

ISAIAH 20

Assyria Will Conquer Egypt and Cush

1 In the year that the commander in chief, who was sent by Sargon the king of Assyria, came to Ashdod, fought against it, and captured it— 2 at that time Yahweh spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz saying,

Go, loose the sackcloth from your waist, and take off your sandals from your feet.

And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 Then Yahweh said,

As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and Cush, 4 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. 5 Then they shall be dismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and of Egypt their boast. 6 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?

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