

**Isaiah 19:21**

This chapter is a harsh prophecy against Egypt, but ends in a prophecy of their conversion, and pictures the time when there is no more Jew or Gentile, slave or free...

They will speak the "language of Canaan" - verse 18 - and swear to the Lord of hosts.

Interesting that this is reading in the week leading up to Passover.

**Isaiah 19:19** - "In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD."

Josephus believes this was fulfilled when under Cleopatra Jews received permission to build a temple and an altar in Heliopolis.

But spiritually this refers to Christ on the cross as the "altar" of sacrifice set up in Egypt. And indeed the Christian church in Egypt was among the first places the gospel spread to and was received.

**Isaiah 19:20** - "And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them."

Isaac Abarbanel (1437–1508) in Mashmiah Jeshua, fol. 13. 1. said this referred to the Messiah.

**Isaiah 19:21** - "And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it."

See **Psalms 50:14** - "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High"