

## Prophetical Babylon

(Isa 13:1-22; 21:1-10; 47:1-15; Jer 50; 51; Rev 18)

- I. Prophecies of Denunciation and Judgment (1:1-39:8)
  - A. Prophecies Against Judah (1:1-12:6)
  - B. Prophecies Against Gentile Nations (13:1-23:18)
    - 1. Against Babylon (13:1-14:23)
      - a. A future Babylon. 13:1-5
      - b. Judgment on the future Babylon. 13:6-16

**Summary: Isa 13:12-13**

- 1. This verse was also referred to by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount and Heb 12:26-29.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. His burning anger is a description of the wrath of the Lamb. Isa 13:14

- 14 And it will be that like a hunted gazelle, or like sheep with none to gather them, they will each turn to his own people, and each one flee to his own land.

**Summary:**

- 1. An order will follow in the Hebrew prophets to “come out from her My people.” Jer 51:45; Rev 18:4
- 2. This is a nation made up of people from all over the earth who are told to return home.

- 15 Anyone who is found will be thrust through, and anyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

- 16 Their little ones also will be dashed to pieces (**Piel PF RAtASH cf 13:18**) before their eyes; their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished (**Niph IPF SHAGAL**)

**Summary:**

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<sup>1</sup> Heb 12:26-29 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, " Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." 27 And this expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

1. **These are descriptions of complete destruction in terminology that would be understood in Isaiah's day.**
2. **When Historical Babylon was defeated by the Persians in Daniel's day while the Jews were held captive in Babylon, this is NOT how it was conquered. Dan 5**

**c. The Medes will destroy the future Babylon. 13:17-22**

- 17 Behold, I am going to stir up the Medes against them, who will not value silver or take pleasure in gold,
- 18 And their bows will mow down the young men, they will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb, nor will their eye pity children.
- 19 And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 20 It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; nor will the Arab pitch his tent there, nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there.
- 21 But desert creatures will lie down there, and their houses will be full of owls, Ostriches also will live there, and shaggy goats will frolic there.
- 22 And hyenas will howl in their fortified towers and jackals in their luxurious palaces. Her fateful time also will soon come and her days will not be prolonged.

**Summary:**

1. **The Medes were driven by ideology rather than greed.**
2. **This ideology is sociopathic.**
3. **Babylon will be turned into an "animal house."**

**Isaiah 14:1-23**

**d. Israel spared. 14:1-2**

- 1 When the LORD will have compassion on Jacob, and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land (**Israel**), then strangers (**GER = in singular; looks at a specific non-Jewish group**) will join them (**Israel**) and attach themselves (**Niph PF sAPHACH = 6x**) to the house of Jacob.
- 2 And the peoples (**'AYIM**) will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive, and will rule over their oppressors.

**e. Israel taunts Satan. 14:3-23**

- 3 And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you (**Israel**) rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved,
- 4 that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased, And how fury has ceased! (**Babylon is not in existence when this statement is made.**)
- 5 "The LORD has broken (**Qal PF QABAR**) the staff (**MATTEH = a tribal staff**) of the wicked, the scepter (**SHEBET = ruler's staff**) of rulers
- 6 Which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution. (**Satan's work on earth**)

- 7 "The whole earth is at rest and is quiet (**cf Rev 19 etal**); they break forth into shouts of joy.
- 8 "Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, 'Since you were laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us.'
- 9 "Sheol from beneath is excited over you (**King of Babylon**) to meet you when you come; it arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth; it raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones.
- 10 "They will all respond and say to you, 'Even you have been made weak as we, you have become like us.'
- 11 'Your pomp and the music of your harps (**the devil's music**) have been brought down to Sheol; Maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you, and worms are your covering.'
- 12 "How you (**King of Babylon**) have fallen (**Qal PF NAPHAL**) from heaven, O star of the morning (**Lucifer**), son of the dawn! (**Jesus is the "Bright Morning Star; Rev 22:16; 2 Pet 1:19**) You have been cut down (**Niph PF GADA'**) to the earth, you who have weakened the nations!
- 13 "But you (**King of Babylon**) said in your heart, 'I will ascend (**Qal IPF 'ALAH**) to heaven; I will raise (**Hiph IPF RUM = cause to exalt/raise**) my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit (**Qal IFP YASHABH**) on the mount (**HAR**) of assembly (**MO'EDH = an appointed assembly**) in the recesses of the north.
- 14 'I will ascend (**Qal IPF 'ALAH**) above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like (**Hith IPF DAMAH = resemble, be like**) the Most High.' (**ELYON**)
- 15 "Nevertheless you (**King of Babylon**) will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. (**BOR**)
- 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, they will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man (**ISH**) who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,
- 17 Who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'
- 18 "All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb.
- 19 "But you have been cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch (**NETZER = 4x; 11:1; Isa 60:21; Dan 11:7**), clothed with the slain who are pierced with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a trampled corpse.
- 20 "You will not be united with them in burial, because you have ruined your country, you have slain your people. May the offspring of evildoers not be mentioned forever.
- 21 "Prepare for his sons a place of slaughter because of the iniquity of their fathers. They must not arise and take possession of the earth and fill the face of the world with cities."
- 22 "And I will rise up against them," declares the LORD of hosts, "and will cut off from Babylon name and survivors, offspring and posterity," declares the LORD.
- 23 "I will also make it a possession for the hedgehog, and swamps of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," declares the LORD of hosts.

**Prophetical Babylon is a critical piece of the puzzle of the Last Days.  
Rev 19:19-20:3**