

Isaiah 18:1-7 **Present to Yahweh Tsebavta from a people tall and smooth of skin**

Proclamation Against Ethiopia

¹ Woe to the land shadowed with buzzing wings, Which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, ² Which sends ambassadors by sea, Even in vessels of reed on the waters, saying, "Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth of skin, To a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide."

³ All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth: When he lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see it; And when he blows a trumpet, you hear it.

⁴ For so the Lord said to me, "I will take My rest, And I will look from My dwelling place Like clear heat in sunshine, Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."

⁵ For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect And the sour grape is ripening in the flower, He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks And take away and cut down the branches.

⁶ They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey And for the beasts of the earth; The birds of prey will summer on them, And all the beasts of the earth will winter on them.

⁷ In that time a present will be brought to the Lord of hosts From a people tall and smooth of skin, And from a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide — To the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, To Mount Zion.
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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Woe to the land shadowed with buzzing wings, Which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, ² Which sends ambassadors by sea, Even in vessels of reed on the waters, saying, "Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth of skin, To a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide." [Isaiah 18:1-2]
- ✧ The Hebrew word woe is the word [howy] which is translated as: ah, alas, ho, O, and woe.
- ✧ The word "to" is an inserted word not found in the original Hebrew text.
- ✧ Therefore Yahweh is calling attention to a powerful people who are tall and smooth of skin beyond the rivers of Ethiopia regarding their devotion to Yahweh in the time of the end.
- ✧ At an appointed time they will send a present to Mount Zion because it is the place that represents Yahweh Tsebavta (the Lord of Hosts) when He is personally present.
- ✧ Some think it was at the time of Hezekiah when many brought presents to Yahweh at Jerusalem and to Hezekiah. [2 Chronicles 32:23]
- ✧ I believe it is a reference to the time of the Kingdom of God when all the nations of the world will send presents to Jerusalem because Messiah is personally present and reigning over the entire earth from Mount Zion. [Psalm 68:29, Isaiah 66:12a, 20]
- ✧ It will be after Yahweh has purged the earth of evil by the Great Tribulation and judgment of the nations to establish His kingdom of righteousness and justice.
- ✧ Thus the reference to "All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth." [Isaiah 18:3-6]