

Isaiah 14 – Mercy on Jacob; Fall of the King of Babylon; The Fall of Lucifer; Babylon, Assyria, Philistia, Destroyed!

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord – Maranatha Music

Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord; Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord; And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher And He shall Lift You Up (3x) Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up; And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher And He shall Lift You Up, Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up And He shall Lift You Up (8X)

GENERAL OUTLINE OF ISAIAH: Referred 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

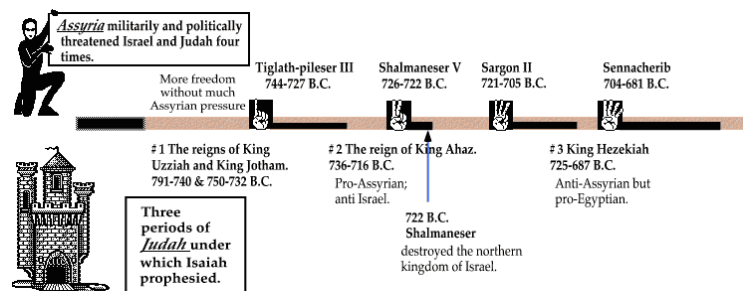
Manasseh – 687-642

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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Babylon’s Downfall is Israel’s Raising Up (vs. 1-2)

The Restoration of Jacob

Isa 14:1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob.

Isa 14:2 Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the LORD; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

The Satirical Song on the King of Babylon (vs. 3-5)

Israel’s Remnant Taunts Babylon

Isa 14:3 It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve,

Isa 14:4 that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: "How the oppressor has ceased, The golden city ceased!

Isa 14:5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of the rulers;

The Peace and Joy of the Kingdom of Peace (vs. 6-8)

Isa 14:6 He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke, He who ruled the nations in anger, Is persecuted and no one hinders.

Isa 14:7 The whole earth is at rest and quiet; They break forth into singing.

Isa 14:8 Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you, And the cedars of Lebanon, Saying, 'Since you were cut down, No woodsman has come up against us.'

1-2 Judgment on Babylon means mercy on Israel. Isaiah 13 ended with the desolation and gloom that would come upon Babylon. Since Babylon was Judah’s great enemy, any judgment on Babylon was an expression of mercy on Israel. So, Isaiah follows the pronouncement of judgment on Babylon with *the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel*. The promise of restoration to their own land was also important (*and settle them in their own land*). The Babylonians had forcibly exiled most of the population of Judah, so the promise of return was precious. The invitation to Gentiles was precious (*The strangers will be joined with them*). The regathered and restored Israel would invite Gentiles to receive the goodness of God with them. *They will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors: In inviting the strangers to come and be joined with them*, Israel eliminates their enemies. The ultimate way to conquer an enemy is to make them your friend!

3-5 *In the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve:* The LORD announces a day when He will give real *rest* to believing Israel. They will have *rest* from *sorrow*, from *fear*, and from their *hard bondage*. *That you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon:* In the day of restoration, the defeat and weakness of the *king of Babylon* will be exposed, and Israel will rejoice. We remember that Isaiah has two aspects of prophetic fulfillment in mind. First, the immediate and partial fulfillment regarding the empire of Babylon and its king. Second, the distant and ultimate fulfillment regarding the spiritual empire of Babylon - the world system - and its king, Satan. So, *this proverb against the king of Babylon* was, in a partial sense, in the mouth of the returning exiles when Babylon was finally conquered and the people of Judah could return to the Promised Land. *How the oppressor has ceased:* God want us to know *now* that the king of spiritual Babylon - Satan - that *his days are numbered*. There will come a day when his oppression *has ceased*, and when the *LORD* will break *the staff of the wicked, and the scepter of the rulers*.

6-8 *He who struck the people in wrath . . . who ruled the nations in anger:* Both the king of literal Babylon and the king of spiritual Babylon were mighty, oppressive rulers over the *people* and the *nations*. But now, the one who once persecuted is himself *persecuted and no one hinders*, and as a result, the *whole earth is at rest and quiet*, and they even *break forth into singing!* Even the *trees rejoice* over the fall of the king of Babylon. This is true of the king of literal Babylon, because the attacking kings cut down thousands of trees for both fuel and lumber, leaving Israel and Lebanon deforested.

1-2 We need to be aware of the dual or multiple fulfillments of Biblical prophecy. Here we see all the way into the Lord bringing Israel when Jesus returns and He establishes Israel. **Are we ready for His second coming?**

3-5 – Do you have *rest* from *sorrow*? Do you have *rest* from *fear*? Do you have *rest* from *hard bondage*? At times we get so weary and discouraged from Satan’s attack, it is almost as if we think his day will last forever. If we remember that one reason he works so hard is because even he knows his time is short, it is an encouragement to us. **We can rely on and stay close to Him! We can out-last the workers of iniquity!**

6-8 The prophecy of the future, when God restores the glory to Israel. When Jesus comes to reign as King over the earth, when oppression ceases, when the staff of the wicked is broken, the scepter of the rulers, that is earthly rulers, and the whole earth is at rest in the righteous reign of peace through Jesus Christ. The whole earth’s at rest and is quiet. “And they break forth into *singing*.” **May we be people giving praise and worship to the Lord!**

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The Arrival of the King in the Realm of the Dead (vs. 9-11)

Isa 14:9 "Hell (sheol) from beneath is excited about you, To meet you at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, All the chief ones (rich in substance) of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones All the kings of the nations.

Isa 14:10 They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak (sick) as we? Have you become like us?'

Isa 14:11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you.

Satan Fallen From Heaven (vs. 12-15)

This is a great definition of sin!!

Isa 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

9-11 Hell from beneath is excited about you: Hell itself is excited to meet the king of Babylon, to see the one who tortured. This was true both for the king of literal Babylon, and the king of spiritual Babylon. God wants us to know now that Satan is destined for hell. He is a loser. He isn't the boss or lord of hell. Satan will go to hell as a victim, as the ultimate prisoner in the dungeon of darkness, and hell will be happy to receive him this way! *Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?* When he went to hell, the king of literal Babylon was exposed as a mere man, though he thought of himself as greater than that. Equally, when the king of spiritual Babylon goes to hell, all will be amazed to see that he was only a creature, never to be thought of as an opposite of God; as if God were light and Satan were darkness. God wants us to know now what everyone will know someday - that Satan is a mere creature, and is in no way the opposite of God. If Satan has an opposite, it is not God the Father or God the Son, it would be a high-ranking angelic being such as Michael. **Your pomp is brought down ...the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you:** In the end, it just won't be defeat for the king of Babylon. Both for the literal and spiritual kings of Babylon, there defeat in hell will be disgusting and degrading. **And the sound of your stringed instruments:** Before his fall, Satan was associated with music in heaven. (Eze 28:13) Apparently, the musical career of Satan did not end with his fall, because the *sound of his stringed instruments* is only brought down when he is imprisoned in hell.

12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! Identifying the king of Babylon as *Lucifer, son of the morning*. The word means *morning star* or *day star*, referring to a brightly shining object in the heavens. The once brightly shining king of Babylon is now *fallen from heaven*. But there was a far more brightly shining being who inhabited heaven, and fell even more dramatically - the king of spiritual Babylon, Satan. **Fallen from heaven:** In fact there are four falls of Satan, and this refers to his final, fourth fall. Satan fell from glorified to profane (Eze 28:14-16). This is what Jesus spoke of in Luk 10:18 when He says He *saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven*. This is the only fall of Satan that has already happened. Satan will fall from having access to heaven (Job 1:12, 1Ki 22:21, Zec 3:1) to restriction on the earth (Rev 12:9). Satan will fall from his place on the earth to bondage in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years (Rev 20:1-3). Finally, as mentioned here in Isa 14:12, Satan will fall from the bottomless pit to the lake of fire, which we commonly known as *hell* (Rev 20:10). **Son of the morning:** This is a title of glory, beauty, and honor, which fit Lucifer well before his fall. Jesus Himself is called the *Bright and Morning Star* (Rev 22:16). Satan, though a created being, had some of these glorious qualities in himself. No wonder that *Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light* (2Co 11:14), deceiving many with his apparent glory, beauty, and goodness. **How you are cut down to the ground:** What a contrast! This being, once so high, once so shining, once so bright, is now *cut down to the ground*.

9-11 Knowing this now - how disgusting and degrading the end of Satan will be - Why would any of us serve him or work for his cause, even for a minute? Who wants to end up with the maggots and the worms, forever apart from God, His love, His grace and His glory?

12 God created Satan as a cherub (a guardian angel), full of wisdom and perfect in beauty – sinless! Most likely in an unfallen state in Eden! - God rested on the seventh day – All was very good! But then because of his pride he may have become jealous that man had been created in the image of God, an image bearer (Gen. 1:26), which the angels/ cherubim aren't! **How we need to be mindful of our pride, which can be said to be the father of sin! So ugly and so destructive, reflecting our rebellion against God!**

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Isa 14:13 For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

13 *For you have said in your heart:* God tells us the reason behind the fall of the king of Babylon, both literal and spiritual. The fall was prompted by something he *said*, maybe not with his lips, but in his *heart*. **I will:** The pride, the grasping selfish ambition, the self-will of the king of Babylon is powerfully expressed in five *I will* statements. This is the essence of the self-focused and self-obsessed life. **I will ascend into heaven:** “Heaven will be my home and my place of honor.” **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:** “I will be enthroned, and will be exalted above all other angelic beings.” **I will also sit on the mount of the congregation:** “I will sit in the place of glory and honor and attention.” Possibly a mountain in northern Syria, where, according to local tradition, the Canaanite gods assembled.

14-15 *I will ascend above the heights:* “I will continue to rise, even in heaven, until all see me in my bright shining glory.” **I will be like the Most High:** “I will be glorious, and be set equal to God, far above all other created beings.” What prompted Satan’s desire to exalt himself above all other creatures? - The five **I will** statements? Why did Lucifer rebel? Perhaps because he rejected God’s plan to create an order of being made in His image (**Gen 1:26**), who would be beneath the angels in dignity (**Heb 2:6-7a; 2Pe 2:11**), yet would be served by angels in the present (**Heb 1:14; Heb 2:7-8; Psa 91:11-12**) and would one day be lifted in honor and status above the angels (**1Co 6:3; 1Jn 3:2**). Satan wanted to be the highest among all creatures, equal to God in glory and honor, and the plan to create man would eventually put men above angels. He was apparently able to. **Yet you shall be brought down:** Despite Satan’s desire to exalt himself, he will not be exalted at all. Certainly, there is a sense in which he is exalted right now, but this is but an eye-blink in the scope of eternity. Satan, like all those who desire to exalt themselves, **shall be brought down.** **1Pe 5:6** expresses the true path to being exalted: *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.* In **Mar 9:35**, Jesus said *If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all*

13 Here is an excellent example for us of what not to do! Stay away from pride, selfish ambition, self-will, self-focus and self-obsession.

14-15 We the last two of the five prideful and rebellious “I will”s! Satan wanted to be the highest among all creatures, equal to God in glory and honor, and the plan to create man would eventually put men above angels. Despite Satan’s desire for self-exaltation, he will not be exalted at all, but God says, **you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. God rules! We don’t!**

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ISAIAH 14 AND EZEKIEL 28:

Isaiah 14 (Context is the King of Babylon) - Five “I will”s — Satan Speaking Exerting His Will – The first time there is another will other than the will of God!

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars (angels) of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. (Same common denominator – Hinduism, Mormonism, New Age, Prosperity Doctrine - “I will be as God”, or, “I will be God.”)

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

“I will be like the most High”!!! – Result – The Fall of Satan!

FALLS OF SATAN:

v. 12 fallen from heaven, O Lucifer – Past tense – Satan fell from glorified to profane (Eze 28:14-16). This is likely what Jesus spoke of in Luk 10:18 when He says He saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. This is the only fall of Satan that has already happened. Satan will fall from having access to God’s throne room (the third heaven)

(Rev 12:9). Satan will fall from his place on stellar heaven to earth.

(Rev 20:1-3). Satan will fall from earth to bondage in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years

(Rev. 20:10) Satan will fall into the lake of fire

Ezekiel 28 (Context is the King of Tyre) - Five “I will”s – God speaking of Satan

Eze 28:11-19 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king (melech) of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created (bara-created is not equal with God!).

Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub (a high order of angels, having a specific place in the throne room of God – possibly the worship leader) that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up (pride!) because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:

I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Eze 28:18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries (Jude 6?) by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and

I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Eze 28:19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

v. 12 God created Satan as a cherub (a guardian angel), full of wisdom and perfect in beauty – in an unfallen state, sinless! But he was given, like men, self-determination. We see him here exercising his self-will and rebelling, exalting himself, against God and the will of God, which is SIN!

v. 13 Most likely in an unfallen state in Eden! - God rested on the seventh day – All was very good! Gen 1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Gen 2:1-2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. [2] And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Rom. 5:12 – “through one man (Adam) sin entered the world” Satan must have fallen during Adam. Satan may have been jealous that man had been created in the image of God, an image bearer (Gen. 1:26), which the angels/ cherubim aren’t!

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Satan’s Quotations Recorded in the Bible!

Gen. 3 - Satan Slanders God Before Man – Tempts Eve – “You Can Be Like God” – Result the Fall of Man!

(1 John 2:16) is bound up in this temptation here. *The lust of the flesh* – It was good for food; *the lust of the eye* - it was luscious looking; *the pride of life* - it was desired to make her wise as God.

Satan did three things in the temptation, which remain his practice today.

1) He questioned the Word of God (“*Has God indeed said*”).

2) He contradicted the Word of God (“*You shall not surely die*”).

3) He challenged or slandered the nature or character of God (“*For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*”)

Gen 3:1-15 Now *the serpent* was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” [2] And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; [3] but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” [4] Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. [5] For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” [6] So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. [7] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. [8] And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” [10] So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” [11] And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” [12] Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” [13] And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” [14] So the **LORD God said to the serpent:** “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. [15] **And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.**”

Job Chapters 1 & 2 - Satan Slanders Man Before God! - Satan Allowed to Test Job, Within God’s limits!

Job 1:6-12 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. [7] And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, “**From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.**” [8] Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” [9] So Satan answered the LORD and said, “**Does Job fear God for nothing? [10] Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. [11] But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!**” [12] And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Satan Attacks Job’s Health

Job 2:3-6] Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.” [4] So Satan answered the LORD and said, “**Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. [5] But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he**

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will surely curse You to Your face!" [6] And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life." [7] So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Satan Slanders God and Man! -- The Temptation of Jesus

Mat 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. [2] And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. [3] Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If (since) You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." [4] But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "

Mat 4:5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, [6] and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU,' and, 'IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" [7] Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.' "

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." [10] Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.' " [11] Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him

Principalities and Powers: Satan is Behind the World Systems

Genesis 3 – Satan tempting Eve – the fall of man

Isaiah 14 – Satan behind the king of Babylon

Ezekiel 28 – Satan behind the prince of Tyre

Dan 10:13 – Satan behind the prince of Persia - But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. _

Jesus said: Mat 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." Mar 8:33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." Luk 4:8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.' "

Hitler – White Magic

Protection and Overcoming the Evil One! – The Whole Armor of God - Prayer

Eph 6:10-20 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14] Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; [18] praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— [19] and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Isaiah 14 – Mercy on Jacob; Fall of the King of Babylon; The Fall of Lucifer; Babylon, Assyria, Philistia, Destroyed!

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VICTORY OVER SATAN SUMMARY

- ***STAY CLOSE TO THE LORD!***
- ***BUILD UP YOUR FAITH BY READING HIS WORD!***
- ***WHEN SENSING OPPOSITION FROM THE DEVIL AND HIS WORKERS, REBUKE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!***
- ***MAINTAIN A VIBRANT PRAYER LIFE!***
- ***REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES RECOGNIZE, RESIST AND REJOICE, REMEMBERING THAT YOU ARE NOT ONLY SAFE FROM SATAN IN THE ARMS OF CHRIST, BUT THOSE ARMS ARE ALWAYS THE BEST POSSIBLE PLACE YOU CAN EVER BE!***
- ***TRUST HIM COMPLETELY FOR EVERY OUTCOME!***

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Babylon’ King is Deprived of the Honor of a Burial (vs. 16-23)

Isa 14:16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,

Isa 14:17 Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

Isa 14:18 "All the kings of the nations, All of them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his own house;

Isa 14:19 But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, Like the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot.

Isa 14:20 You will not be joined with them in burial, Because you have destroyed your land And slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named.

Isa 14:21 Prepare slaughter for his children Because of the iniquity of their fathers, Lest they rise up and possess the land, And fill the face of the world with cities."

Isa 14:22 "For I will rise up against them," says the LORD of hosts, "And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, And offspring and posterity," says the LORD.

Isa 14:23 "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, And marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the LORD of hosts.

16-17 The nations are amazed at the fall of the king of Babylon. Those who see you will gaze at you . . . "Is this the man who made the earth tremble . . . Who did not open the house of his prisoners?"

When the king of literal Babylon fell, his weakness was exposed and others were amazed that he once had so much power, and so many feared him. The same will happen when the king of spiritual Babylon falls. People will see him for what he really is and be amazed at how much power he actually had.

18-23 The amazing and bloody destruction of Babylon. *All the kings of the nations:* In this brief section, Isaiah brings his focus back more upon the king of literal Babylon. He notes the comfort and ease the other kings of the earth enjoy, but not the fallen king of Babylon, who is instead *cast out of your grave like an abominable branch.* But now a terrible things has happened; he was not given the honorable burial deemed so important for monarchs. Even the common man regarded proper burial as essential.” Instead of a proper burial, the king of Babylon gets a bed of maggots and a blanket of worms! The corpse of the king of Babylon would be thrown out like a rejected *branch*. What a contrast to the Branch from the stump of Jesse that would bear abundant fruit! The destruction of Babylon - both literal and spiritual - will be complete. The LORD will *cut off from Babylon the name and remnant*. There will not even be a *remnant* of Babylon left, when the LORD *will sweep it with the broom of destruction*.

16-17 Even the greatest of the greatest world leaders all will face death. It they don’t believe and are not committed to the Lord, they will end up just like the King of Babylon is herein described!

18-23 In addition to self-examination, may be pray for kings and all who are in authority. (1 Tim. 1:2).

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The Breaking of Assyria on the mountains of Israel (vs. 24-27)

An Oracle Concerning Assyria

Isa 14:24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:

Isa 14:25 That I will break the Assyrian in My land, And on My mountains tread him underfoot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, And his burden removed from their shoulders.

Isa 14:26 This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth, And this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.

Isa 14:27 For the LORD of hosts has purposed, And who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?"

Prophecy Against the Philistines (vs. 28-32)

An Oracle Concerning Philistia

Isa 14:28 This is the burden which came in the year that King Ahaz died.

Isa 14:29 "Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia, Because the rod that struck you is broken; For out of the serpent's roots will come forth a viper, And its offspring will be a fiery flying serpent.

Isa 14:30 The firstborn of the poor will feed, And the needy will lie down in safety; I will kill your roots with famine, And it will slay your remnant.

Isa 14:31 Wail, O gate! Cry, O city!

Isa 14:32 What will they answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD has founded Zion, And the poor of His people shall take refuge in it.

24-27 The coming judgment on Assyria. *Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass:* God's thoughts are as good as actions. All God has to do is think a thought, and worlds can be created. What a comfort to know that God thinks good thoughts towards His people: *I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jer 29:11). I will break the Assyrian in My land:* God did this powerfully when the Assyrians invaded Judah. **2Ki 19:35** describes how God simply sent the angel of the LORD, and killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night. When the people woke up, there were 185,000 dead Assyrian soldiers. *For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it?* God always accomplishes His purpose! His plan is never frustrated! Even when we have no trust at all in our own plan, we can fully trust God's purpose!

28-31 The coming judgment on the Philistines. *Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia, because the rod that struck you is broken:* There was constant warfare between Israel and the Philistines, and so on many occasions, Israel was **the rod that struck** the Philistines. Now, when Israel and Judah are humbled, God does not want the Philistines to glory in it. *All you of Philistia are dissolved:* God's judgment will come against the Philistines also. They should not think that just because God was judging the Israelites, that they had somehow escaped. The name "Palestine" is a Latin name from the name *Philista*, and this may be a prophetic warning to the Palestinians: do not rejoice in the suffering or downfall of Israel, because worse judgment will befall you.

32 A word for the *messengers of the nation*. In the midst of the judgment of the nations, *what will one then answer the messengers of the nation?* What does God have to say to His people and to all the nations, when nations are being judged? God's answer is simple: **The LORD has founded Zion**. When judgment comes, what is founded on the LORD is made evident. The storm comes and beats against the house, and tests its foundation. When **the LORD has founded** something, it is evident to everyone in the midst of judgment. Second part of the answer: **The poor of His people shall take refuge in it**. God's place of security is not for the rich and self-sufficient. It is for the **poor of His people**. It is the poor in spirit who find refuge in God's city

24-27 Here is a perfect example of God saying what He means and means what He says. He declared that He has purposed to bring judgment on Assyria. That He has purposed it. *Who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?"* Are we believers paying attention?!!

28-32 Now a similar judgment pronounced on *Philistia*, another enemy of Israel. His judgment is to be complete and thorough - *All you of Philistia are dissolved; For smoke will come from the north, And no one will be alone in his appointed times.* The Palestine issue will be settled. "And the LORD has founded Zion, And the poor of His people shall take refuge in it. ."

What is God's position, regarding His judgment toward our country? Toward each of us?