

The Life and Times of Isaiah:  
The Judgment of Aram, Isaiah 18

The Land of Cush (Ethiopia or Nubia)

See Map

Isaiah 18:1-2 Alas, oh land of whirring wings which lies beyond the rivers of Cush, which sends envoys by the sea, even in papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared far and wide, a powerful and oppressive nation whose land the rivers divide.

Isaiah 18:3-4 All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth, as soon as a standard is raised on the mountains, you will see it, and as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it. For thus the Lord has told me, "I will look from My dwelling place quietly like dazzling heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."

Isaiah 18:5 For before the harvest, as soon as the bud blossoms and the flower becomes a ripening grape, then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives and remove and cut away the spreading branches.

Isaiah 18:6 They will be left together for mountain birds of prey, and for the beasts of the earth; And the birds of prey will spend the summer feeding on them, and all the beasts of the earth will spend harvest time on them.

Isaiah 18:7 At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the Lord of hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people feared far and wide, a powerful and oppressive nation, whose land the rivers divide—to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, even Mount Zion.

# Ancient Cush

A map of the ancient Near East and surrounding regions, highlighting the area of Cush. The map shows the Mediterranean Sea to the northwest, the Red Sea to the east, and the Persian Gulf to the southeast. Major regions labeled include Libya, Egypt, Ham, Cush, S hem, DEDAN, JOKTAN, and ELAM. Specific cities and locations marked include Nineveh, Calah, Arvad, Hamath, Sidon, Babel, Erech, Akkad, and SABA. The map also shows the locations of the descendants of Japheth (TURAL), Ham (PUT), and Shem (ARAM). A legend in the bottom left corner identifies these groups. A scale bar indicates 100 km and 300 miles.

**TURAL** Descendants of Japheth  
**PUT** Descendants of Ham  
**ARAM** Descendants of Shem

**CUSH**

Libya, Egypt, Ham, S hem, DEDAN, JOKTAN, ELAM, Nineveh, Calah, Arvad, Hamath, Sidon, Babel, Erech, Akkad, SABA, RAAMAH, SHEBA, SHERA, SABTAH, HAZARMAVETH, OPHIR, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea, CHAD, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia.

100 km, 300 miles

