### Isaiah

## Chapter 18

1Woe to you, O land of winged boats  
 Beyond Ethiopia’s rivers…  
 2Those sending paper treaties and letters  
 Across the waters [to us].  
  
For, messengers will be sent by a nation  
 Of strange and ill-tempered people  
 By whom you don’t want to be trampled.  
  
3They live in a land divided by rivers,  
 And their place will [soon] be a flag  
 That is lifted above the tall mountains…  
 Like a signal of the blowing of trumpets.  
  
  
4Then, this is what I was told by the Lord:  
  
 ‘Although I have protected My city  
 From the afternoon heat  
 And by clouds of dew before harvest;  
 5When the flowers have blossomed and young grapes have formed,  
 I’ll remove their clusters with a sickle…  
 Yes, I’ll cut the small branches off of the vines,  
 6Then leave them behind for the birds of the skies  
 And for the wild beasts of the earth.  
  
 ‘So then, all winged creatures that fly in the skies  
 And all the wild beasts of the earth  
 Will gather there to consume them.  
  
 7‘Then those people who’ve been afflicted and plucked  
 Will offer gifts to Jehovah of Armies.  
 They’re a people who’ve been great [throughout] the ages…  
 But they’re a nation whose hopes will be trampled.  
  
 ‘They live in a place that runs from a river  
 To where the Name Jehovah of Armies  
 Is found upon His Holy Mountain.’