



# Isaiah

17:1-11

A Vision  
of Judgment  
that Exposes  
the World

The Harvest  
of Those Who  
Forget God

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Ephraim

Judah

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## 2 Chronicles 28:23

He [Ahaz] offered sacrifices to the gods of Damascus, who had defeated him; for he thought,

“Since the gods of the kings of Syria have helped them, I will sacrifice to them so they will help me.”

But they were his downfall and the downfall of all Israel.

# The Harvest of Those Who Forget God

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3. The Toil of the Forgetful is Fruitless

## Isaiah 17:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The burden concerning Damascus

"Behold, Damascus is about to be removed from being a city and will become a fallen ruin.

<sup>2</sup> "The cities of Aroer are forsaken;

They will be for flocks to lie down in,

And there will be no one to frighten them.

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<sup>6</sup> Yet gleanings will be left in it  
like the shaking of an olive tree,  
Two or three olives on the top of the trees,  
Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree,  
Declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

## Isaiah 17:5-9

<sup>7</sup> In that day man will have regard for his Maker  
And his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> He will not have regard for the altars,  
the work of his hands,

Nor will he look to that which his fingers have made,  
Even the Asherim and incense stands.

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<sup>9</sup> In that day their strong cities  
will be like forsaken places in the forest,  
Or like branches which they abandoned  
before the sons of Israel;  
And the land will be a desolation.

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## Colossians 1:16-20

For in Him [the Son] all things were created:  
things in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,

**whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;**  
all things have been created through Him and **for Him.**

He is before all things,  
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# How to identify Idols in Your Life

Ask yourself...

1. “What am I living for?”
2. “What am I unwilling to live without?”
3. “What topics make me outraged or defensive?”