

VVBC Bible Study
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Chapter 9 verse 8 **begins** a NEW prophetic message from Isaiah. The next chapter, *chapter 10* continues this same message. Once again, Isaiah's oracle warns God's people of the inevitable consequences of their gross, unrepentant sins. For soon God Himself would send great judgment upon them at the hand of the mighty king of Assyria (see similar warnings: 1:2-4; 5:3-6; 8:7,8).

In this prophetic message, a recurring refrain links it together. The refrain first occurs at the end of 9:12; thereafter, it reappears in 9:17; 9:21; and then its final appearance in 10:4.

1) The 1st "Woe" in verse 1 is directed at the rulers, leaders, and powerful in Judah and Jerusalem. Who do these oppress and devour? (1,2)

2) List the 4 categories of those who are the afflicted and oppressed in vv. 1,2:

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3) What three questions does the prophet ask those who take advantage of others, those who are weaker and often defenseless? (3)

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4) In verse 5, a 2nd "Woe" is spoken by the LORD. To whom is it spoken? (5)

5) According to verses 5-7, who put it in the heart of the Assyrian king to come and to devour and plunder the region of Israel? (5-7)

Extra Credit: Revisit two previous references to the sovereignty of God in the world (see, 7:18 and 5:26). Is God's awesome sovereignty still at work in the world today? More specifically, how and where?

6) Rather than give the Most High glory for the king's victories, to whom does the king of Assyria give the glory for his power, might & conquests? (vv.8-11,13,14)

7) God brought the Assyrian army against Israel in righteous judgment for their unrepentant pride and wickedness. In verse 12, who will God now judge for the same Godless pride and wickedness?

Extra Credit: How do the LORD's actions in this chapter relate to God's words in 2:10-17? What should we as Christians take away from this?

8) What 2 powerful images does God use to emphasize the absurdity of pride on the part of the Assyrian king? (15) How does this apply to us?

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9) God's judgment on Assyria's pride and brutality is foretold in verses 16-17. Then, in a later chapter, chapter 37, God fulfils His word. For His judgment suddenly falls on them, even in "*one day*" as indicated in verse 17.

In 37:36, what happened to the massive Assyrian army in "one day" as Isaiah foretold? Also, at a later time how does God judge the Assyrian king? (37:37)

Extra Credit: How does God's judgment on the Assyrians and their king in chapter 37:36,37, confirm Isaiah's praise of God's incomparable glory in 40:22-25?