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The Oracle Concerning Damascus (Syria) and Samaria (Isra'el)

17: 1-14

The oracle concerning Damascus (Syria) and Samaria (Isra'el) REFLECT: In this section, ADONAI is described as their Maker, the Holy One, your Savior, and the Rock, your fortress. Which of these aspects do you tend to forget sometimes? What leads you to do so? Instead, what do you find yourself trusting in? What practices can help you “remember” God and live out your life accordingly?



After dealing with Judah's two southern neighbors, Philistia and Mo'ab, **Isaiah** now turns to address the two on the north - **Syria and Isra'el**. Although the **oracle** was directed to **Damascus**, the capital of **Syria**, the main focus after **17:3a** is upon **Samaria** and the northern kingdom of **Isra'el**. In the Book of Immanuel we are told that **Isra'el** had allied with Syria (**7:2**) against the Assyrian threat. **Isaiah** had, of course, prophesied against this. Here again, **Isaiah** stresses that failure to trust **God** will result in **their** failure to achieve **their** worldly alliance. **ADONAI** is in control of the nations and **He** will not permit **them** to obliterate **His** people. Despite **their** worldly power, **He** is their **Master**.