

## Isaiah 21:11-17 **Message to Edom and Arabia**

### Proclamation Against Edom

11 The burden against Dumah.

He calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?"

12 The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire; Return! Come back!"

### Proclamation Against Arabia

13 The burden against Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, O you traveling companies of Dedanites.

14 O inhabitants of the land of Tema, Bring water to him who is thirsty; With their bread they met him who fled.

15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, From the bent bow, and from the distress of war.

16 For thus the Lord has said to me: "Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the glory of Kedar will fail; 17 and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, will be diminished; for the Lord God of Israel has spoken it."

NKJV

Facts Revealed:

#### Edom

✧ He calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?"

The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire; Return! Come back!" [\[Isaiah 21:11-12\]](#)

✧ Edom, descendants of Esau the brother of Jacob-Israel, is called to repent and return to the Lord God of creation Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel) the God of Abraham and Isaac their ancestral fathers.

✧ If you inquire of a god, let it be of Yahweh Elohey Yisrael.

#### Arabia

✧ In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, O you traveling companies of **Dedanites**.

O inhabitants of the land of **Tema**, Bring water to him who is thirsty; With their bread they met him who fled.

For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, From the bent bow, and from the distress of war.

For thus the Lord has said to me: "Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the glory of **Kedar** will fail; 17 and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of **Kedar**, will be diminished; for the Lord God of Israel has spoken it." [\[Isaiah 21:13-17\]](#)

✧ The sons of Abraham through Hagar and Keturah were sent away by Abraham to the east into the land of Arabia because Isaac was to inherit the promised land west of the Jordan River. [\[Genesis 25:1-6\]](#)

✧ **Dedan** settled along the Southern coast of Arabia adjoining the territory of his brother Sheba.

✧ **Tema** is the ninth of the twelve sons of Ishmael whom Hagar the handmaid of Sarah bore to Abraham. Abraham sent Ishmael and Hagar away from the Promised Land which Isaac was to inherit, so Hagar took a wife for Ishmael from Egypt. [\[Genesis 21:8-21\]](#)

- ✧ Ishmael dwelt in the wilderness of Paran, the area of Israel's first stop after leaving Mount Sinai on the way to the Promised Land. [\[Numbers 10:12\]](#)
- ✧ **Kedar** is the second born of the sons of Ishmael.
- ✧ Yahweh called for the Dedanites and the inhabitants of the land of Tema to help those of the people of Kedar who escape from the soon coming war with Assyria.