**Isaiah**

**The Revelation within Isaiah**

**Chapters 14, 15**

**Review:** In Isaiah, Chapters 13-23 deal with about ten different nations in the present day Middle East. The Holy Spirit brings forth prophesies to nations, cities and rulers surrounding the ancient kingdoms of Judah and Israel. As we discovered last week, some of these prophesies came true hundreds of years after Isaiah prophesied. Some happened within three years. Some have not yet come to pass.

 These nations reside in the present-day countries of the Middle East. Some grew into mighty empires (Assyria and Babylon) who overtook the smaller tribal, regional nations around them. Many of these prophecies deal with Israel and Judah’s close neighbors and how they were going to be judged for their dealings with God’s children.

 In chapters 12-13 we encountered the burden Isaiah carried against a small nation at the time, named Babylon. Babylon was going to be used by God to judge Assyria and all the surrounding regions, but then it too would be condemned and the capital city would become inhabitable. All of these prophecies became true. Hundreds of years prior, God showed Isaiah the rise and fall of the empire of Babylon.

Chapter 14 continues with a judgement on the King of Babylon and the nations surrounding Judah.

**Isaiah Chapters 14-15, NKJV:**

**14** 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***. 2Then 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.

**Fall of the King of Babylon**

3It 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, 4that you will take up this proverb against the ***king of Babylon,*** and say:

“How the oppressor has ceased,
The golden city ceased!
5The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked,
The scepter of the rulers;
6He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke,
He who ruled the nations in anger,
Is persecuted *and* no one hinders.
7*The whole earth is at rest and quiet;
They break forth into singing.* (-Millennial reign of Christ)

8Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you,
*And* the cedars of Lebanon,
*Saying,* ‘Since you were cut down,
No woodsman has come up against us.’

 -In the Christian tradition, the cypress is a symbol of death, life, and resurrection. The cypress supplied boards and timber for doors (1 Kings [6:15-23](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Kgs.6.15&version=TPT)) and beams for roofing the temple (2 Chron. [3:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2Chr.3.5&version=TPT)). The towering cedars of Lebanon speak of God’s anointed servants standing tall and upright, bringing favor to the world (Ps. [92:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ps.92.12&version=TPT)). – footnotes TPT

9“Hell from beneath is excited about you,
To meet *you* at your coming;
*It stirs up the dead for you,
All the chief ones of the earth;
It has raised up from their thrones
All the kings of the nations.*
 - picture of the underworld, hell. These former rulers are depicted in the underworld (Sheol) as sitting on thrones of darkness. – footnotes TPT
10They all shall speak and say to you:
‘Have you also become as weak as we?
Have you become like us?
11Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,
*And* the sound of your stringed instruments;
The maggot is spread under you,
And worms cover you.’

**The Fall of Lucifer**

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!
13For you have said in your heart:
‘I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the *stars of God*;
 -This is the Hebrew word *El* (“God, Mighty One”). It is possible that the “stars of El” is a reference to angels. – footnotes TPT

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.’
15Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
To the lowest depths of the Pit.

 -Or “daystar” or “morning star.” Many scholars and expositors view this passage (vv. 12–21) as not only the fall of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar but also the fall of Satan from heaven (Luke [10:18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke.10.18&version=TPT)). Lucifer, a name for Satan, is the Latin word for the morning star or Venus. – footnotes TPT

 - There are two completely different interpretations concerning Isaiah 14:12-15. Some believe it is a prophecy concerning Satan, whose original name was Lucifer, and that it describes him prior to his original fall from heaven. Others point our that the name Lucifer refers to a Babylonian king who was exalted in his heart but who was brought down through his pride. The Hebrew word Lucifer is haylel and means ‘morning star”. Thus, to some scholars the passage has no reference to Satan, but to a former king of Babylon.
 In non-canonical literature, such as the life of Adam and Eve, and the Second Book of Enoch, a powerful Angel named Sataniel, identified as an archangel who attempted to make his throne higher than the clouds, was thrust from heaven by angels, and has become a ruler of the air above the abyss. Several early church fathers, namely Tertullian and Origen, believed the Lucifer mentioned in Isaiah was the devil and the reference is to his being cast out of heaven.
 However the context of the verse seems to indicate a possible dual reference: one to an earthly king and to a supernatural king. This “morning star” desired in his heart to ascend into heaven and sit his throne above the stars of God upon the mountain of congregation on the side of the north. He would ascend about the clouds and be like God.
 When reading throughout the Scriptures about Satan and his forces, this passage seems to be more of a prophecy concerning the pride of Satan that caused his downfall than simply a reference to an earthly king. Satan will be brought “down to the sides of the pit” (v.15) when he is bound for a thousand years and cast into the “bottomless pit” according to John’s vision in Revelation (20:13). – The Perry Stone Hebraic Prophetic Study Bible, p.1053

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,
17Who made the world as a wilderness
And destroyed its cities,
*Who* did not open the house of his prisoners?’

18“All the kings of the nations,
All of them, sleep in glory,
Everyone in his own house;
19But 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.
20You 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.
21Prepare 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.”

**Babylon Destroyed**

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.
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.

**Assyria Destroyed**

24The 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:
25That 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.

 - The exiled Jews in Babylon truly began to see themselves and their exiled brothers of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in bondage from one enemy, as judgment from God. Assyria and Babylon, even Persia, each took on the spiritual role as the enemy, empire, and spiritual darkness against the remnant of God. That’s why Ezra and Peter refer to and use the terms Assyria and Babylon interchangeably. And Babylon became known as the humanistic spiritual kingdom who wars against the kingdom of God.

**Ezra 1:1
Ezra 5:12-13, 6:22, 7:27
1 Peter 5:13
Revelation 14:8, 17:5**

26This *is* the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth,
And this *is* the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.
27For the Lord of hosts has purposed,
And who will annul *it?*
His hand *is* stretched out,
And who will turn it back?”

**Philistia Destroyed**

28This is the burden which came in the year that King Ahaz died.
 -This prophecy was one of three that are dated in the book. See Isa. 6; 20:1–2 – footnotes TPT

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.

 (-The Hebrew meaning of *Philistines* is “those who roll in the dust.” This becomes a picture of believers who are walking in the flesh (Gal. [5:16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Gal.5.16&version=TPT)) and not living by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. [8:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rom.8.4&version=TPT)). The oldest commentaries and the Jewish Targums interpreted this last clause as a prophecy of the Messiah, who would be “like a fiery, burning one.” The Targum states, “For from the sons of the son of Jesse shall the Messiah come forth and his deeds shall be among you as a deadly serpent” (Stenning, pp. 50–51). He will be more dangerous to the Philistines (a metaphor for the flesh) than any other king.) - footnotes TPT

30The 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.
31Wail, O gate! Cry, O city!
All you of Philistia *are* dissolved;
For smoke will come from the north,
And no one *will be* alone in his appointed times.”

*32What 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.**

* These messengers were an envoy from Judah’s former enemy, the Philistines. Now wanting to make an alliance with the Kingdom of Judah, to assault and overcome the weakened Assyrian empire. Isaiah calls out the deception and warns Judah of Philistia coming judgement.

**15** The burden against Moab.

 (-The Moabites settled in a region east of the Dead Sea. This chapter shows the heart of the prophet Isaiah as he is painfully grieved over the sorrows coming to Moab. Ruth, a Moabite, had a role in forming the house of David, for she was his great-grandmother (Ruth [4:17-21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth.4.17&version=TPT)).) – footnotes TPT

Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste
*And* destroyed,
Because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste
*And* destroyed,
2He has gone up to the temple and Dibon,
To the high places to weep.
Moab will wail over Nebo and over Medeba;
On all their heads *will be* baldness,
*And* every beard cut off.
3In their streets they will clothe themselves with sackcloth;
On the tops of their houses
And in their streets
Everyone will wail, weeping bitterly.
4Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out,
Their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz;
Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab will cry out;
His life will be burdensome to him.

5“***My heart will cry out for Moab;***
His fugitives *shall flee* to Zoar,
*Like* a three-year-old heifer.
For by the Ascent of Luhith
They will go up with weeping;
For in the way of Horonaim
They will raise up a cry of destruction,

- Concerning Moab. Isaiah found himself weeping for it. Even though he had to pronounce doom on the nations, Isaiah was one who felt it deeply and he wept, as Jesus would weep over Jerusalem. Isaiah was not hard – he did not take delight in pronouncing doom on other people. No prophet of God took delight in this kind of prediction. They wept for those whom they had to condemn, and that is the right attitude. – *Come With Me Through Isaiah*, Pawson, pp.95-96

**Luke 13:31-35**

6For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate,
For the green grass has withered away;
The grass fails, there is nothing green.
7Therefore the abundance they have gained,
And what they have laid up,
They will carry away to the Brook of the Willows.
8For the cry has gone all around the borders of Moab,
Its wailing to Eglaim
And its wailing to Beer Elim.
9For the waters of Dimon will be full of blood;
Because I will bring more upon Dimon,
Lions upon him who escapes from Moab,
And on the remnant of the land.”

 **Isaiah Chapters 14 & 15 The Passion Translation:**

**Restoration of Judah**

**14**The Lord Yahweh will most certainly

    show tender mercy to the Israelites.
    He will choose them again and settle them in their own land.
    Even foreigners will accompany them
    and join with the Jewish people.
**2**Nations will take them back to their own place,
    and the Jews will own their enemies as their inheritance
    in the land Yahweh gave them.
    They will take their captors captive
    and rule over those who once oppressed them.

**Downfall of the King of Babylon**

**3**In that day, when the Lord Yahweh has given you rest from your pain, trouble, and cruel bondage, **4**you will jeer at the king of Babylon and recite this proverb:

    “Your oppressor has been stilled and your onslaught is over!
**5**The Lord Yahweh has shattered the staff of the wicked,
    the brutal rod of the rulers.
**6**With their unceasing blows they used it cruelly
    to strike down nations.
    They subdued nations in anger with unrelenting persecution.
**7**But now the whole earth rests and is at peace.
    It bursts out with singing;
**8**even the cypresses and cedars of Lebanon join in,
    rejoicing over your demise, saying,
    ‘Now that you were laid low,
    no woodsman comes to cut us down.’”

**The Underworld**

**9**The underworld is all astir in preparation,
    ready to meet you when you show up.
    It rouses the spirits of the dead to greet you!
    All the former tyrants and despots
    rise from their thrones!
**10**One and all will say to you:
    *“Look at you!* You’ve become as weak as we are.
    Now you’re just like us!
**11**Your pompous pride brought you down to the underworld
    with the hum of harps.
    But you will lie on a bed of maggots,
    and a blanket of worms will cover you!

**The Son of the Dawn**

**12**“Look how you have fallen from your heavenly place,
    O shining one, son of the dawn!
    You have been cut down to the ground,
    you who conquered nations.
**13**You said in your heart,
    ‘I will ascend into heaven
    and exalt my throne above the stars of God.
    I will rule on the mountain of the congregation,
    on the highest place of the sacred mountain.
**14**I will rise past the tops of the clouds
    and rival the Most High God!’
**15**Yet down to the underworld you go—
    into the depths of the pit!
**16**Everyone will stare at you and ponder your fate, saying,
    ‘Is this the man who shook the earth
    and made the kingdoms tremble?
**17**Is this the man who made the world a desert
    and overthrew its cities and refused to free his prisoners
    and let them return home?’
**18**    Every king at death lies in state,
    each in his crypt of splendor,
**19**but you are an unburied, trampled corpse,
    thrown out of your grave like a rotten stick
    and wrapped in the bloody clothing
    of those slain by the sword.
**20**You will not have a burial like them,
    because you destroyed both your land and your people.
    May your wicked descendants never be mentioned again!
**21**Prepare to execute his sons because of the sins of their father.
    May they never rise to conquer the earth
    and cover the world with their cities.”

**Utter Extermination of Babylon**

**22**“I will rise up against them,”
    declares the Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies.
    “I will blot out the name Babylon and her survivors,
    her offspring and descendants,” declares the Lord Yahweh.
**23**“I will turn it into a swampland and a place for wild animals.
    Like dirt on the floor I will sweep it away
    with the broom of destruction,”
    declares the Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies.

**The Lord’s Plan for Assyria**

**24**The Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies,
    makes this solemn decree:
    “Be sure of this: Just as I have planned, so it will be.
    Every purpose of my heart will surely come to pass.
**25**I will crush the Assyrians who invade my land.
    I will trample them on my mountains.
    Their yoke *of slavery* will be removed from my people
    and their heavy burden from their shoulders.
**26**This is the plan that I have determined for the entire world.
    I will accomplish it by the demonstration of my mighty power
    throughout the earth!”
**27**For the Lord Yahweh, the Commander of Angel Armies,
    has an amazing strategy, and who can thwart him?
    When he moves in power, who can stop him?

**God’s Judgment of the Philistines**

**28**This prophecy came to Isaiah in the year King Ahaz died:
    Don’t rejoice too soon, you Philistines,
    just because the rod that beat you is broken!
**29**A snake will sprout from the root of that serpent,
    and his descendant will be like a flying, fiery burning one.
**30**And through him the poorest of the poor will find pasture
    and the needy will lie down in peace.
    The Lord will starve the root of the Philistines with a famine
    that will annihilate your survivors.
**31**Wail, O gate! Cry out, O city! Melt with fear, Philistia!
    For a cloud of smoke comes out of the north,
    and there is no straggler among them.
**32**And what will be the answer of the messengers of the nations?
    That the Lord has laid the foundation of Zion,
    and in her his needy ones will find shelter.

**The Lord’s Judgment of Moab**

**15**Here is a prophecy concerning Moab:

    The *city of* Ar was devastated, destroyed in the night.
    The *city of* Kir was devastated, destroyed in the night.
**2**The people of Dibon went to their temple to weep;
    they went up to their high places to lament.
    Moab wails with sorrow over what happened
    to Mount Nebo and Mount Medeba.
    *Humiliated,* every head is shaved bald and every beard cut off.
**3**    They *pour into the streets* wearing sackcloth.
    In public and in private, they fall down sobbing.
**4**The cities of Heshbon and Elealah cry out;
    their voices are heard as far away as Jahaz;
    even the bravest warriors of Moab are shaken to the core.
**5**My heart cries out for the people of Moab,
    for her fugitives who flee to Zoar and to Eglath-shelishiyah.
    Weeping, they climb the upward road to Luhith.
    Their loud cries of anguish are heard
    all along the way to Horonaim.
**6**The River Nimrim has dried up; the grass has withered;
    new growth has failed, and vegetation has vanished.
**7**Therefore, the refugees take with them
    over the Wadi of the Willows
    their possessions and the wealth they have acquired.
**8**From one end of the land to the other, Moab is weeping;
    her wailing reaches to Eglaim and Beer-Elim.
**9**For the waters of Dimon are full of blood,
    but I have something even worse in store for them:
    lions for the fugitives of Moab
    and upon the remnant of the land!