

Message Notes:



Isaiah 13-14

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ISAIAH

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Wednesday Night Bible Study Booklet

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ISAIAH 13

In chapters 13–23, Isaiah announces God's judgment on ten gentile peoples as well as on His own people in Judah and Israel. He begins with Babylon, which would one day swallow up the Assyrians, take Judah captive and then itself be defeated by the Medes and Persians (vv. 17–22). The rise and the fall of nations are in the hands of God (Dan. 4:25, 32; Acts 17:26). God can even use heathen soldiers to do His work and can call them "My sanctified ones" (v. 3). He is sovereign.

In the defeat of Babylon, Isaiah saw a picture of the final "day of the Lord" when the world will taste the judgment of God. God is long-suffering with sinners, but there comes a time when His judgment must fall. Isaiah's message against Babylon was fulfilled, and the city and empire are no more.

In Scripture, Babylon symbolizes the world system confederated against God (Gen. 11). Like Babylon in Isaiah's day, the world today seems so successful and invincible; but one day, the whole system will fall (Rev. 17–18). That is why God calls His people to separate themselves from it (2 Cor. 6:14–18).

ISAIAH 14

There is more to the fall of Babylon than the deposing of a proud king (vv. 3–11, 16–21) or the destroying of a great city (vv. 22–23). Behind the evil Babylonian system was Lucifer ("Day Star"), the enemy of God (vv. 12–15). As God taunts the king of Babylon, He also speaks to Satan who motivated and energized him.

It appears that Lucifer was an angel who rebelled against God and wanted to take to himself the worship that belonged only to God. "I will be like the Most High" (v. 14) is the ambition of the evil one and the temptation he puts before man (Gen. 3:5). The world today worships and serves "the creature rather than the Creator" (Rom. 1:25). Man is his own god; in worshiping and serving only himself, he plays right into the hands of the evil one.

The Christian's ambition is to be like Jesus Christ in all things, "conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29). Contrast Isaiah 14:12–15 with Philippians 2:1–11 if you want to see the difference between Satan's approach and our Lord's approach.

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Personal Reflection:

Which verse(s) from tonight's section stood out to you the most? Why?

What is God speaking in this section that grabs your attention? What is it that God is saying in it?

How do you think God is seeking to have you apply what He has shown you in those verses?

For Next Week: Isaiah 15