

Isaiah 10:5-34  
Assyria is Punished

Rod of God's anger abusing his power (5-11)

Sent to plunder and trample

Seeking to destroy

Setting himself above others (Romans 12:3)

Executing judgment on other nations

Excelling in idols (the world's view versus the biblical view)

Recognizing God's Sovereignty (12-19)

Strength of whose hand? – power lies with God (I Corinthians 4:7)

Swinging ax – above the One who swings it? (Isaiah 40:15-17 / Revelation 17:12-17)

Sending wasting disease – how quickly God can wipe out an army

Single day – how quickly things can change

Splendor wasting away – all they thought they had accomplished (Matthew 6:19-21)

Remnant will be preserved (20-25)

Relying on the LORD – in the midst of disaster

Returning to God – only a few (Matthew 7:13-14 / I Thessalonians 1:9-10)

Righteous destruction – God's purging (Malachi 3:2-6)

Redirecting His wrath – against the abusers (II Thessalonians 1:4-10)

Retribution – "It is mine to avenge," says the LORD (26-34) (Romans 12:17-21)

Lifting the burden of the oppressed (Psalm 146:7-9)

Lofting off the proud branches (John 15:1-4)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 10:5-24

Why does having power often lead to corruption?

How can we keep ourselves from being corrupted by power when we are in positions of authority? (Galatians 3:3 / Ephesians 6:9 / Colossians 4:1)

There is only ONE with absolute power, and He is not corrupt. How does He respond to those who seek to usurp His authority? Examples? (I Samuel 13:11-14; 15:13-23)

When disaster strikes, what is critically important for those who truly belong to God? (Psalm 27:4-5; 34:4-7 / Lamentations 3:19-24)

How do we keep ourselves from compromise? (Romans 6:11-14)

Why is it important for us to leave the pruning and the retribution work in God's hand? (Romans 12:17-21 / James 4:11-12)