

A new and adjusted interpretation of Isaiah 18:5 and it affects on the timeline.

I've been saying for a long time that I thought the abomination of desolation upon the Gentiles would unfold in the spring of the year based on the prophecy of the 42 months, Isaiah 18 and that Passover could very likely bring this to pass, but since it didn't happen at Passover, I decided that it was time to take a closer look at what Isaiah says in the 18th chapter concerning when destruction would come upon "the land shadowing with wings". (America)

If you are unfamiliar with Isaiah 18, what Orson Pratt said about it, and how I interpreted it at the time I wrote it, please read chapter 14 of The Bridegroom Cometh.

Feeling that there might be more to Isaiah's prophecy than I had previously understood, I concluded that it might be a good idea to look at verse 5 in a number of different translations.. We start with the King James version from which I reached my original conclusions.

King James

5 For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.

So in the King James version this happens when "the sour grape is ripening in the flower" and to me, that meant when the grape was flowering. However, when we reference other translations we get a very different story. Let's read what a few other translations have to say about the timing...

New Revised Standard

5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the shoots with pruning hooks, and the spreading branches he will hew away.

New International Version

5 For, before the harvest, when the blossom is gone and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the shoots with pruning knives, and cut down and take away the spreading branches.

New Century Version

5 The time will come, after the flowers have bloomed and before the harvest, when new grapes will be budding and growing. The enemy will cut the plants with knives; he will cut down the vines and take them away.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

5 For before the harvest, when the blossoming is over and the blossom becomes a ripening grape, He will cut off the shoots with a pruning knife, and tear away and remove the branches.

So, when we take into consideration what these other translations say, we must conclude that this pruning of the wicked in "the land shadowing with wings" is "when the blossom is over and the flower becomes a ripening grape" or "after the flowers have bloomed and before the harvest, when new grapes will be budding and growing"... which could be as late as early summer, right?

However, we need to also keep in mind that it occurs "before the harvest" and that "the fowls shall summer upon them" according to verse six. (Isaiah 18:6)

Now, for the reasons stated above, I had held the view for quite some time that the abomination of desolation would unfold in the spring of the year and likely in conjunction with Passover. And for that reason, I had felt that later dates such as inauguration day was too late to work with Isaiah 18:5. However, that is no longer the case... inauguration day which was Jan 20, 2017, could indeed have been the start of the 42 months or 1260 days. And if we add 1260 days to inauguration day, we come up with July 3, 2020, or thereabouts and that's a date that appears to satisfy the conditions of the prophecy in my humble opinion. We shall see...