

Isaiah: A Study by Bill Jones
“An Old Testament Introduction to the New Testament”
Chapters 13-23

In Isaiah 13-23, Isaiah delivers prophecies of Judgment Against Specific Countries. The prophecies in these chapters are very similar to the prophecies of Jeremiah in Jeremiah 46-51, and Ezekiel in Ezekiel 25-32.

They refer specifically to the countries existing in the time of Isaiah and soon after, but at the same time refer symbolically to the end time Babylonian system of man with its political, religious, and economic systems and its fall in the end time (Revelation 18) before Jesus sets up His millennial kingdom.

Babylon represents all the worldly kingdoms, all Gentile Kings and Kingdoms, the antichrist's kingdom, and the capital of all worldly kingdoms (14:26).

These chapters also point to Satan, his fall and rebellion against God and the spiritual warfare that continues to the end times.

- 1. Prophecy against symbolic Babylon (Isaiah 13:1-8)**
 - a. Description of Atomic warfare (Isaiah 13:8, 21:3, Jeremiah 50:43)**
 - b. Day of the Lord (Isaiah 13:9-10, Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:25)**
 - c. End times, 7 bowls of God's wrath (Isaiah 13:11-13, Revelation 15-16)**
- 2. Transition to the conquest of Babylon in 539 BC (Isaiah 13:14-22, 14:23, Jeremiah 49:18, 50:3)**
- 3. Dual meaning of the return of the remnant after the Babylonian captivity and in the end time (Isaiah 14:1-8)**
 - a. Oppressor of verse 4 is the antichrist**
 - b. His end (v4) will be followed by the millennial kingdom and peace (v7)**
- 4. Antichrist thrown into Sheol, Lake of Fire, before the millennium (Isaiah 14:9, Revelation 19:20)**
 - a. Spirits of all the evil world leaders will witness the antichrist's decent to Sheol (Isaiah 14:9-11)**
- 5. Now it shifts to Satan the instigator of it all, the ruler of the worldly kingdom**
 - a. His self-exaltation (Isaiah 14:12-14)**
 - b. Satan also thrown into lake of fire after the millennium (Isaiah 14:15, Revelation 20:7-10)**
- 6. Then Isaiah's prophecy refers to both Satan and his antichrist (Isaiah 14:16-23, 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12)**
- 7. Prophecy against Assyria (Isaiah 14:24-27)**
- 8. Prophecy against the Philistines, but God will protect His people (Isaiah 14:28-32)**

9. Prophecy against Moab (Isaiah 15 and 16)
 - a. Again, both the Assyrian (16:14) and Babylonian conquests and the end time antichrist.
 - b. Atomic war (Isaiah 15:6, Jeremiah 48:45, Ezekiel 25:11-Babylonian conquest)
 - c. Antichrist (oppressor of 14:4) destroyed (Isaiah 16:4)
 - d. Christ sets up His millennial kingdom (Isaiah 16:5)
10. Prophecy against Damascus (Syria/Aram and Ephraim/Israel) (Isaiah 17)
 - a. A remnant of true believers who would disavow idolatry (Isaiah 17:4-8)
 - b. A foreshadowing of the end time (Isaiah 17:12-14)
11. Prophecy against Cush/Ethiopia (Isaiah 18)
 - a. Trumpet sounds (v3) (Revelation 11:15)
 - b. Waiting and watching until the time of the harvest (Isaiah 18:4-5, Revelation 14:14-20)
 - c. Gifts brought to Jerusalem and placed at the feet of Christ on His throne in Jerusalem during the millennial kingdom (Isaiah 18:7)
12. Prophecy against Egypt
 - a. Assyrians will devastate Egypt (Isaiah 19:1-17)
 - b. In the end time when Jesus returns (v 20) Egypt, Assyria, and Israel will all be believers (Isaiah 19:18-25)
13. Prophecy against Egypt and Cush
 - a. Conquest and captivity by the Assyrians (Isaiah 20:1-4)
 - b. Israel had allied itself with Egypt to protect itself from Assyria which was totally against God's command (Isaiah 20:5-6, 31:1, Deuteronomy 17:16, Psalm 20:7)
14. Prophecy against Babylon (Isaiah 21:1-10)
 - a. Refers to both the conquest of Babylon by the Medes in 539 BC and the fall of symbolic Babylon in the end times (Isaiah 21:9, Revelation 18:1-2)
15. Prophecy against Edom (Isaiah 21:11-12)
16. Prophecy against Arabia (Isaiah 21:13-17)
17. Prophecy against Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:1-25)
 - a. Assyrian siege of Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:1-14)
 - b. Type of the end time antichrist (Isaiah 22:15-19)
 - c. Type of Christ (Isaiah 22:20-25)
 - Key to the house of David (Isaiah 22:22, 9:6-7, Revelation 3:7)
 - Peg or cornerstone (Isaiah 22:23-24, Ezekiel 15:3, Zechariah 10:4, Isaiah 28:16, 8:14, Psalm 118:22, 1 Peter 2:1-8)
 - Crucifixion of the peg (Isaiah 22:25)
18. Prophecy against Tyre (Isaiah 23, Ezekiel 26-28, Zechariah 9:2-4)
 - a. Tyre is a type of Satan (Ezekiel 28:11-19)