

A word for Damascus and the nomads



Damascus will be destroyed mainly by arson. Nothing will remain of King Ben-Hadad's palace (vv23-27).

Nebuchadnezzar, God's tool in judgment, will also fight against the Bedouin tribes of Kedar and Hazor and rob them of their herds (vv28-33).

Elam, a Persian province with the capital Susa, also belongs to those who on the one hand will suffer God's judgment, but for whom, on the other hand, there will be hope for the future (vv 34-39).

Even if you are not feeling very well at the moment, remember: As a Christian you are looking forward to a glorious future!



136. Why is Hazor described as a wealthy nation that dwells securely (v31)?

137. Who is going to live in Hazor after it is attacked by the Babylonians?



Kedar, the son of Ishmael, and his descendants make up the tribe of Kedar (Genesis 25:13). They were nomads in the Syrian-arabic desert. Their weapons were bow and arrow.

Hazor was a desert area in the east of Palestine. It may be that the name points to Arabic settlements. Elam was a provinc in the Persian empire.

Elamites were also present among those foreigners who were listening to Peter's preaching at Pentecost in Jerusalem (see Acts 2:9).



Thank the Lord Jesus for taking upon Himself on the cross the judgment that you deserved!



136. Because they have neither gates nor bars.
137. No people, only jackals (v33).