

# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

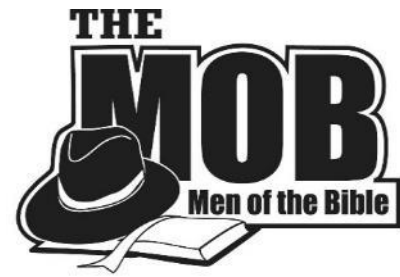
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Announcements

- **Welcome to the MOB!**
- **MOB Website & Resources: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)**
- **March for Life – 20 January 2023**
- **Spring 2023 Immanuel Bible Institute Courses  
Now Available!**

# On Your Feet Men!



- **Invocation/Prayer**

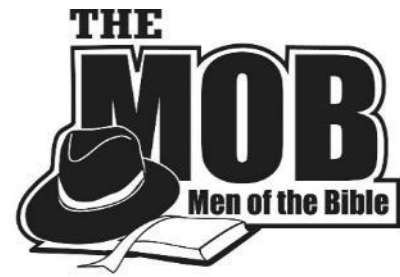
- “God, stay with me, let no word cross my lips that is not your word, no thoughts enter my mind that are not your thoughts, no deed ever be done or entertained by me that is not your deed.”

- Malcolm Muggeridge

- **Song: “Amazing Grace”**

# Amazing Grace

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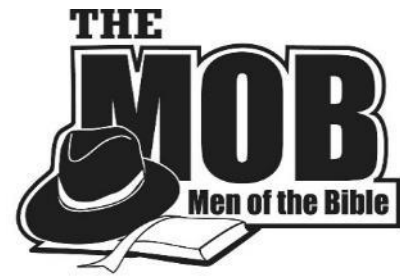


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**Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see**

# Amazing Grace

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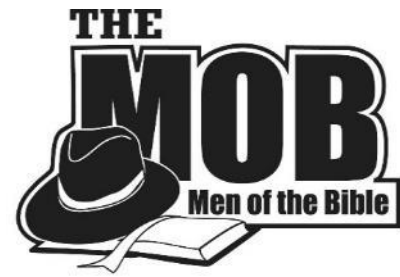


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**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

# Amazing Grace

Chorus



**My chains are gone**

**I've been set free**

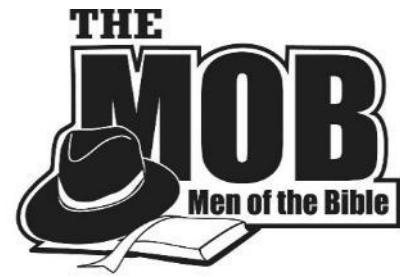
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**Unending love, amazing grace**

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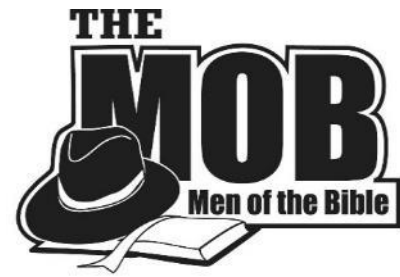


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**The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures**

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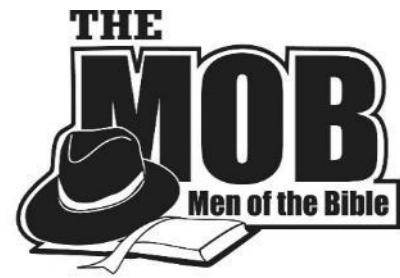
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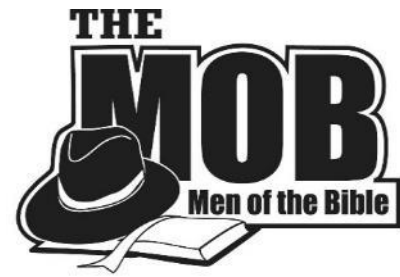
**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.**

A hand-drawn illustration in a sketchy, expressive style. On the left, a person with long, dark hair is shown from the side, wearing a dark jacket and holding a microphone to their mouth. Their right arm is raised, pointing towards the right. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color. In the foreground and middle ground, a large crowd of people is depicted in a similar sketchy style, many with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The overall mood is one of a live performance or a religious gathering.

# Amazing Grace

HOW SWEET THE SOUND

# Memory Verse



**Isaiah 16:5 (ESV)**

**“Then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness!”**

**Isaiah 16:5 (ESV)**

# Our Study of Isaiah

## Last Meeting:

- **Isaiah 18 & 19, Oracles Concerning Cush and Egypt**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 19:22**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 129-137; Motyer, pp. 161-170.***

## This Meeting:

- **Isaiah 20 & 21, Sign Against Cush and Egypt, Babylon Is Fallen**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 16:5**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.137-144; Motyer, pp.171-179.***
- **Refreshment Host: Small Group E**

# Isaiah Bible Study Schedule for Spring 2023

#	DATE:	THE BOOK OF ISAIAH – READINGS & TOPICS	HOST SM GRP
15	JAN 3	Isaiah 15, 16, 17 Oracles Concerning Moab and Damascus Constable's Notes, pp. 123 - 128, Motyer, pp. 149 - 161	C
16	JAN 10	Isaiah 18, 19 Oracles Concerning Cush and Egypt Constable's Notes, pp. 129 - 137, Motyer, pp. 161 - 170	D
17	JAN 17	Isaiah 20, 21 Sign Against Cush and Egypt, Babylon is Fallen Constable's Notes, pp. 137 - 144, Motyer, pp. 170 - 179	E
18	JAN 24	Isaiah 22 An Oracle Concerning Jerusalem Constable's Notes, pp. 144 - 151, Motyer, pp. 179 - 189	F
19	JAN 31	Isaiah 23 An Oracle Concerning Tyre and Sidon Constable's Notes, pp. 151 - 156, Motyer, pp. 189 - 194	G
20	FEB 7	Isaiah 24 Judgment on the Whole Earth Constable's Notes, pp. 156 - 165, Motyer, pp. 194 - 207	A
21	FEB 14	Isaiah 25, 26, 27 Death Swallowed Up, Perfect Peace, Israel Redeemed Constable's Notes, pp. 165 - 178, Motyer, pp. 207 - 226	B
22	FEB 21	Isaiah 28 Judgment on Ephraim & Jerusalem, A Cornerstone in Zion Constable's Notes, pp. 178 - 189, Motyer, pp. 227 - 236	C
23	FEB 28	Isaiah 29 The Seize of Jerusalem Constable's Notes, pp. 189 - 196, Motyer, pp. 236 - 244	D



# Isaiah Outline

Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis		Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1				35:10				36:1	39:8	40:1			66:24		
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nations		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin	Hezekiah's Salvation	Israel's Deliverance	Israel's Deliverer	Israel's Glorious Future			
	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1	39:8	40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:24
Topics	Prophetic <b>We are here!</b> Judgement								Historic Transition		Messianic Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah															
Time	740 - 680 B.C.															

# Lesson Overview

## Isaiah Chapters 20 & 21

- **Egypt, Cush, Babylon**
  - Ashdod, Elam, Media, Arabia, Dedanites

### Chapter 20 – Cush & Egypt

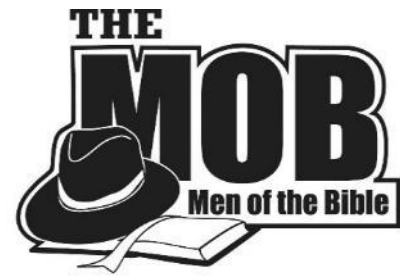
- Ashdod
- Sign of the Naked Prophet
- Egypt & Cush – Not Helpful!

### Chapter 21 - Fall of Babylon

- The Whirlwinds in the Negeb
- Signs! The Watchmen
- The Thickets in Arabia

**Signs!**

## Connection to Chapter 19



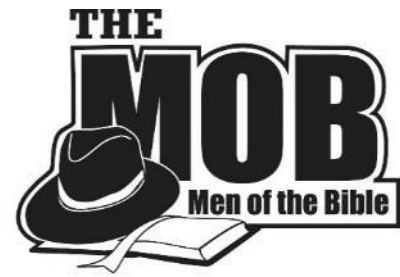
**Connection to Chapter 19 – “His vision for them has been astounding—the two superpowers would be joined to tiny Judah as one people in one world under one God (19:23–25). Is this credible? To prove that it is, Isaiah records an incident showing that precisely these world empires—in the heyday of their power—are subject to the word of the Lord. Nothing, therefore, is impossible.”**

- J. A. Motyer, *The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction & Commentary*  
(Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 170.



## Isaiah 20:1-3

### Sign Against Cush and Egypt



**20:1 In the year that the commander in chief, who was sent by Sargon the king of Assyria, came to Ashdod and fought against it and captured it <sup>2</sup> at that time the Lord spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, and loose the sackcloth from your waist and take off your sandals from your feet,” and he did so, walking naked and barefoot. <sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said, “As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and Cush,**



# Isaiah 20:1-3

## Ashdod



- **1 Samuel 5:1-2**
- **Joshua 15:45-47**
- **Joshua 11: 21-22**
- **Isaiah 20:1**

- **North of Gaza - Mediterranean Coast**
- **Northern Most of Five Philistine Cities on the Coast**
  - **Gaza, Gath, Ashkelon, Ekron**
- **When the Philistines Captured the Ark of the Covenant They Brought it to Ashdod – 1 Samuel**
- **Ashdod and the Surrounding Towns Assigned to Judah – Josh 15**
- **Conquered by Sargon II – 711 BC**

# Isaiah 20:1-3

## Sign of the Naked Prophet



- “God Spoke by Isaiah”
- As a Sign...Isaiah Walked Naked
- Just Like the Egyptian and Cushite Exiles
- Message – Don’t Count on the Egyptians and the Cushites!
- Trust in God Alone!
- Enacted Prophecy...Visual Aid!?

# Signs From God in Isaiah

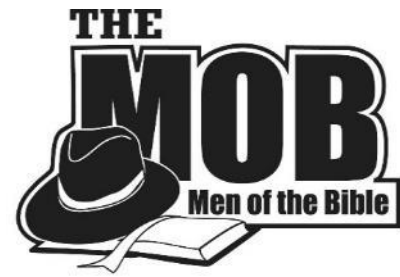
- **Isaiah 1:1 – “The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah sone of Amoz saw...”**
- **Isaiah 2:1 – “...what Isaiah sone of Amoz saw...”**
- **Isaiah 6:1 – Commissioning of Isaiah**
- **Isaiah 7:10 – “God Spoke to Ahaz...”**
- **Isaiah 8:1 – “The LORD said to me...”**
- **Isaiah 13 and on – Oracles and Prophecies**
- **Isaiah 20 – The Naked Prophet**

# Signs From God in the Bible

- **Jeremiah Forbidden to Marry – Jeremiah 16:1-4**
- **Hosea Told to Marry – Hosea 1:2**
- **Ezekiel Marries...Suddenly His Wife Dies – Ezekiel 24:20-24**
- **Jeremiah Smashes an Earthenware Jar – Jeremiah 19:1-2**
- **Jeremiah Buys a Field – Jeremiah 32:6-15**
- **Ezekiel Shaves His Head and Beard By Using a Sword – Ezekiel 5:1-4**
- **The Star of Bethlehem – Matthew 2:9**

## Isaiah 20:4-6

### Sign Against Cush and Egypt



**<sup>4</sup> so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian captives and the Cushite exiles, both the young and the old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks uncovered, the nakedness of Egypt.**

**<sup>5</sup> Then they shall be dismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and of Egypt their boast. <sup>6</sup> And the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, ‘Behold, this is what has happened to those in whom we hoped and to whom we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria! And we, how shall we escape?’ ”**

# Isaiah 20:4-6

## Egypt and Cush Are Not Helpful



- **God Provides a Warning That Something Bad is Going to Happen to Egypt and Ethiopia**
- **Don't Depend on Them**
- **Egypt Is Known For Pledging Help and Then Not Coming Through**

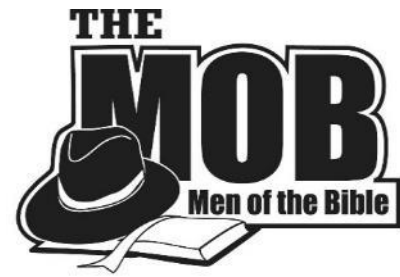
**“Isaiah is not departing from his confidence in the promises of God, but he is relating them, realistically, to ever more desperate situations as time goes on.”**

- J. A. Motyer, *The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction & Commentary*  
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# Isaiah 21:1&2

## Babylon is Fallen



**21:1 The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the Negeb sweep on, it comes from the wilderness, from a terrible land.**

**2 A stern vision is told to me;  
the traitor betrays,  
and the destroyer destroys.  
Go up, O Elam;  
lay siege, O Media;  
all the sighing she has caused  
I bring to an end.**

# Isaiah 21:1 & 2

## Whirlwinds in the Negeb



**Isaiah 21:1 KJV**

*The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.*

- Mesopotamian Plain NW of Persian Gulf
- Elam and Media in Iranian Highlands

# Isaiah 21:5 & 6

## Babylon is Fallen

**<sup>5</sup> They prepare the table,  
they spread the rugs,  
they eat, they drink.**

**Arise, O princes;  
oil the shield!**

**<sup>6</sup> For thus the Lord said to me:  
“Go, set a watchman;  
let him announce what he sees.**

# Isaiah 21:9 & 10

## Babylon is Fallen

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**<sup>9</sup> And behold, here come riders,  
horsemen in pairs!”  
And he answered,  
“Fallen, fallen is Babylon;  
and all the carved images of her gods  
he has shattered to the ground.”**

**<sup>10</sup> O my threshed and winnowed one,  
what I have heard from the Lord of hosts,  
the God of Israel, I announce to you.**

# Isaiah 21:5 & 6; 9 & 10

## Signs! The Watchman



### Babylon Will Fall Again!

- Isaiah 13:19; 47:5; 9: 48:14
- Jeremiah 51:8
- Revelation 14:8; 16:19, 17-18

- Who is setting the table?
- According to Zenophon...The Persian Army Marched in Pairs
- Watchman's Report:
  - Riders in Pairs...Announced Babylon's Fall
- Babylon Fell...
  - To Assyrians in 710, 702, 689, and 648 BC
  - To Medes/Persians in 539 BC
- Babylon Will Fall again!

# Isaiah 21:13–15

## Oracle Concerning Arabia

<sup>13</sup> **The oracle concerning Arabia.**

**In the thickets in Arabia you will lodge,  
O caravans of Dedanites.**

<sup>14</sup> **To the thirsty bring water;  
meet the fugitive with bread,  
O inhabitants of the land of Tema.**

<sup>15</sup> **For they have fled from the swords,  
from the drawn sword, from the bent bow,  
and from the press of battle.**

# Isaiah 21:13-15

## In The Thickets In Arabia



- **Arabia – Southeast of Edom**
- **In Danger of Assyrian Takeover**
- **Arabs Often Give Aid to Refugees of War**
- **These Arabians Will Now Too Suffer Destruction**
- **Israel Should Not Trust in Arabia...Trust in the Lord!**

# Isaiah 21:16 & 17

## Oracle Concerning Arabia

**<sup>16</sup> For thus the Lord said to me, “Within a year, according to the years of a hired worker, all the glory of Kedar will come to an end.**

**<sup>17</sup> And the remainder of the archers of the mighty men of the sons of Kedar will be few, for the Lord, the God of Israel, has spoken.”**



# Isaiah 21:16-17

## Kedar



- **Genesis 25:13; I Chron 1:29**
- **Song of Songs 1:5**
- **Jer 2:10 & 49:28; Eze 27:21**

- **The Name of Ishmael's 2<sup>nd</sup> Son**
- **God Uses Kedar As An Example for Israel**
- **Trading Partner of Tyre**
- **The Splendor of Kedar will End**
- **Attacked by Assyria in 689 and By Babylon in 599**
- **Isaiah Implies That They are Archers**
- **Yahweh Causes Kedar's Defeat!**

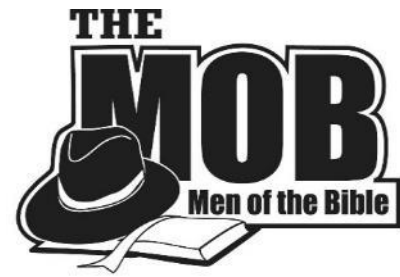
# Conclusion

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- **God is Sovereign**
  - **God Provides Signs!**
  - **Whom Should We Trust Today?**
    - **God Does NOT Like Pride**

# Next Meeting – 24 Jan

- Review:
- Isaiah 20 & 21, Sign Against Cush and Egypt, Babylon Is Fallen
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 16:5
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.137-144; Motyer, pp.171-179.*
  
- Study:
- Isaiah 22 - An Oracle Concerning Jerusalem
- Memory Verse: Proverbs 29:18
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.144-151; Motyer, pp.179-189*
- Refreshment Host: Group F

# Discussion & Application



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- **What's your understanding of how Isaiah 20 is related to Isaiah 19?**
- **How can you explain the timing of, and rationale for, Isaiah's prophecy concerning the fate of Ashdod, and Egypt and Cush, and Babylon (in Isaiah 20-21), immediately following his prophecy, in Isaiah 19, of peace and "harmony among the nations"?**
- **What's the significance of the Lord calling Isaiah His "servant"—and what message was He conveying (and to whom?) by having him walk around "naked and barefoot" for three years?**
- **What's your understanding of how the oracle concerning Babylon in Isaiah 21:1-10 compares with the circumstances and timing of the fall of Babylon recorded in Daniel 5?**

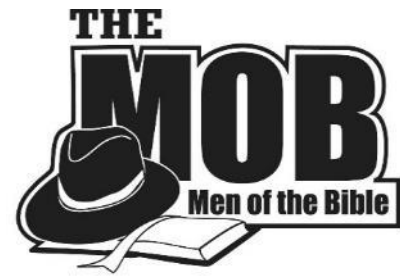
# Discussion & Application

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- **How does it relate to the fall of Babylon cited in Isaiah 13?**
- **Why was Isaiah so concerned about Hezekiah's reception, and acceptance, of the king of Babylon (Merodach-Baladan), according to II Kings 20:12-20?**
- **What's Isaiah's sense of the "length of the night," and the culmination of time and history, as he serves as the "watchman on the wall"?**
- **What's Isaiah's outlook for "the plight of the Arabian merchants" and the "splendor of Kedar"?**
- **What key thoughts will you take away from this lesson?**

# Closing

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- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

