



Isaiah

Retribution, Restoration,
Righteousness

Basic Outline

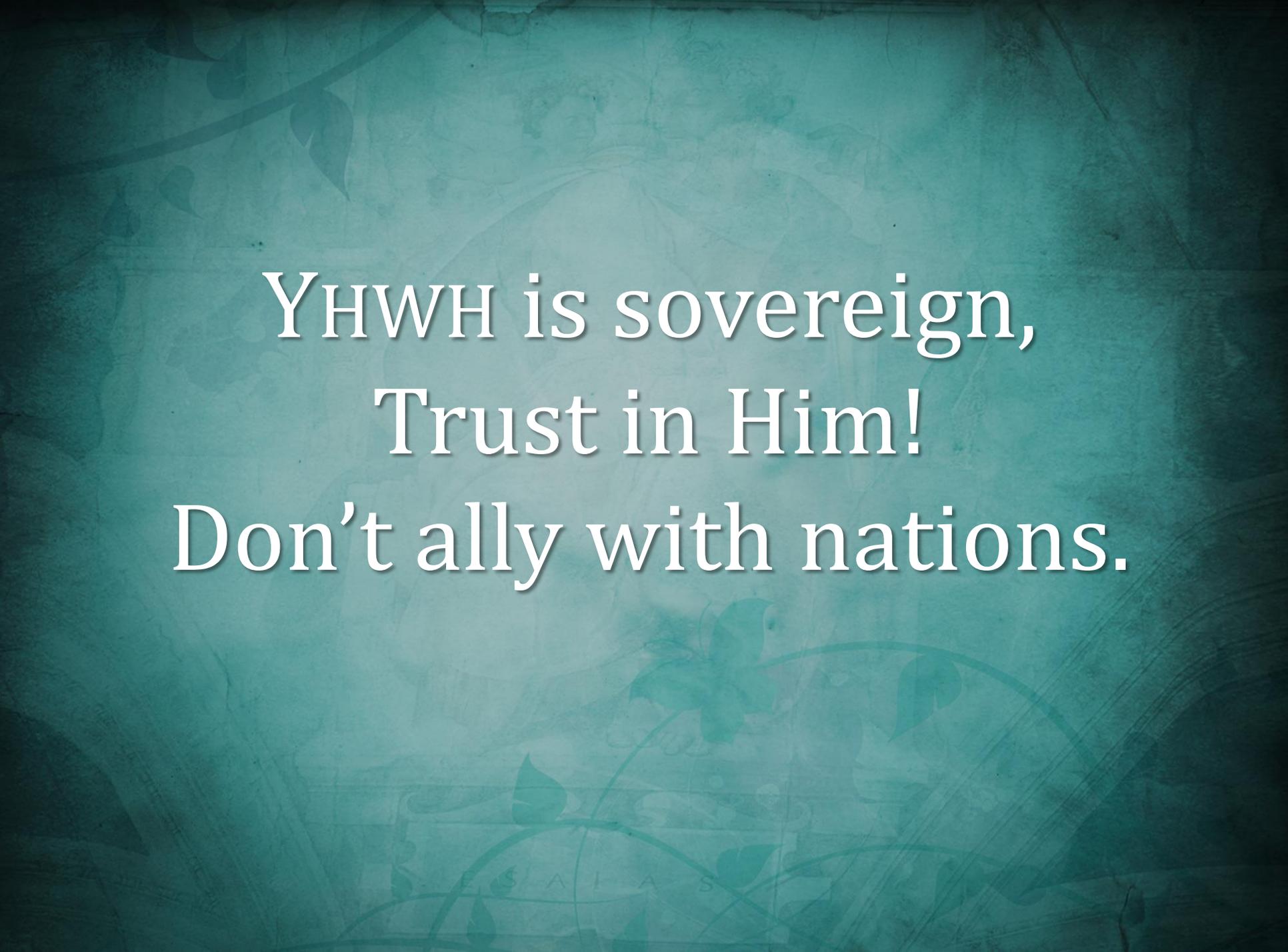
- I. Retribution (1-39): covenant broken, judgment coming... Who will Israel trust?
 - a) On Judah (1-12): Rebuking Judah's covenant violations (*idolatry & injustice*) & misplaced trust, Isaiah warns of God's coming retribution!

Trust in Nations? (13-35)

- Oracle Against ... 'the day of YHWH comes'
[YHWH rallies int'l army to judge earth & its inhabitants]
 - *Babylon* (13:1-14:23)
 - *Assyria* (14:24-27)
 - *Philistia* (14:28-32)
 - *Moab* (15-16)
 - *Syria/Israel* (17)
 - *Cush & Egypt* (18-20)
 - *Babylon* (21)
 - *Arabia* (22)
 - *Jerusalem* (23)
 - *Tyre & Sidon* (23)

Why the extended
emphasis on judgment
against the nations?

(cf. Isa. 18:1-7, 19:23-25)



YHWH is sovereign,
Trust in Him!
Don't ally with nations.

Trust in Nations? (13-35)

- Little Apocalypse (24-27): YHWH will empty earth
 - *Earth* (24:1-16): emptied (*indiscriminate*), everlasting covenant (26:21); exultation... momentary (14-16)
 - *Cosmos* (24:17-25:5): earth broken, heavens shaken, God alone king, exultation from God's prophet
 - *Death* (25:6-26:19): death defeated, God's victory feast, exultation from God's people (*cf. 26:3-4, trust*)
 - *Evil* (26:20-27:13): evil (Leviathan) defeated, God's exultation (vineyard, 5:1f) and restoration

YHWH is Lord of ALL!
His enemies, worldly
and otherworldly,
will be defeated!

Trust in Nations? (28-35)

- *Woe* (Judgment)
 - Proud Ephraim (28:1-13)
 - Unfaithful Jerusalem (28:14-29:14)
 - Rebel Leaders (29:15-16)
 - Allies of Egypt (30:1-17, 31:1-3)
 - Assyria (33:1)
 - Judgment for Nations (34)
- *Wait* (Restoration)
 - Pride in YHWH (5-6)
 - Security & Safety in YHWH (28:16, 29:5-8)
 - Reversal by YHWH (29:17f)
 - Restoration & Ruin by YHWH (30:18-33, 31:4-9, 32:1-20)
 - Prayer, Promise of Zion's Restoration (33:2-24)
 - Restoration for Zion (35)

Trust? Faith & Failure (36-39)

- Portrait #1: Failure, Then Faith (36:1-37:7, 701 B.C.)
Rabshakeh's Challenge: Trust Assyria or YHWH? (36:1f)
[Failure: Temple Tribute, 2 Kgs. 18:13-16]
Response: Plea-Trust (37:1f), Prophecy-Fall (37:5f)
- Portrait #2: Faith (37:8-38)
Sennacherib's Challenge: Trust Assyria or YHWH? (37:8f)
Response: Prayer-Trust (37:14f), Prophecy-Fall (37:21f)
- Portrait #3: Faith, Then Failure (38-39)
Physical Challenge: Trust YHWH? (38:1)
Response: Prayer of Trust, Physical Healing (38:2-22)
Political Challenge: Trust Babylon or YHWH? (39:1)
Response: Total Treasures (39:2-4), Total Ruin (39:5-8)



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Siege Ramp

Evidence
Biblical Accounts:
Isa. 36; 2 Kgs. 18, 2 Chron. 32
Assyrian Annals:
Hezekiah, bird in a cage
Nineveh.
Lachish Reliefs (Bible Places)
Lachish:
destruction layer, ramp
Archaeology:
royal seals in store cities

Summary (1-39)

With a scathing rebuke for their covenant violations (*misplaced trust*), Isaiah warns of Judah's coming retribution (1-12) and the sure defeat of YHWH's enemies, both worldly and otherworldly (13-35). YHWH demonstrates that He is Lord of all! In the face of pressure, God's people are urged to put their trust in Him, not in foreign powers (*illustrated in the imperfect life of Hezekiah, 36-39*). Isaiah also offers hope of a future restoration, with an ideal David, ruling with justice & righteousness!