

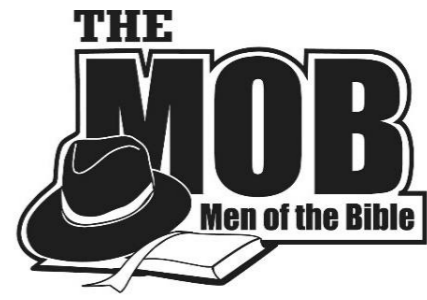
# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

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)



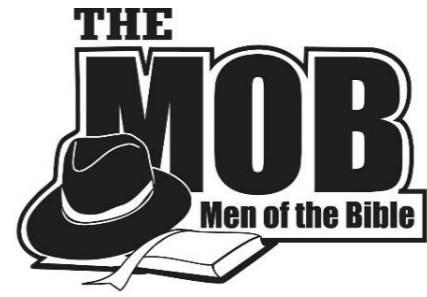
# Announcements



- **MOB Website & Resources: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)**
- **Logos Demo and Daily Devotional lesson**
  - Jan 21<sup>st</sup> (9:00 – 12:00) – Zoom session open (Kirk will post on MOB)



# Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer.**

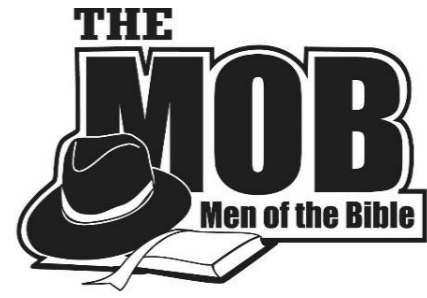
- **Song:**

**God will make a Way**



# God will make a Way

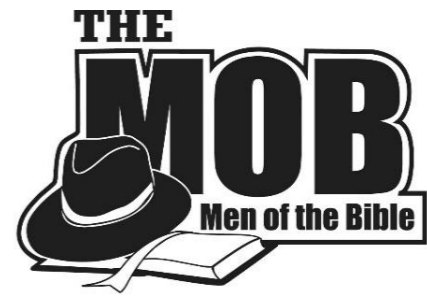
Isaiah 43:19



God will make a way  
    where there seems to be no way.  
He works in ways we cannot see;  
    He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide,  
    hold me closely to his side,  
With love and strength for each new day;  
    He will make a way,  
    He will make a way.

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# Our Study of Isaiah



## Last Meeting:

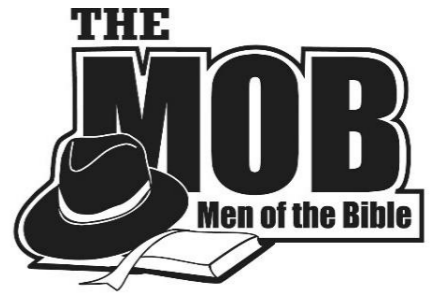
- Isaiah 15-16-17, Oracles concerning Moab and Damascus
- Memory Verse: Psalms 121:1-2
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 123-128; Motyer, pp. 149-161.*

## This Meeting:

- Isaiah 18-19, Oracles concerning Cush and Egypt
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 19:22
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- Refreshment Host: C



# Memory Verse

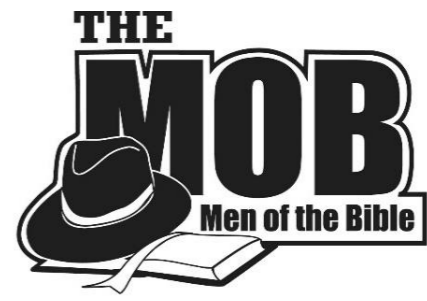


## Isaiah 19:22 (ESV)

**“And the Lord will strike Egypt, striking and healing, and they will return to the Lord, and he will listen to their pleas for mercy and heal them.”**

**Isaiah 19:22 (ESV)**

# Isaiah Bible Study Schedule for Winter – Spring 2023



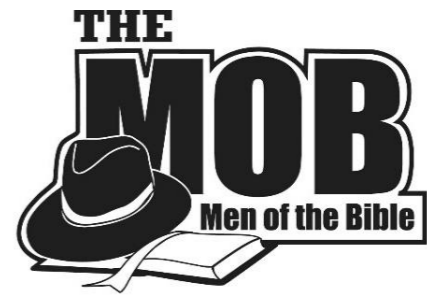
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18	JAN 24	Isaiah 22 An Oracle Concerning Jerusalem Constable's Notes, pp. 144 - 151, Motyer, pp. 179 - 189	E
19	JAN 31	Isaiah 23 An Oracle Concerning Tyre and Sidon Constable's Notes, pp. 151 - 156, Motyer, pp. 189 - 194	F
20	FEB 7	Isaiah 24 Judgment on the Whole Earth Constable's Notes, pp. 156 - 165, Motyer, pp. 194 - 207	G
21	FEB 14	Isaiah 25, 26, 27 Death Swallowed Up, Perfect Peace, Israel Redeemed Constable's Notes, pp. 165 - 178, Motyer, pp. 207 - 226	A



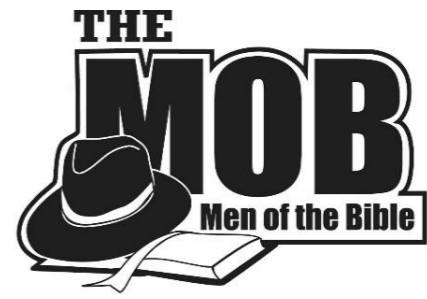
# Isaiah Outline



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 Nation		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 Judgement								Historic Transition		Messianic Hope							
																		
Place	<b>We are here!</b>								Israel & Judah									
Time	740 - 680 B.C.																	

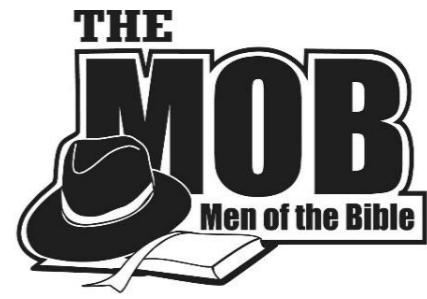


# Isaiah 13-23 Review



- We are in chapters 13-23, Prophecies against the Nations
- 18 and 20 are the only chapters that don't have the term 'oracle'
- In the ESV Ch.18, where we are, is titled "An Oracle Concerning Cush". An oracle, sometimes translated "burden," as it comes from the verb meaning "to be lifted or carried." It was a weighty or burdensome kind of message to deliver. It is a common term in the prophetic writings (BKC).
- This means that Ch.18 has the characteristics of an oracle and sits between Chs.17 & 19 which start out as oracles

# Overview Chapters 18-19



- **An Oracle Against Cush, Ch.18**
  - ESV has the chapter titled Oracle, but it is not in the verses
  - Many think these verses go with 17:12-14, an oracle
- **An Oracle Against Egypt, Ch.19**
  - God will Smite Egypt, 19:1-15
  - God will Heal Egypt, 19:16-25

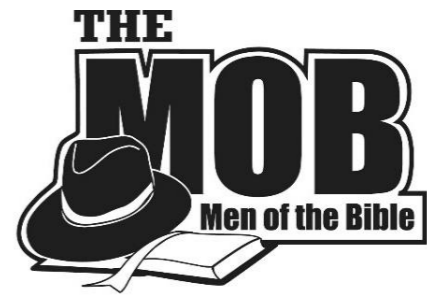
# Cush

- The nation of Cush is first mentioned in Gen 2!
- It can be called Kush, Ethiopia, Nubia or part of Egypt
- It grew to the point that, at one time, it controlled Egypt
- Motyer, in starting our Ch.18, says that Ethiopia took control of Egypt in the late 700's BC
- If you search for Cush in modern day history and maps you will get many maps as its boundaries are not certain

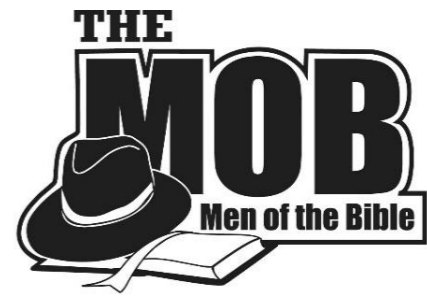


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# Cush



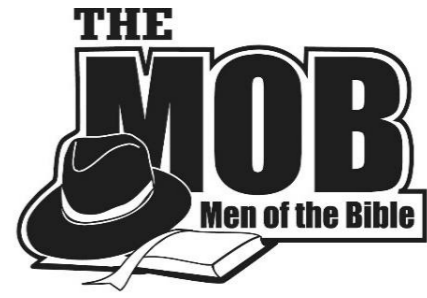
# Oracle Against Cush Ch.18:1-3



**<sup>1</sup>Ah, land of whirring wings  
that is beyond the rivers of Cush,  
<sup>2</sup> which sends ambassadors by the sea,  
in vessels of papyrus on the waters!  
Go, you swift messengers,  
to a nation tall and smooth,  
to a people feared near and far,  
a nation mighty and conquering,  
whose land the rivers divide.  
<sup>3</sup> All you inhabitants of the world,  
you who dwell on the earth,  
when a signal is raised on the mountains, look!  
When a trumpet is blown, hear!**

- Isaiah is speaking here
- Constable says the “wings” were ship sails while others say insects which were prominent along the Nile
- “Ambassadors” means messengers here
- “tall and smooth” were the Cush
- There is nothing in Israel’s history of this happening
- In v.3 Isaiah is talking about all people hearing the Lord, YAHWAY
- The timing of this is not clear but gets clearer in v.7

# Oracle Against Cush Ch.18:4-6



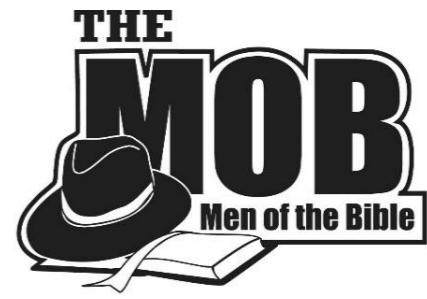
**<sup>4</sup>For thus the Lord said to me: “I will quietly look from my dwelling like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”**

**<sup>5</sup>For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he cuts off the shoots with pruning hooks, and the spreading branches he lops off and clears away.**

**<sup>6</sup>They shall all of them be left to the birds of prey of the mountains and to the beasts of the earth. And the birds of prey will summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth will winter on them.**

- v.4 shows why we know this is the Lord
- In v.5-6, this is the Lord’s actions as these countries are not trusting in Him
- Nothing that happens here on earth is not just men acting but acting through God’s permissive will. If He wants to stop something, He will!

# Oracle Against Cush Ch.18:7

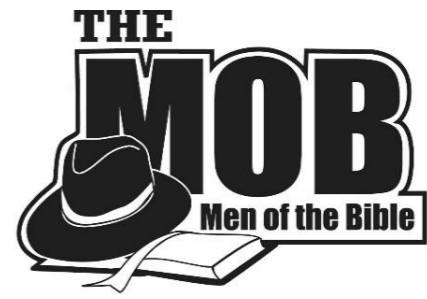


**<sup>7</sup>At that time tribute will be brought to the Lord of hosts  
from a people tall and smooth,  
from a people feared near and far,  
a nation mighty and conquering,  
whose land the rivers divide,  
to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the Lord of hosts.**

- “At that time” makes it clear this is in the future (2 Chron 32:20-23)
- Cush will bring a tribute then instead of a message (Ps 68:31)
- Constable believes this is an “eschatological” event and some believe it is in the millennium
- Constable says that Cush, at this time in Isaiah, was at the far ends of the known world for Israel



# Oracle Against Egypt Ch.19:1-4



<sup>1</sup>An oracle concerning Egypt.

Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud  
and comes to Egypt;  
and the idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence,  
and the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.

<sup>2</sup>And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians,  
and they will fight, each against another  
and each against his neighbor,  
city against city, kingdom against kingdom;

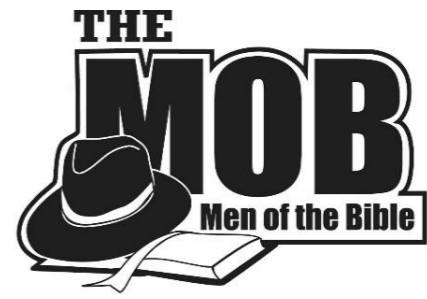
<sup>3</sup>and the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be  
emptied out,  
and I will confound their counsel;  
and they will inquire of the idols and the sorcerers,  
and the mediums and the necromancers;

<sup>4</sup>and I will give over the Egyptians  
into the hand of a hard master,  
and a fierce king will rule over them,  
declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

- Egypt will never be the same after this
- The Lord God is doing this
- God did something similar in the exodus (Ex 12:12)
- The north to south regions always had factions in Egypt (Constable)
- Now the spirits of all “emptied out”
- Most think that the “hard master” would be the King of Assyria, Sennacherib



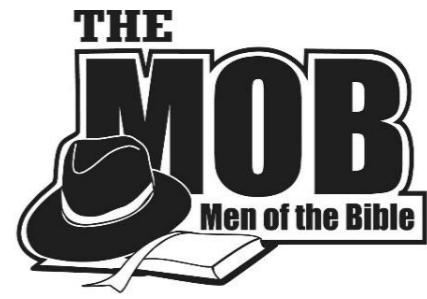
# Oracle Against Egypt Ch.19:5-10



**<sup>5</sup> And the waters of the sea will be dried up,  
and the river will be dry and parched,  
<sup>6</sup> and its canals will become foul,  
and the branches of Egypt's Nile will diminish and dry up,  
reeds and rushes will rot away.  
<sup>7</sup> There will be bare places by the Nile,  
on the brink of the Nile,  
and all that is sown by the Nile will be parched,  
will be driven away, and will be no more.  
<sup>8</sup> The fishermen will mourn and lament,  
all who cast a hook in the Nile;  
and they will languish  
who spread nets on the water.  
<sup>9</sup> The workers in combed flax will be in despair,  
and the weavers of white cotton.  
<sup>10</sup> Those who are the pillars of the land will be crushed,  
and all who work for pay will be grieved.**

- God could certainly cause an effect in nature
- The Nile normally would flood and increase the good soil, not here
- If the Nile was affected their whole economy would flounder
- Everyone from farmers, fishermen and the workers with the flax would suffer
- The “pillars” most likely means those in charge including the leaders

# Oracle Against Egypt Ch.19:11-15



**<sup>11</sup> The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish;  
the wisest counselors of Pharaoh give stupid counsel.**

**How can you say to Pharaoh,**

**“I am a son of the wise,  
a son of ancient kings”?**

**<sup>12</sup> Where then are your wise men?**

**Let them tell you**

**that they might know what the LORD of hosts has  
purposed against Egypt.**

**<sup>13</sup> The princes of Zoan have become fools,  
and the princes of Memphis are deluded;  
those who are the cornerstones of her tribes  
have made Egypt stagger.**

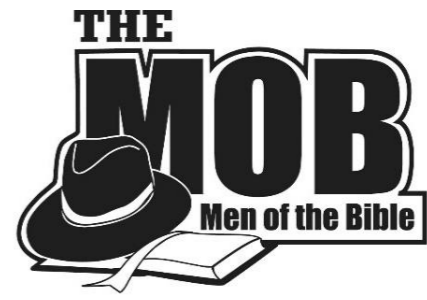
**<sup>14</sup> The LORD has mingled within her a spirit of confusion,  
and they will make Egypt stagger in all its deeds,  
as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.**

**<sup>15</sup> And there will be nothing for Egypt  
that head or tail, palm branch or reed, may do.**

- Zoan was a major city in the northeast delta
- They had no one like God and their leaders had become fools
- Memphis another major city had become like Zoan
- God had given them a spirit of confusion and none could contribute
- v.15 is very similar to Is 9:14-15 where God is disciplining Israel

# Oracle Against Egypt Ch.19:16-18

## Egypt, Assyria, Israel, Blessed



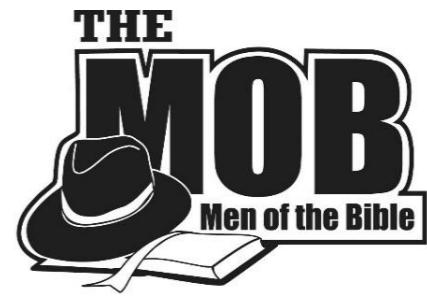
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- “In that day” appears 5 times in this last portion of Ch.19. This generally always means a later event
- Everyone is afraid because this is coming directly from God
- Egypt had never looked to Israel, as this says here, a terror
- What v.18 clearly speaks of is something in the future. Constable and others think the “language of Canaan” here is Hebrew
- Another interpretation of this city is the “City of the Son” (Constable)

# Oracle Against Egypt Ch.19:19-22

## Egypt, Assyria, Israel, Blessed

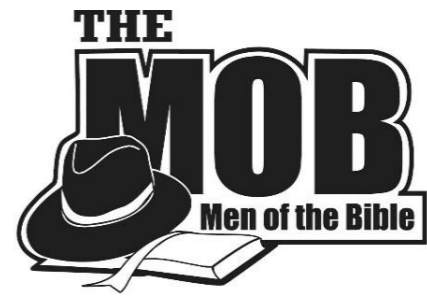


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- This section speaks of Egypt like it has never been before in the Bible
- Josephus speaks of a Jew from Alexandria, many years after this time in Isaiah, wanting to build a temple there (Constable)
- Almost all see this as a future time and some say the Millennium (Constable)
- v.22, our memory verse, speaks of God and Egypt, again, like we have never seen, meaning this must be future

# Oracle Against Egypt Ch.19:23-25

## Egypt, Assyria, Israel, Blessed

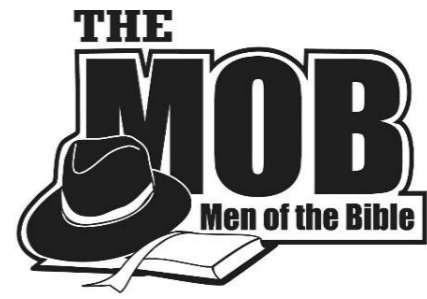


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- This portion again speaks of the future
- Isaiah has mentioned “a highway” from Assyria in Is 11:1. However, this one is for Egypt to worship with Assyria. So, this has to be future
- Israel had been promised by God to be a great nation (Gen 12:2) but not these other two nations
- On this section, Wiersbe, says this should lead us all to continually pray for Jesus’ return

# Comparing 9:1-15 to 9:16-25



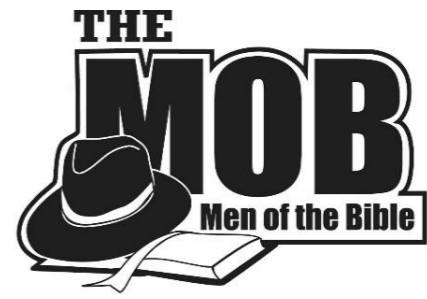
Smiting 1-15	Healing 16-25
The Fear of the Lord, v.1	The Fear of the Lord, v.16-17
Confusion/Disunity, v.2	One Language/One Lord, v.18
	Reconciliation, v.19-23
Consulting the no-gods, v.3	Crying to the Lord, v.20
A fierce king, v.4	The Healing Lord, v.22
	Harmony in worship, v.23
The Nile dried in judgement, v.5	Highway for unity, v.23
	Co-equality in the Lord, v.24-25
A spirit of bewilderment, v.14	Divine Blessing

# Discussion and Application

- **How is Cush (or Ethiopia) characterized here and elsewhere in Scripture, and how does it fit into God’s overall plan for the “nations”?**
- **What’s your understanding of the timeframe for when these prophecies concerning Cush/Ethiopia will take place?**
- **What nation and people is Isaiah referring to as “tall and smooth,”—and in what context?**
- **How would you describe the essence of the oracle concerning Egypt?**
- **Why was Egypt so “helpless to deal with the crisis” that they encountered—and how was this “destined”?**



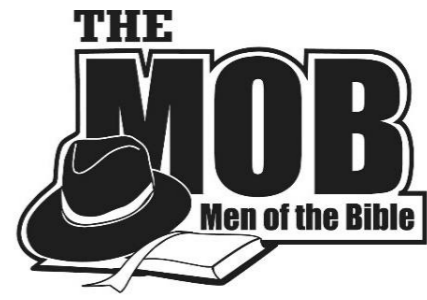
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- **What does Isaiah prophesize about the future for Egypt, and what’s your understanding of when this will take place?**
- **How does God’s dealings with Egypt “in that day” compare with His dealing with Egypt during the time that the children of Israel were captive in Egypt?**
- **What’s your understanding of the connection that will take place between Egypt and Assyria—and Judah (!)—“in that day”? And what does this say about God and His ultimate plan for Israel, and “all the nations”?**
- **What are your key “take-aways” from this lesson?**



# Next Week



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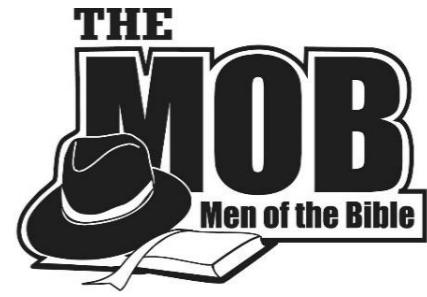
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## Study:

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- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 16:5**
- **Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 137-144; Motyer, pp. 170-179**
- **Refreshment Host: Group D**



# Closing



- **Benediction**
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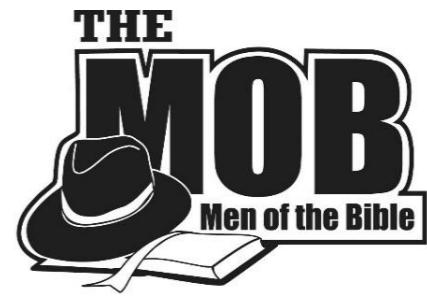


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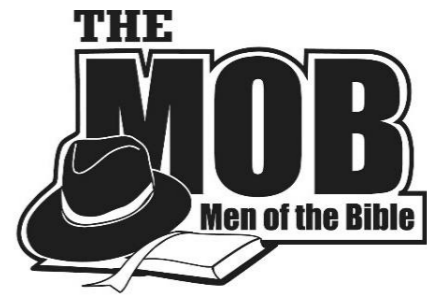
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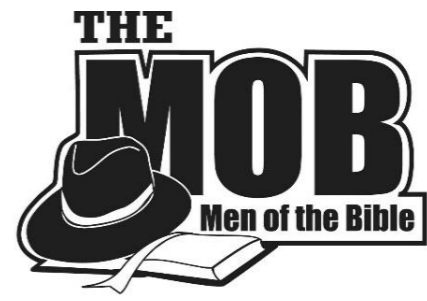
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24	MAR 7	Isaiah 30 Do Not Go to Egypt, Rebellious People, God is Gracious Constable's Notes, pp. 196 - 204, Motyer, pp. 244 - 253	D
25	MAR 14	Isaiah 31, 32 Woe to Egypt Travelers, Righteous King, Women Warned Constable's Notes, pp. 205 - 211, Motyer, pp. 253 - 261	E
26	MAR 21	Isaiah 33 O LORD Be Gracious to Us Constable's Notes, pp. 211 - 218, Motyer, pp. 262 - 268	F
27	MAR 28	Isaiah 34 Judgment on the Nations Constable's Notes, pp. 218 - 223, Motyer, pp. 268 - 272	G
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29	APR 18	Isaiah 36 Sennacherib Invades Judah Constable's Notes, pp. 227 - 233, Motyer, pp. 276 - 279	B
30	APR 25	Isaiah 37 Hezekiah's Distress & Prayer, Assyrian's Struck Down Judgment, Lake of Fire, Constable, pp. 233 - 240, Motyer, pp. 279 - 286	C
31	MAY 2	Isaiah 38 Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery Constable's Notes, pp. 240 - 246, Motyer, pp. 289 - 295	D
32	MAY 9	Isaiah 39 Hezekiah Welcomes Babylonian Envoy Constable's Notes, pp. 246 - 251, Motyer, pp. 295 - 297	E
33	MAY 16	Isaiah 1-39 Review, Lessons Learned, Testimonies Constable's Notes, pp. 1 - 251, Motyer, pp. 13 - 297	F
34	MAY 23	Isaiah 40-66 Introduction and Overview Constable's Notes, pp. 251 - 493	G
35	MAY 30	<b>MAKE-UP SESSION</b>	