING AWAY:
 - a. 3:18 - "In that day, the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets..."
14. CONSUMING:
 - a. 5:5 - "I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed."
15. TRAMPLING:
 - a. 5:5 - "I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground."
 - b. 10:6 - "I will send a godless nation...to trample them down..."
 - c. 14:25 - "I will trample him on My mountains."
 - d. 28:18 - "And your covenant with death shall be canceled...then you shall become a trampling place."
 - e. 63:3 - "I have trampled them in My wrath."

16. GATHERING OF NATIONS:

- a. 13:4 - "of nations gathered together."
- b. 24:22 - "And they will be gathered together...and they will be punished."

17. PLUNDERING:

- a. 10:6 - "I send it against a godless nation...to seize plunder."
- b. 11:14 - "Together they will plunder the sons of the east."
- c. 13:16 - "Their houses will be plundered."

18. BREAKING - SHATTERING:

- a. 8:9 - "Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered."
- b. 8:14-15 - "Then they will fall and be broken."
- c. 9:4 - "For Thou shalt break the yoke of their burden..."
- d. 10:27 - "...and the yoke will be broken because of fathers."
- e. 30:14 - "And whose collapse is like the smashing of a potter's jar;
so ruthlessly shattered..."

19. CUTTING - LOPPING:

- a. 9:10 - "The sycamores have been cut down."
- b. 9:14 - "So the Lord cuts off head and tail from Israel."
- c. 10:33 - "Behold the Lord, the God of hosts, will lop off the boughs..."
- d. 10:34 - "And He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an iron axe."
- e. 14:12 - "you have been cut down to the earth."

20. CASTING AWAY:- CAST OUT:

- a. 14:19 - "But you have been cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch."

21. BRANDING:

- a. 3:24 - "And branding instead of beauty."

C. ACTIVITY OF MAN IN JUDGMENT:

National judgment, in many cases, involved determined actions by individuals; and the prophetic language used by Isaiah expresses the effects and activity that national judgment had on man.

1. HUMBLING AND ABASING:

- a. 5:15 - "So the common man will be humbled and the man of importance abased."
- b. 10:12 - "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the King of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness."
- c. 10:33 - "And those who are lofty will be abased."
- d. 13:11 - "I will put an end to the arrogance of the proud,
And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless."
- e. 23:9 - "To despise all the honored of the earth."
- f. 24:4 - "The exalted of the people of the earth fade away."
- g. 24:23 - "Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed."
- h. 30:5 - "Everyone will be ashamed because of a people who cannot profit them, who are not for help or profit, but for shame and also for reproach."
- i. 42:17 - "They shall be turned back and utterly be put to shame."
- j. 45:23 - "That to me every knee shall bow..."

2. VANISHING:

- a. 2:18 - "But the idols will completely vanish."

3. SHAKING AND TREMBLING:

- a. 2:21 - "He will arise to make the earth tremble."
- b. 13:13 - "Therefore I shall make the heavens tremble
And the earth shall be shaken from its place."
- c. 14:16 - "Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms."
- d. 17:6 - "Gleanings shall be left in it like the shaking of an olive tree."

- e. 23:11 - "He has made the kingdoms tremble."
 - f. 24:18 - "For...the foundations of the earth shake."
 - g. 24:19 - "The earth is shaken violently."
4. STUMBLING AND FALLING:
- a. 3:8 - "Jerusalem has stumbled, Judah has fallen."
 - b. 8:14 - "A rock to stumble over."
 - c. 8:15 - "And many will stumble over them, And they will fall and be broken."
 - d. 14:12 - "How have you fallen from heaven?"
 - e. 9:10 - "The bricks have fallen down."
5. WITHERS:
- a. 24:4 - "The earth mourns and withers, the world fades and withers."
 - b. 33:9 - "Lebanon is shamed and withers."
 - c. 34:4 - "All their host will also wither away."
 - d. 40:6 - "The grass withers, and the flower fades,"
 - e. 40:24 - "He merely blows on them, and they wither."
 - f. 42:15 - "And wither all their vegetation."
6. WAILING:
- a. 14:31 - "Wail, O Gate."
 - b. 15:2 - "MOab wails over Nebo and Medaba."
 - c. 15:3 - "Everyone is wailing, dissolved in tears."
7. WOE:
- a. 3:11 - "Woe to the wicked."
 - b. 5:18 - "Woe to those who drag iniquity with the cords of falsehood."
 - c. 5:20 - "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil."

8. LAMENTING - MOURNING:

- a. 3:26 - "And her gates will lament and mourn."
- b. 24:4 - "The earth mourns."
- c. 24:7 - "The new wine mourns."
- d. 33:9 - "The land mourns and pines away."

D. NATURE AS IN JUDGMENT

Many times today man expresses his feelings and experiences in terms of nature. It is in like manner that Isaiah used the familiar things of nature to proclaim his message of judgment to give the effect needed to bring about repentance and salvation. It is significant to note that Isaiah used the figure of fire more than any other form to express judgment and destruction.

1. FIRE:

- a. 1:7 - "Your cities are burned with fire."
- b. 1:31 - "And the strong man will become tinder, His work also a spark, Thus they shall both burn together..."
- c. 4:4 - "When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged...with the spirit of burning."
- d. 5:24 - "...as a tongue of fire consumes stubble, and dry grass collapses into flame,"
- e. 5:25 - "The anger of the Lord has burned against his people."
- f. 9:5 - "Every boot...and cloak...will be for burning, fuel for the fire."
- g. 9:18 - "For wickedness burns like fire."
- h. 9:19 - "By the fury of the Lord of hosts the land is burned up,
And the people are like fuel for the fire."
- i. 10:16 - "And under His glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame."

- j. 13:7 - "Every man's heart will melt."
 - k. 13:8 - "Their faces aflame."
 - l. 24:6 - "Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned."
 - m. 26:11 - "Fire will devour Thine enemies."
 - n. 27:4 - "I would burn them completely."
 - o. 29:6 - "From the Lord of hosts you will be punished...with the flame
of a consuming fire."
 - p. 30:27 - "His tongue is like a consuming fire."
 - q. 30:33 - "For Topheth has long been made ready,...
A pyre of fire with plenty of wood."
 - r. 31:9 - "Declares the Lord, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace
is in Jerusalem."
 - s. 33:11 - "My breathe will consume you like fire."
 - t. 33:14 - "Who among us can live with a consuming fire?"
 - u. 40:16 - "Even Lebanon is not enough to burn,
Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering."
 - v. 42:25 - "So He poured out on him the heat of His anger
And the fierceness of battle;
And it set him aflame all around,...
And it burned him, but he paid no attention."
 - w. 47:14 - "Behold, they have become like stubble, Fire burns them."
 - x. 66:15 - "For behold, the Lord will come in fire"
 - y. 66:16 - "For the Lord will execute judgment by fire."
2. DUST:
- a. 17:13 - "The nations...will be chased like chaff...or like the whirling
dust before a gale."
 - b. 29:5 - "But the multitude of your enemies shall become like fine
dust"

- c. 34:7 - "And their dust become greasy with fat."
 - d. 40:15 - "Behold, the nations...are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales."
 - e. 41:2 - "He who makes them like dust with His sword."
3. CHAFF - WIND:
- a. 17:13 - "The nations will be... chased like chaff in the mountains before the wind,"
 - b. 29:5 - "And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which blows away."
 - c. 27:8 - "With His fierce wind he has expelled them on the day of the east wind."
 - d. 57:13 - "But the wind will carry all of them up, And a breath will take them away."
 - e. 66:15 - "For behold, the Lord will come in fire, And His chariots like the whirlwind."
4. STORM:
- a. 25:4 - "A refuge from the storm."
 - b. 28:2 - "Behold the Lord has a strong and mighty agent; as a storm of hail."
5. CATERPILLAR - LOCUST:
- a. 33:4 - "And your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; As locusts rushing about, men rush about on it."
6. HEAT:
- a. 25:4 - "A shade from the heat."
 - b. 25:5 - "Like heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the ruthless is silenced."

7. HAIL:

- a. 32:19 - "And it will hail when the forest comes down
And the city will be utterly laid low."

8. FAMINE - DROUGHT:

- a. 5:6 - "I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it."
b. 7:24 - "People will come with their bows and arrows because all the
land will be briars and thorns."
c. 10:17 - "And the light of Israel... will devour his thorns and his
briars in a single day."
d. 14:30 - "I will destroy your root with famine."
e. 15:6 - "For the waters of Nimrim are desolate.
Surely the grass is withered, the tender grass dried out,
There is no green thing."
f. 17:4 - "And the fatness of his flesh will become lean."
g. 19:6 - "And the streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up,
The reeds and rushes will rot away
h. 19:7 - "And all the sown fields by the Nile
Will become dry..."
i. 32:13 - "For the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall
come up."

9. WATERS:

- a. 8:7 - "Now the Lord is about to bring on them, the strong and
abundant waters of the Euphrates...and it will rise up over
all its channels and go over all its banks."
b. 8:8 - "Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass
through, It will reach even to the neck."
c. 19:5 - "And the waters of the sea will dry up, And the river will be
parched and dry"

- d. 30:30 - "And the Lord will cause His voice of authority to be heard....in cloudburst, downpour, hailstones."
- e. 59:19 - "He will come like a rushing stream which the wind of the Lord drives."

10. DARKNESS:

- a. 5:30 - "...there is darkness and distress; even the light is darkened..."
- b. 8:22 - "Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be driven away into darkness."
- c. 13:10 - "For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light;
The sun will be dark when it rises,
And the Moon will not shed its light."
- d. 21:11 - "Watchman, how far gone is the night?"

11. HARVEST:

- a. 17:5 - "It will be even like the reaper gathering the standing grain,
As His arm harvests the ears."
- b. 17:11 - "But the harvest will be a heap..."
- c. 18:5 - "For before the harvest...He will cut ...and remove..."
- d. 32:10 - "For the vintage is ended,
And the fruit-gathering will not come."

12. PUTREFACTION:

- a. 3:24 - "...instead of sweet perfume, there will be putrefaction."

13. GARDEN:

- a. 1:30 - "For you will be...as a garden that has no water."

E. PEOPLE AS IN JUDGMENT:

People are an important part of the prophetic message of national judgment. It is this judgment that would affect the lives of the people of the nations. Thus people are used to express the cause and effect of judgment.

1. CHILDREN:

- a. 13:16 - "Their little ones will also be dashed to pieces."
- b. 13:18 - "Nor will their eye pity children."

2. WOMEN IN LABOR:

- a. 13:8 - "They will writhe like a woman in labor"
- b. 26:17-18 - "And as the pregnant woman approaches the time to give birth, Shw writhes and cries out in her labor pains..."
- c. 42:14 - "Now like a woman in labor I will groan."

3. WOMAN WITH CHILD:

- a. 13:18 - "They will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb."

4. WIVES:

- a. 13:16 - "And their wives ravished."

5. DRUNKARD:

- a. 24:20 - "The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard...for its transgression is heavy upon it."
- b. 63:6 - "I have made them drunk in My wrath."

6. THE SLAUGHTERED:

- a. 34:3 - "So their slain will be thrown out, And their corpses will give off their stench..."

7. THE SACRIFICED:

- a. 34:6 - "For the Lord as a sacrifice in Bozrah."

8. AFFLICTION OF BODY:

- a. 3:17 - "Therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp....the forehead."
- b. 15:2 - "Everyone's head is bald and every beard is cut off."
- c. 20:3-4 - "The sign of the barefoot and the buttocks uncovered"

9. DIVORCE:

- a. 50:1 - "certificate of divorce by which I have sent your mother away?"

F. THE BODY AS IN JUDGMENT:

Just as the individual's body has many functions, so too does the prophet's message have many aspects of judgment. The prophet shows vividly the power of this judgment message by expression of body members and appearance.

1. VOICE:

- a. 66:6 - "A voice of uproar from the city, a voice from the temple,
The voice of the Lord who is rendering recompense to His enemies."

2. BREATH:

- a. 11:4 - "And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked."
- b. 33:11 - "My breath will consume you like a fire."
- c. 57:13 - "And a breath will take them (idols) away."

3. MOUTH:

- a. 5:14 - "Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without measure."

4. HAND:

a. Stretched out hand:

- 1) 5:25 - "He has stretched out His hand against them..."
- 2) 9:12 - "His hand is stretched out."
- 3) 14:26 - "This is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations"

4) 23:11 - "He has stretched His hand out over the sea."

5) 31:3 - "So the Lord will stretch out His hand..."

b. Reaching hand:

1) 10:10 - "As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols..."

c. Waving hand:

1) 19:16 - "...dread because of the waving of the hand of the Lord of hosts..."

d. Spreading hand:

1) 25:11 - "And he will spread out his hands in the middle of it..."

e. Casting hand:

1) 28:2 - "He has cast it down to the earth with His hand."

5. ARM:

a. 48:14 - "And His arm shall be against the Chaldeans."

6. BLOOD:

a. 9:5 - "And cloak rolled in blood..."

b. 5:7 - "Thus he looked for justice, but behold bloodshed;"

c. 15:9 - "For the waters of Dimon are full of blood"

d. 34:3 - "And the mountains will be drenched with their blood."

e. 34:6 - "The sword of the Lord is filled with blood."

f. 34:7 - "And their land shall be soaked with blood,"

g. 63:3 - "And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments."

h. 63:6 - "And I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

7. NAKEDNESS:

a. 47:3 - "Your nakedness will be uncovered..."

G. MILITARY ACTIVITY AS IN JUDGMENT:

Many times when judgment is thought of, it is in terms of battle and military activity. Thus the use of the military is descriptive of the swiftness and deadliness of national judgment.

1. TRUMPET:

a. 18:3 - "As soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it."

2. BOW AND ARROW:

a. 5:28 - "Its arrows are sharp, and all its bows are bent"

b. 7:24 - "People will come there with bows and arrows..."

c. 13:18 - "And their bows will mow down the young men."

d. 21:15 - "For they have fled from the swords, From the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the press of battle."

3. ROD - STAFF:

a. 10:5 - "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hands is My indignation."

b. 10:24 - "...do not fear the Assyrian who strikes you with the rod and lifts up his staff against you, the way Egypt did."

c. 10:26 - "...and His staff will be over the sea.."

d. 11:4 - "He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth..."

e. 14:5 - "The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked..."

f. 14:29 - "Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod that struck you is broken..."

g. 30:31 - "For at the voice of the Lord Assyria will be terrified When He strikes with the rod

h. 30:32 - "rod of punishment"

4. ARMOUR:

a. 59:17 - "He put on garments of vengeance for clothing..."

b. 63:1 - "With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah. This one, who is majestic in His apparel"

5. SWORD:

- a. 3:25 - "Your men will fall by the sword"
- b. 13:15 "Anyone who is captured will fall by the sword"
- c. 21:15 - "For they have fled from the sword"
- d. 22:2 - "Your slain were not slain with the sword."
- e. 27:1 - "In that day the Lord will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
With His fierce and great and mighty sword."
- f. 31:8 - "And the Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man,
And a sword not of man will devour him."
- g. 34:5 - "For My sword is satiated in heaven."
- h. 34:6 - "The sword of the Lord is filled with blood."
- i. 65:12 - "I will destine you for the sword."
- j. 66:16 - "For the Lord will execute judgment by fire
And by His sword on all flesh."

6. EXILE:

- a. 5:13 - "Therefore My people will go into exile for their lack of
knowledge."
- b. 39:6 - carried to Babylon

7. SUPPLY AND SUPPORT REMOVED:

- a. 3:1 - From Jerusalem and Judah
- b. 5:13 - famished and thirst
- c. 30:20 - bread of privation and water of oppression

H. DAY AS IN JUDGMENT:

The designation of the "day" in the judgment of nations declares the nearness and swiftness of judgment. It shows the point in time when judgment will take place.

1. IN THE LAST DAYS:

- a. 2:2 - "In the last days..."

2. DAY OF RECKONING:

- a. 2:12 - "For the Lord of hosts will have a day of reckoning
Against everyone who is proud and lofty"

3. IN THAT DAY:

- a. 2:20 - "In that day...before the terror of the Lord...arises to
make the earth tremble."

4. DAY OF PUNISHMENT:

- a. 10:3 - "Now what will you do in the day of punishment,"
b. 24:21 - "So it will happen in that day,
that the Lord will punish the host of heaven on high"

5. DAY OF THE LORD:

- a. 13:6 - "Wail! For the Day of the Lord is near!"
b. 13:9 - Behold, the day of the Lord is coming."

6. DAY OF VENGEANCE:

- a. 34:8 - "For the Lord has a day fo vengeance"
b. 63:4 - "For the Day of vengeance was in My heart."

7. DAY OF PANIC:

- a. 22:5 - "For the Lord God of hosts has a day of panic, subjugation,
and confusion"

I. YEAR AS IN JUDGMENT:

The "year" shows the period of time in which God's activities would
be manifested to man.

1. YEAR OF RECOMPENSE:

- a. 34:8 - "For the Lord has...a. year of recompense for the cause of Zion"

2. YEAR OF REDEMPTION:

- a. 63:4 - "And My year of Redemption has come."

J. DESCRIPTION OF GOD AS IN JUDGMENT:

In any study of judgment, always take note that Jehovah God is the focal point. It is because of what God is that judgment is expressed in such graphic terms. God wants man to be righteous and redeemed.

1. LORD CAME OUT OF HIS PLACE:

- a. 26:21 - "For behold, the Lord is about to come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth..."
- b. 30:27 - "Behold the name of the Lord comes from a remote place..."

2. TERROR OF THE LORD:

- a. 2:10 - "...hide...from the terror of the Lord and from the splendor of His majesty."
- b. 2:21 - "Before the terror of the Lord and the splendor of his majesty"

3. EXALTATION OF THE LORD:

- a. 2:11 - "And the Lord alone will be exalted in that day."
- b. 2:17 - same
- c. 5:16 - "But the Lord of hosts will be exalted in judgment"

4. WRATH - INDIGNATION - ANGER:

- a. 10:25 - "For in a very little while My indignation against you will be spent, and My anger will be directed to their destruction."
- b. 13:5 - "The Lord and His instruments of indignation..."
- c. 13:13 - In the day of His burning anger
- d. 26:20 - "Hide for a little while,
Until indignation runs its course."
- e. 30:27 - "His lips are filled with indignation
And His tongue is like a consuming fire."
- f. 34:2 - "For the Lord's indignation is against all nations
And His wrath against all their armies"

g. 42:25 - "So He poured out on him all the heat of His anger"

K. SHEOL AS IN JUDGMENT:

Sheol is descriptive of the finality of judgment. It is the end of a nation and descriptive of the awesomeness of not heeding the prophet's preaching of God's message.

1. 5:14 - "Sheol has enlarged its mouth
2. 14:19 - But you have been cast out of your tomb
3. 14:15 - "You will be thrust down to Sheol"

L. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AS IN JUDGMENT:

To cover all the bases in his preaching, the prophet graphically declares national judgment in many common forms for illustration purposes.

In addition to the above examples, there are a number of miscellaneous forms used throughout the book of Isaiah.

1. NOAH:

- a. 54:9 - "For this is like the days of Noah to me"

2. SODOM AND GOMORRAH:

- a. 1:9 - "Unless the Lord of Hosts had left us a few survivors
We would be like Sodom...and Gomorrah."
- b. 34:9 - "And they display their sin like Sodom"
- c. 33:12 - "And the peoples will be burned to lime"
- d. 34:9 - "And its streams shall be turned into pitch
And its loose earth into brimstone
And its land shall become burning pitch."

3. FORMER THINGS:

- a. 42:9 - "Behold the former things have come to pass"

4. PEG:

- a. 22:25 - "The peg driven in a firm place will give way..."

5. WORLD:
 - a. 13:11 - "Thus I will punish the world for its evil...:"
 - b. 24:4 - "The earth mourns, and withers, the world fades and withers..."
6. BRIDLE:
 - a. 30:28 - "...the bridle which leads to ruin."
 - b. 37:29 - "Therefore, I will put...My bridle in your lips."
7. READINESS AND SWIFTNESS:
 - a. 5:28 - arrows, bows, horses
 - b. 7:18 - figure of the fly and bee
 - c. 8:1 - "Swift is the booty; speedy is the prey."
 - d. 14:29 - viper's sting
 - e. 19:1 - swift cloud
 - f. 29:5 - "It shall happen instantly, suddenly."
 - g. 47:9, 11 - "But these two things shall come upon you suddenly in one day.."
 - h. 48:3 - "Suddenly I acted and they came to apss."
8. WHISTLE:
 - a. 5:26 - "And will whistle for it from the ends of the earth..."
 - b. 7:18 - "...that the Lord will whistle for the fly...and the bee..."
9. SHAVE WITH RAZOR:
 - a. 7:20 - "In that day the Lord will shave with a razor, the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard."
10. POTTER AND CLAY:
 - a. 64:8 - "All of us are the work of Thy hand."
11. WICK:
 - a. 43:17 - "They have been quenched and extinguished like a wick."

SUMMARY:

As has been outlined in this report, prophetic language of national judgment is graphically presented by the prophet Isaiah to bring the people back to Jehovah God and gain salvation from the impending judgment.

Through Isaiah there is depicted the seriousness of the message with the evident doom picture portrayed for nations. However, just as prophetic language describes national judgment, there is always the ray of hope to the righteous of redemption!

Then, you will say on that day,
I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord;
For although Thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away,
And thou does comfort me.
"Behold, God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
For the Lord God is my strength and song
And He has become my salvation."
Therefore you will joyously draw water
From the springs of salvation.
And in that day you will say,
"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name.
Make known His deeds among the peoples;
Make them remember that His name is exalted."
Praise the Lord in song, for He has done excellent things;
Let this be known throughout the earth.
Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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