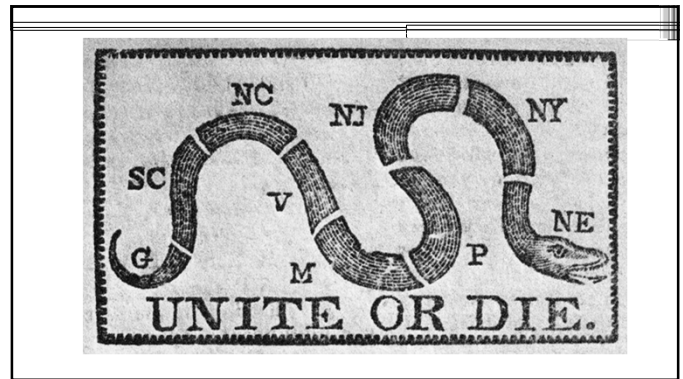
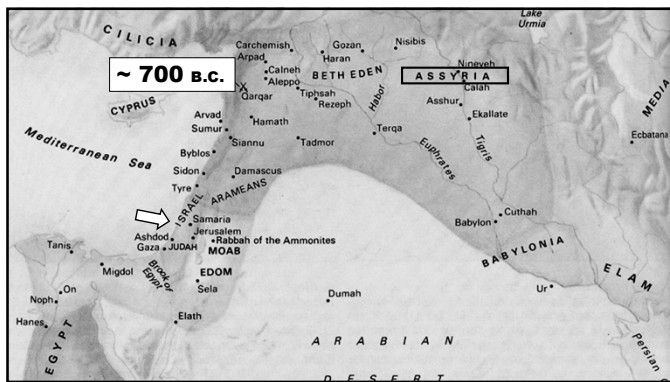




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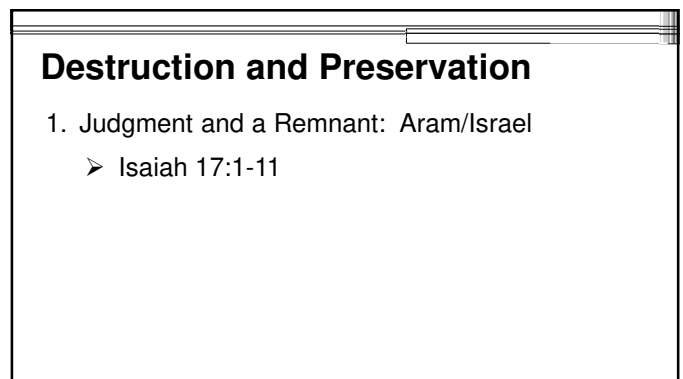
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Destruction and Preservation

1. Judgment and a Remnant: Aram/Israel
 - Aram and Israel will suffer a common fate, stripped of the worldly security of cities and fortifications
 - the ultimate cause of this devastation is forsaking the Lord ("rock of refuge") and trusting in false religion and foreign alliances
 - a remnant of Israel (and Aram) will be restored to the Lord – He will be their only object of trust

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Destruction and Preservation

- Principle: Trust in Yahweh alone
 - all false religion, all religion of works, is ultimately to exercise human initiative and self-reliance
 - biblical religion is God's initiative of grace which calls for our response of exclusive trust – in the person and work of Jesus Christ

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Destruction and Preservation

2. Judgment and a Remnant: the Nations
 - Isaiah 17:12-18:7

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Destruction and Preservation

2. Judgment and a Remnant: the Nations
 - the Lord will suddenly and completely remove the threat of hostile nations against His people
 - the Lord's present, unobserved work will break out in complete, perfectly timed destruction of the world's hostile superpowers
 - pilgrims from distant nations will come to Mt. Zion, where Yahweh has made His name to dwell

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Destruction and Preservation

- Fulfillment:
 - the banner the Lord has raised signaling world-wide salvation is the root of Jesse, the Lord Jesus (cf. Isaiah 11:10; Rom. 15:12)
 - though the nations continue to rage against God's people, we are ultimately secure in King Jesus (cf. Psalm 2)

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