

Agents of Wrath

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- Introduction
 - Today's Text: Isaiah 10:5-19.
 - Agent of Wrath
 - The Assyrians were the tool of God, His rod, staff, axe, and saw, to bring his wrath upon Israel. Isaiah 10:5, 10:15, 10:24, 7:17-20.
 - See 2 Samuel 7:14; Dt. 28:25, 36, 49; Habakkuk 1-3.
 - God uses earthly nations as agents of his wrath.
 - Object of Wrath
 - God would judge Assyria too - Isaiah 10:27-34; 37:36-38; Jonah 1-4; Nahum 1-3.
 - God judges all earthly nations even as they serve to bring wrath upon others.
 - A Divine Paradox
 - Who attacked Judah and laid siege to Jerusalem?
 - The Assyrians?
 - The Lord?
 - A Christian must hold to these two biblical truths.
 - God is absolutely sovereign in all earthly affairs. 1 Samuel 2:6-7; Hebrews 6:17; Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:25, 4:35; Acts 2:23, 4:28; Ephesians 1:11; Philippians 2:13.
 - Every human being (and indeed, nation) is responsible for his actions. Isaiah 10:7, 12; Ezekiel 18:20-21, Acts 2:38, 17:30.
 - Encouragements
- God is sovereignly guiding all of history to the best possible outcome.
 - God is just and will punish all human sin.
 - Each one of us is responsible for our actions.
 - God is loving and merciful and will save those who repent and trust in Jesus Christ.