

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 21

Isaiah

ISAIAH 13-23

GOD'S JUDGMENT
ON THE NATIONS

"Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel" (Isa 12:6). But remember: he is "the LORD of hosts" and "the whole earth is full of his glory" (6:3). He is not simply Judah's God, not merely one of many territorial gods. He is the Sovereign Lord over Assyria, Babylon, Philistia, Moab, Damascus, Cush, Egypt, Tyre, and every other nation.

Isaiah lived during a period of great geopolitical upheaval. While Assyria had dominated the Fertile Crescent for centuries, Babylon would soon rise to power. But none of it was sneaking up on the LORD who used Isaiah to prophesy Babylon's rise and fall. Kingdoms rise, kingdoms fall, but no thing and no one is above the authority of the LORD and no one can thwart or defeat his purpose.



Key passages:

➤ 13:1-22: the day of the LORD against Babylon is coming • what do God's people need to grasp?

➤ 14:1-23: the LORD will have compassion on Jacob • what is the LORD foretelling?

➤ 14:24-27: Assyria and the LORD's purpose • what is the LORD communicating?

➤ 14:28-23:18: a series of oracles against surrounding nations • what do you see? Big-picture-wise, how would you summarize what the LORD is communicating through Isaiah?

➤ 20:1-6: the humiliation of Egypt and Cush • what is the LORD foretelling?

➤ 22:1-25: judgment coming against Jerusalem • what do you see?

The takeaways:

➤ As those who "should remember the predictions of the holy prophets" (2 Pet 3:2), what should we take away from this section of Isaiah's prophecy?