

Isaiah 20:1-6 **The Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia – Naked & Barefoot**

¹ In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it,

² at the same time the Lord spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

³ Then the Lord said, "Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia, ⁴ so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. ⁵ Then they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory.

⁶ And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, 'Surely such is our expectation, wherever we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?'"

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The timing was when Sargon the king of Assyria sent Tartan to fight and take Ashdod.
- ✧ At the commandment of Yahweh Isaiah walked naked and barefoot for three years.
- ✧ The message was a warning that Assyria would take the Egyptians and Ethiopians captive and lead them away naked and barefoot in shame.
- ✧ This message was to Israel and Judah who were apt to flee to Egypt and Ethiopia to escape the Assyrians who would come and carry them away captive from their own land.
- ✧ By this message, Yahweh discouraged Israel from putting their hope in such an attempt because of the knowledge that Egypt and Ethiopia were to fall to the Assyrians also.
- ✧ Realizing that was the case, the people of Israel and Judah had no place to turn to flee from the Assyrians and would ask, "How shall we escape?"
- ✧ Israel was carried away by the Assyrians in the sixth year of Hezekiah king of Judah.
[\[2 Kings 18:9-10\]](#)