

ISAIAH CHAPTERS 11-13 – The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring; A Hymn of Praise; Proclamation Against Babylon!

OBSERVATION

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE’ER THE SUN – I. Watts; J. Hatton-Hustad Chorale

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
For Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen*

GENERAL OUTLINE OF ISAIAH: Refe2rred to as the “Fifth Gospel” since the third century!

Possible date of kings reign”

Uzziah, - 792-740

Jotham, - 750-736

Ahaz, - 735-720 Northern Kingdom of Israel falls to Assyria in 722BC

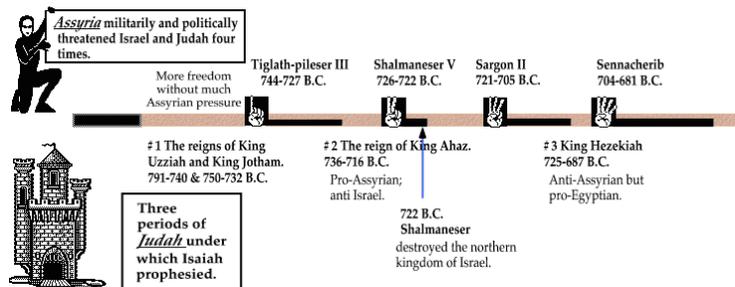
Hezekiah, - 715-699/686

Manasseh – 687-642

Isaiah’s time of prophecy - About a minimum of 40 years and possibly more than 60 years!

*In the tenth year of Nabopolassar (616 BC) the Babylonians defeated the Assyrian army.
Cyrus takes Babylon. In October (539 BC), the Persian king Cyrus took Babylon.*

- I. **THE ASSYRIAN PERIOD - CONFLICT AND VICTORY (Isa 1-39)**
 - A. **PROPHECIES CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM (Isa 1-12)**
 - B. **PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE NATIONS (Isa 13-27)**
 - C. **DELIVERANCE FOUND NOT IN EGYPT, BUT IN THE LORD (Isa 28-35)**
 - D. **HISTORICAL INTERLUDE (Isa 36-39)**
- II. **THE BABYLONIAN PERIOD - HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES (Isa 40-66)**
 - A. **THE ONE TRUE GOD VERSUS IDOLS (Isa 40-48)**
 - B. **LORD’S SERVANT WILL BRING SALVATION THROUGH SUFFERING (Isa 49-57)**
 - C. **THE FUTURE GLORY FOR GOD’S PEOPLE, THE NEW ZION (Isa 58-66)**



Isaiah – Bible Timeline

739 BC	Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption	Isaiah 1 - 5
739 BC	Isaiah's Vision and Commission	Isaiah 6
735 BC	Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel	Isaiah 7
734 BC	Uriah/Zechariah Verification	Isaiah 8
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a Child Is Born	Isaiah 9
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgments Upon Israel	Isaiah 9:8
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgment on Assyria	Isaiah 10
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies The Root of Jesse	Isaiah 11
730 BC	Isaiah's Joyful Thanksgiving	Isaiah 12
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies against the Nations	Isaiah 13 - 22
725 BC	Isaiah's Valley of Vision	Isaiah 22
725 BC	Isaiah's Burden of Tyre	Isaiah 23
725 BC	Devastation on the Earth	Isaiah 24
725 BC	Isaiah's Songs of Praise	Isaiah 25 - 27
725 BC	Isaiah's Further Warnings	Isaiah 28 - 32
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a King Shall Reign	Isaiah 32
725 BC	Isaiah Declares God's Judgments	Isaiah 33, 34
725 BC	Isaiah Declares the Joyful Will Flourish in Zion	Isaiah 35
712 BC	Hezekiah's Illness and Healing	2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38
711 BC	Hezekiah Shows Treasures	2 Kings 20:12, Isaiah 39
711 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Captivity and Restoration	Isaiah 40 - 66
701 BC	Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem	2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chronicles 32
701 BC	Hezekiah's Prayer	2 Kings 19, Isaiah 37

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

The Righteous Reign of the Branch The Prince of Peace (vs. 1-3)

Isa 11:1 *There shall come forth a Rod (shoot) from the stem (stump) of Jesse (family tree), And a Branch (Targum translates “Messiah”, here, it is the word Netzer – feminine form is where Nazareth comes from) shall grow out of his roots.*

Isa 11:2 *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. (Rev. 5:6)*

Isa 11:3 *His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;*

The Work of the Prince of Peace

Isa 11:4 *But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.*

Isa 11:5 *Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. (deepest feelings)*

1– The prophecy concerning Jesus Christ, the Branch out of the root of Jesse. Looking over the stumps, described in Chapter 8, the LORD causes **a Branch** (*Jeremiah 23 & 33* - a King); *Zechariah 6* -a servant) to grow out of one of them, the root of the family of *Jesse*, David’s father. Jesus did come from the stem (stump) of Jesse. The royal family of David had lain dormant for 600 years. Jesus came forth as King and Messiah, like a new green **Branch** from a dead stump, telling Judah judgment is coming through the Assyrians and others, God would still use them, bringing forth life from them. **a Rod from the stem of Jesse**, We see the humble nature of the Messiah. Jesse was less famous father than King David. It is more humble to say “**out of Jesse**” than to say “out of King David.”

2– The **Branch** is full of life, and full of the **Spirit of the LORD**, having, seven aspects of the **Spirit of the LORD**. He has the **Spirit of the LORD**, not a false or deceiving spirit or even the spirit of a man, but the **Spirit of the LORD** God of Israel! Once Jesus rebuked the disciples, *You do not know what manner of spirit you are of (Luk 9:55)*. Jesus was of the **Spirit of the LORD**, and He knew it. The **Spirit of wisdom** - Jesus is perfectly wise in all things on earth and in heaven! heaven. **ICo 1:30** He is wisdom! The **Spirit of . . . understanding** - Jesus understands all things and us perfectly. He is perfectly suited to be our sympathetic High Priest in heaven (**Heb 4:15-16**). The **Spirit of counsel** - perfect **counsel** to give us at all times, having both the **wisdom** and the **understanding** to be a perfect counselor! The **Spirit of . . . might** - the power to do what He desires to do. Jesus has both the love and the **might** to help us. The **Spirit of knowledge** - knowing everything, He knows our hearts, He knows all the facts. Jesus has **knowledge** that we don’t have. It shouldn’t surprise us that at time, His decisions seem strange or wrong to others. The **Spirit of . . . the fear of the LORD** - He willingly kept Himself in a place of submission, respect, and honor to God the Father. The passage is behind the term **the sevenfold Spirit of God** used in **Rev 1:4; 3:1; 4:5 and 5:6**. There are seven different spirits of God, rather the Spirit of the LORD has these characteristics, and He has them all in fullness and perfection. So that righteous Branch, coming in the power of the Spirit, to establish His reign, that we might live on the earth under the righteous reign of Jesus Christ..

3-5 – *His delight is in the fear of the LORD*: Nothing pleased Jesus more than doing the will of His Father. *My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. (Joh 4:34)* **With righteousness He shall judge**: - not relying on outward appearance, or by the mere words that someone said. He judged with **righteousness**. He didn’t cheat the poor justice, and if the poor and the weak are given justice, then all will be. **He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth**: Just the words of Jesus have the power to judge the wicked-certainly, eventually at the end of the Great Tribulation, battle of Armageddon. He only has to announce a judgment and it is done. (**Rev. 19:11-16**) **Righteousness** and **justice** are so close to Jesus they are like belts around His waist. Everything He does is touched by His **righteousness and justice**. There is no direction we can look at and not see His faithfulness in our lives, past, present and future!

11:1– Even what looks like a long-dead stump, God can bring forth life! A *Netzer*, “the Nazarene” out of the stump of Jesse, to sit on His throne forever, will come in Israel’s darkest days! He is the Ruler! He is David’s source and He is the issue of the Davidic line. – the Root and the offspring of David!

2– The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him! We need to note that these aspects of the Spirit of God are not the only characteristics of the Holy Spirit. But they are grouped together in a “seven” to show the fullness and perfection of the Holy Spirit. When we see the Spirit of the LORD at work in our lives, it should look like the ministry and the nature of Jesus.

3-5 – Righteousness and faithfulness will gird the Lord's reign. The purpose of this reign of Christ on this earth is to bring in a reign of righteousness and justice as well as to restore the dominion lost by Adam. **How quick are we to judge by sight and hearing? Our LORD will not judge that way, but with righteousness and equity, the motives of the heart. Thankfully, also righteousness and faithfulness shall be at the belt for His loins and the deepest part of His feelings!**

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

The Reign of the Prince of Peace (vs. 6-10)

Isa 11:6 *"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.*

Isa 11:7 *The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together (what peace, even our traditional enemies will be friends!); And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

Isa 11:8 *The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.*

Isa 11:9 *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.*

Isa 11:10 *"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."*

The Restoration and Reunification of Israel, the People of the Messiah (vs. 11-16)

Isa 11:11 *It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time (1st time Babylon; 2nd time- from all the nations!) To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam (Iran, Persia) and Shinar (Babylon), From Hamath and the islands (continents) of the sea.*

Isa 11:12 *He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. (all the nations)*

6–9 The glorious reign of the King, our Messiah! *The wolf also dwell with the lamb*: When Messiah reigns, nature will be transformed. No longer will there be predators among the animals, and seemingly all animals will be only herbivores (*the cow and the bear shall graze . . . the lion shall eat straw like the ox*). Rom 8:19-22 says that nature is waiting for the transformation that will come when the Messiah reigns and believers are glorified. *And a little child shall lead them*: Notice not only will the way animals relate to each other be changed, but the way they relate to humans will be significantly changed. A *little child* will be safe and able to lead a *wolf*, a *leopard*, a *young lion* or a *bear*. Even the danger of predators like cobras and vipers will be gone. *For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea: The knowledge of the LORD* – In that day the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord! The Millennial reign of the Messiah will be glorious!

10 - in that day The time of universal peace will come in the future reign of the Lord Jesus Christ! *For the Gentiles will seek Him*: The glory of the reign of the Messiah will be not only for the Jews, but for the Gentiles also. *He shall stand as a banner to the people*, lifted high to draw all peoples to Him. The banner was used before to call the nations to judgment against Israel (Isa 5:26). Isa 66:12 *For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees.*

11 - 12 Now the banner calls the nations to the blessings of the Messiah. There **will be unity among all the peoples** – no diversity, no prejudice or anything else! *The second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left*: In the reign of the Messiah, there will be another Exodus of the Jewish people, for His namesake, delivering them not only from Egypt, **but from all nations** where they have been dispersed. Deu 30:1-4; Ez. 36:16-24; Mt/ 24:29-35 – (*this generation – genea – age, generation, nation, race of people, time, shall not pass away*)

6-9 What a glorious time we see here when the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord! As we're told in Psalm 2:8 *"Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession"*. This is when the *Netzer* comes!! We're told how the kings of the earth had gathered together against God, the scene that we read in Revelation nineteen. But it says, Ps. 2:4, 6 *"He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision . . ."*

"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." It all ties together. The future day when Jesus comes to reign over the whole earth, when even the natural enemies of nature, will be at peace with one another! **His kingdom is going to be right! When everything in nature gets right, things will also be right with us! The Nazarene is going to rule !Are we ready?**

10-12 Presently, **God is resting in the finished work** of Jesus Christ. He's just waiting for that day when the Father will say, "Okay Son, go down and take control, and take over!" The Father is resting, the work is finished. Jesus on the cross said, *"It's finished"*, the work of redemption, and He's, God is resting in that. **We need to rest in that!** The work of your redemption, the work of your righteousness is a finished work that God imputes to you by your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. **We have been promised a tremendous, glorious future!** That day when Jesus is reigning as King on the earth. The Nazarene is going to rule!

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INTERPRETATION

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Isa 11:13 Also the envy of Ephraim (northern ten tribes) shall depart. And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah. And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Isa 11:14 But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; And the people of Ammon shall obey them.

Isa 11:15 The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River (Euphrates), And strike it in the seven streams, And make men cross over dryshod.

Isa 11:16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

The Lord Is My Strength and My Song Israel’s Future Deliverance (vs. 1-6)

Isa 12:1 And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.

Isa 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.' "

13 – 16 The peace of the reign of the Messiah. *Ephraim shall not envy Judah . . . Judah shall not harass Ephraim*: In the reign of the Messiah, **the nations will not go to war any more**. Conflicts will be justly and swiftly settled by the Messiah and His government. Disobedient nations, described here as *the Philistines* and *Edom and Moab* and *the people of Ammon*, traditional enemies of Israel, will be punished. There shall be a happy relationship between Judah and Ephraim. Both shall be safe from their adversaries and have dominion over them. We see here **a type and figure of the uniting of Jews and Gentiles**, who had been so long at variance in the gospel church. The gospel of Christ shall be successful in all parts, and some of all nations shall become obedient to the faith. Everything that might hinder the progress and success of the gospel **shall be taken out of the way**. As when God brought Israel out of Egypt he dried up the Red Sea and Jordan before them! What a glorious day! *There will be a highway for the remnant of His people*: Any obstacle to the gathering of those dispersed among the nations will be taken away. (*Zec. 8:20-23*) Nothing can oppose the government of the Messiah, even natural barriers will be taken away!

1 – *And in that day you will say*: Isaiah chapter 11 spoke powerfully of the reign of the Messiah as king over all the earth. This brief chapter of praise comes from the heart of the one that has surrendered to the Messiah as king, and enjoys the benefits of His reign. **O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me**: The worshipper decides to praise the LORD, even though he has felt the LORD’s anger against him. *Your anger is turned away*: How glorious when the *anger* of God is *turned away*! In the larger sense, His *anger is turned away* because of what Jesus did on the cross. There is no way for the anger of the LORD to be turned away without the shedding of blood. Jesus put Himself in between us and the anger of the LORD, and receiving that anger in Himself, He *turned away* God’s anger!

2 – Behold: The worshipper wants others to see what he says is true. He is excited about what God has done in his life, and invites all to *behold* the work of the LORD. **God is my salvation**: This *is* salvation! Also, “I am not my salvation. My good works, my good intentions, my good thoughts do not save me. **God is my salvation.**” **I will trust and not be afraid**: This peace and security comes from knowing that **God is my salvation**. When we are our own salvation, it is hard to *trust and not be afraid* in ourselves. But when God is our salvation, we can *trust and not be afraid*. **I will trust and not be afraid**: This is a confident statement reflecting the *will* of the worshipper. He is deciding to *trust and not be afraid*. Fear and faith cannot co-exist! There are feelings of trust, but that is different than the decision to trust. We can say to our *will*, “**I will trust and not be afraid.**” **For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and my song**: The LORD is not only the worshipper’s salvation, He is also his *strength* (resource) and *song* (our joy). **God is our song – what a blessing “song” is!**

13 – 16 We should live our lives as much as possible to maintain, establishing as He gives us ability, such unity and peacemaking as described here!

2:1 – God disciplines us as a perfect parent, knowing perfectly how to comfort us after we have been chastened. Sometimes, like rebellious children, we refuse the comfort of God after discipline, but that is always our fault, not His. **This verse should be personal to each and every believer – through the cross! Is it personally yours?**

2 – My good works, my good intentions, my good thoughts do not save me. **God is my salvation.**” The place of peace and trust and “no fear” comes only from seeing our salvation in God, and not in ourselves. Do you find it easier to consider the LORD their salvation in a distant “future” sense than to take Him today as their *strength* and *song*. *Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*

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Isa 12:3 Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation.

Isa 12:4 And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted.

Isa 12:5 Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth.

Isa 12:6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

The Judgment of Babylon-God, as Commander, Summons His Army Against Babylon: (vs. 1-5) (Read Jeremiah 50-51 and Rev. 17-18 for other Scriptures describing Babylon!)

Isa 13:1 The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw. (near and the far, wonderful, but it makes one wonder!)

3 – Jesus promised us *whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. Joh 4:14* (We can come to Jesus and **draw water from the wells of salvation!** The LORD’s resource is not limited. There is not one well of salvation. There are many **wells of salvation**. This doesn’t mean that there are many ways to be saved. All of the wells draw forth from the same reservoir of salvation, Jesus Christ. But many wells can bring water from the same water table. **Therefore with joy:** Because it is all of the LORD, we draw from the wells of salvation **with joy**. There should be no sad faces at the LORD’s well of salvation. We draw water **with joy!** **This psalm was always sung that Feast of Tabernacles! John 7:37-39; 1 Cor. 10:4 -that Rock was Christ!**

4 – The worshipper declares the greatness of God to everyone. **Praise the LORD, call upon His name:** This is an exhortation to praise, and an encouragement to worship the LORD and trust in Him. The worshipper has received from the *wells of salvation*, and now that living water is flowing out of him, encouraging others to worship and trust in the LORD. **Declare His deeds . . . Make mention that His name is exalted:** The worshipper can’t stop talking about God’s greatness and the great things He has done.

5 – **Sing to the LORD:** First, the LORD was the song of the worshipper (*Isa 12:2*). Now, he sings this song of the LORD to whoever will listen! If the LORD has become your song, then sing it! **Cry out and shout:** This is excited praise! We should all abhor the artificial, “Let’s-whip-them-up-into-a-manufactured-enthusiasm” kind of worship. But if our worship will *never cry out and shout*, there is something lacking in it.

6 – Singing praise to the LORD. “Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!” **For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst:** This gives two reasons for great praise. First, because of *who* God is: **the Holy One of Israel**. Second, because of *where* God is: **in your midst**. Each of these gives everyone reason to praise God! **Isaiah 13:1-22**

1 – In the prophets, a **burden** (difficult), in the prophets, is a “heavy” message of weighty importance, heavy in the sense that it produces sorrow or grief. **burden against Babylon**, will carry through **chapter 14**.: Isaiah finished his prophetic career in 685 B.C., almost 100 years before Judah finally fell before the Babylonian Empire (586 B.C.). At the time of this prophecy, Babylon was a significant nation, but they were definitely secondary to the Assyrian Empire in status. Yet the LORD who knows the end of all things can speak of the judgment on the pride of Babylon hundreds of years before the judgment comes. God is showing Judah that He was indeed just and would judge the wicked nations around them. Israel and Judah were feeling the sting of God’s discipline, and in those times we wonder if God is unfairly singling us out. This is assurance to them that He isn’t. **Is. 13-14; Jer. 50-51; Rev. 17-18**

3 – To have a place where you can continually come and draw forth to meet your need is a precious gift. **You will draw water.** This means there is something for us to do: **God’s doesn’t meet our needs as we sit in passive inactivity. We must reach out and draw forth what He has provided.** At the same time, it is His water, His well, His rope, and His bucket that we draw with!

4 – We believers are to encourage one another to praise God, and seek to draw others to join them in it. No difference between Jews and Gentiles. **No differing of opinions about the times and seasons, and other such matters, ought to divide the hearts of Christians. We are to be praising the LORD! Are we?**

5 – 6 We are not to worship God in a half-hearted sort of way; as if it were now our duty to bless God, but we felt it to be a weary business, and we would get it through as quickly as we could, and have done with it; and the sooner the better. No, no; ‘All that is within me, bless his holy name.’ **Cry out and shout**, Come, wake up, and summon all the powers which wait upon you! Mechanical worship is easy, but worthless. Come stir up yourself! Rouse yourself, O my own soul!

13:1 – It was most difficult for a prophet to deliver this type of message. This was not the way to win friends and influence people. But God’s prophets were not in a popularity contest. **Can you imagine yourself being true to such a calling, where that being true is stronger than your being continually ridiculed and rejected?**

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Isa 13:2 "Lift up a banner on the high mountain, Raise your voice to them; Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.

Isa 13:3 I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones for My anger—Those who rejoice in My exaltation."(insulting as they come)

Isa 13:4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts musters The army for battle.

Isa 13:5 They come from a far country, From the end of heaven—The LORD and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

The Terrors of the Day of the LORD – (vs. 6-14)

Isa 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD (Armageddon!) is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Isa 13:7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt,

Isa 13:8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

Isa 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

2-3 – Lift up a banner. As in *Isa 5:26*, the Lord summoned foreign armies to conquer Babylon in all her greatness. ***I have commanded ... called.*** The Lord told of **His gathering of armies to overcome Babylon.** ***My anger.*** God's anger had turned away from Israel (*Isa 12:1*) and toward this oppressive foreign power.

4–5 The LORD of hosts musters the army for battle: This is an army of judgment against the Babylonian Empire, prophesied decades before they were even a superpower. This powerful army is described vividly, with sights and sounds of battle presented.

6– Now the day of the Lord is a phrase that is constantly used through the scriptures to describe the day of His wrath, the day of His vengeance, and the day of the Great Tribulation. So this destruction of Babylon is tied together with the nearness of the day of the Lord. ***“Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand!*** When? At the time that Babylon, Iraq and the nations of the world is destroyed by this army that has been mustered from all over the world.

7– This is talking about the great tribulation period. Jesus, speaking of it said, “Men’s hearts will be failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the earth.” Thus, as Isaiah said, “Every man’s heart shall melt.” Collaborated by Jesus in *Matthew 24*, as He spoke of the tribulation period.

8– An army comes against Babylon. ***They will be amazed at one another:*** When Babylon fell suddenly by a clever, surprise attack by Cyrus, the citizens of the city were completely shocked (Daniel 5).

9– They In the midst of this time, they will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them, and to hide them from the face of the Lamb, for they declare, “The day of His wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?” ***“Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,” The day of the LORD comes:*** Isaiah now speaks in the “prophetic tense,” having in mind both a near fulfillment (the day of judgment against the Babylonian Empire), and an ultimate fulfillment (the final day of judgment at the return of Jesus).

2–3 God used Assyria to punish His people, and then He judged Assyria. This is what He is going to do with Babylon. Anything can be sanctified if it is set apart for God. Assyria and Babylon were set aside to punish Israel. They were instruments in His hands for a specific purpose. **How sanctified is my life right now, as an instrument in His hands?**

4–5 Bible prophecy is truly amazing in so many ways. Notice here the description of the noise of nations gathering together is being told in the same detail for Babylon as it was for Assyria. Assyria was the world power at that time. **Babylon’s rise to power would not occur for more than a hundred years! What a prophecy!**

6– What prophecy! This goes all the way to the Great Tribulation and the battle of Armageddon. **This could happen at any time! Are you ready?**

7-8 During the Great Tribulation God will again use the power (called Babylon here) to judge these people, just as He did in the past. The Tribulation is spoken of as a time of travail, with men in travail. The Day of the Lord opens with this time of travail. **heart will melt.** Courage was to vanish 100 years! (*Isa 19:1; Eze 21:7; Nah 2:10*).

9– The day of the LORD is an important phrase, used some 26 times in the Bible. It speaks of not a single day of judgment, but of the season of judgment when the LORD sets things right. It is as if today is man’s day, but the LORD’s day is coming

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Isa 13:10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

Isa 13:11 "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Isa 13:12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

Isa 13:13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

Isa 13:14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up; Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land.

The Cruelty of the Medes (vs.15-18)

Isa 13:15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

Isa 13:16 Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.

10 - 11 *The stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened:* Several prophetic passages describe the cosmic disturbances that will precede and surround the return of Jesus ([Joe 2:10](#), [Rev 6:12-14](#), [Isa 34:4](#)). The day of God’s wrath, the day of God’s judgment against whom? The *evil* in the world, a punishment for them, and the wicked being punished for their iniquity. [1Th 5:9](#) *For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, Many, if not most believers* believe that the church will not be here when this event takes place. That is, the pouring out of God’s wrath, indignation, and judgment upon the earth. Because our iniquities have been forgiven. Jesus took the punishment for your sin. *I will punish the world for its evil:* This prophetic identification of Babylon with the world, ripe for ultimate judgment, is consistent through the Scriptures. We aren’t surprised that Isaiah has prophetically combined the vision of Babylon’s judgment with the judgment of the whole *world for its evil*.

12– So it will be a time when mankind, much as in the flood, will be destroyed. Only a few will remain this tremendous holocaust, when God judges the wicked on this earth, and punishes them. Man will become scarce. You talk about an endangered species. At that point man will be declared an endangered species as, “*I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold*.”

13– *Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place:* [Hag 2:6](#) and [Heb 12:25-28](#) echo this same thought. Since God can shake the heavens and move the earth, and since God Himself is unshakable, it makes a lot more sense to trust in God than even the ground we stand on and the air we breathe

14– *It shall be as the hunted gazelle:* The picture of God’s judgment, upon both Babylon and the world in general, is unrelenting. It is like one of the nature movies where the *hunted gazelle* is overtaken by the lion, and it utterly consumed. There is no escape from God’s unrelenting judgment.

15-16– The terrors of judgment upon Babylon. *Every one that is found* - This is a description of the capture of the city, Babylon, or those fleeing from it, and of the slaughter that would ensue, when the invaders would spare neither age nor sex. *Every one that is joined unto them* - Their allies and friends. There shall be a vast, indiscriminate slaughter of all that are found in the city, and of those that attempt to flee from it.’

10-11 We are living in a world today that is moving toward judgment. It’s coming! Are we ready?

12– We want to be sure we’re in the church group that will not go through this Tribulation! Again, are we ready?

13– Is there anything that can be shaken that we’re trusting in? We must trust only and completely in the One who is unshakable!

14– How thankful are we that Jesus took God’s unrelenting judgment for us! How wonderful because of that, we have God’s unrelenting love!

15-16 [Heb 10:31](#) *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* God is indeed a God of love to those who believe and follow Him, but He also is a God of justice and righteousness! It’s obvious which side we must be on!

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Isa 13:17 "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it.

Isa 13:18 Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children.

Babylon Irreparably Destroyed (vs. 19-22)

Isa 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isa 13:20 It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.

Isa 13:21 But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of owls; Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there.

Isa 13:22 The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, And her days will not be prolonged."

17-18 - Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them. Isaiah is prophesying this around 730 B.C. What unbelievable specific prophesy for something that won't occur for more than 140 years! Who are the *Medes*? This people from an area southwest of the Caspian Sea, north of Persia, east of Assyria, and northeast of Babylon later allied themselves with the Babylonians to conquer Assyria c. **610 B.C.** and later with the Persians to cause the fall of Babylon (**539 B.C.**). Media and Persia became a dual nation and a mighty empire that conquered Babylon. **This prophecy is so amazing. Isaiah is saying Babylon, at that time no real concern of Assyria, will conquer Assyria, which it did about 120+ years later. Then, that the Medes, who weren't even know at that time other an insignificant tribe, would be raise up and used by God to destroy the Babylonian – which occurred 539 BC, about 200 years after this prophecy of Isaiah!**

19– It will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah: “The phrase ‘*Sodom and Gomorrah*’ suggests not only complete destruction but also its moral cause.” *And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms*, Babylon was once as a pleasant roe, but now a chased one: *the beauty of the Chaldees excellency*; the glory of that nation; what they gloried in, being so famous for pompous buildings, number of inhabitants, riches and wealth. *shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah*; which, though not at once, and by fire from heaven, as that was, yet was of God, and, when completed, was, like that, irrecoverable.

20 – It will never be inhabited: The ancient city of Babylon, once conquered, will never be inhabited again. When Jesus returns in glory and conquers the world system, He will rule the earth for 1,000 years. As He does, there will be no more “world system” in opposition to God as we know it. In this sense, the world system in opposition to God will never be inhabited again.

21-22 – Owls . . . ostriches . . . wild goats . . . hyenas: The animals mentioned here are impossible to identify precisely. The picture is of the darkness and confusion surrounding the complete lasting fall of Babylon.

17-18 The prophesying of God’s future judgment on Babylon, using the Medes. His righteousness and judgment are truly and just! What a wonderful God we get to serve!

19-22 The judgment of Babylon – so dismal, so complete and so lasting! We need to remember that God always say what He means and means what He says. Judgment is coming for the wicked. Blessings for the righteous!

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