Isaiah 13-14

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INTRODUCTION

- If you understand chapter 11 and you understand the big picture, it's like having the box top and a thousand-piece puzzle.
- The picture we see of the house of David is like a stump. The tree is cut off, and the stump appears to be dead.
- So when he introduces the branch, that branch coming out of the roots, it's a branch coming out of a long dead stump.

1 The Lord Will Still Choose Israel

Isaiah 14:1; Isaiah 14:25; Isaiah 14:32

- And it's easy to get bogged down in these prophecies against Babylon and miss the big picture.
- Babylon will be judged itself. And the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and he will still choose Israel and settle them in their own land.
- Yes, God did judge Israel with nations perhaps more wicked, but he will also judge them. And he has not abandoned his people.
- Those that come up against his people, God will judge. That's his purpose.

2 The Burden Against Babylon: God Judges Oppression

- Those that trust in God will never be ashamed of trusting in God. Those that trusted in the idols would be ashamed of trusting in idols.
- When he talks about Babylon, he doesn't give any charges up front. He does eventually, but they're kind of buried in the prophecy.
- You see this recurring theme over and again: oppression. God judges oppression.
- I will judge nations that oppress their people. We need to be careful about that.

3 The Day of the Lord

Joel 1:15; Amos 5:18; Micah 3:6

- Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate.
- The day of the Lord is the day in which God comes and makes a judgment.
- Sometimes that judgment is against Israel. Sometimes it's against Babylon. Sometimes it's against Assyria.
- It's a day of darkness. What does that mean? People cannot see any way of escape.
- God says, when Babylon falls, it will never be rebuilt. You can't have a new Babylon.

4 Babylon Will Never Be Inhabited

Isaiah 14:22–23

- We needn't think that God has chosen these things, but these are the consequences when nations conquer other nations.
- And then Babylon itself falls to Cyrus in about 540.
- It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation.
- So Babylon still has its name and remnant and posterity cut off. The city is still not rebuilt.

5 How You Are Fallen, O Lucifer

Isaiah 14:12–15; Luke 10:18

- How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning. How you were cut down to the ground.
- Where do we get the word Lucifer? Well, it comes from the Latin Vulgate. And it's a Latin word that literally means day star.
- If you know the context, you know that Satan's not in the context anywhere. He's clearly talking about the King of Babylon.

6 I Will Break the Assyrian in My Land

Isaiah 14:24–27; Isaiah 14:28–32

- Surely as I have thought, so it has come to pass, as I have purposed, so it shall stand, that I will break the Assyrian in my land.
- Not just Assyria, it's a principle. Those that come up against God's people, he will judge them.
- Because you've rejected God and you've come up against God's people.

MY NOTES