

Preaching Elder R. Rubino
Sermon Outline for Sunday, January 17, 2021
Sermon: **“The Illusion of Power.”**

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Isaiah 50*

New Covenant: *John 19:1-12*

II Doctrine:

The powers of the world falsely believe they punish God’s people by their own might. They have a self satisfying view of themselves and their importance. God will execute vengeance upon them when they are finished fulfilling his will.

The great worldly powers are “sock puppets” in the hand of the Lord. God uses the power of an Empire to humble the wicked Nations of the earth. The Lord will use a powerful enemy to smash the pride of his own people, and separate the sheep from the goats.

The faithful Christian is to emulate Christ, and accept our suffering as a witness to the wicked. Our God is showing the reprobate his power, by working through a weak people.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

1) The powers of the world falsely believe they punish God’s people by their own might. They have a self satisfying view of themselves and their importance. God will execute vengeance upon them when they are finished fulfilling his will. (*Isaiah 50:1-3; Deuteronomy 24:1; John 19:1-10*)

2) The great worldly powers are “sock puppets” in the hand of the Lord. God uses the power of an Empire to humble the wicked Nations of the earth. The Lord will use a powerful enemy to smash the pride of his own people, and separate the sheep from the goats. (*Isaiah 50:4-9; John 19:11*)

3) The faithful Christian is to emulate Christ, and accept our suffering as a witness to the wicked. Our God is showing the reprobate his power, by working through a weak people. (*Isaiah 50:10,11; John 19:12-15*)