

The Book of Isaiah

Part II - Isaiah 13-23

Study Guide

“Oracle” in the Book of Isaiah

Chapter 13-23

- 13:1 - The oracle concerning Babylon
- 14:28-29a - In the year that King Ahaz died this oracle came:
 “Do not rejoice, O Philistia....”
- 15:1 - “The oracle concerning Moab....”
- 17:1 - “The oracle concerning Damascus....”
- 19:1 - “The oracle concerning Egypt....”
- 21:1 - “The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea
- 21:11 - “The oracle concerning Edom....”
- 21:13 - “The oracle about Arabia....”
- 22:1 - “The oracle concerning the valley of vision....”
- 22:25 - “and the oracle hanging on it will be cut off...”

²⁴ So they will hang on him all the glory of his father’s house, offspring and issue, all the least of vessels, from bowls to all the jars. ²⁵ In that day,” declares the LORD of hosts, “the peg driven in a firm place will give way; it will even break off and fall, and the load hanging [oracle] on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken.”

- 23:1 - “The oracle concerning Tyre....”
- 30:6 - “The oracle concerning the beasts of the Negev....”
- 46:1 - “A load [oracle] for the weary....”
- 46:2 - “They could not rescue the load [oracle]

Isaiah 13

“The Oracle of Babylon”

1. The word “oracle” is found 14 times in The Book of Isaiah (Please see handout). It is found 12 times in Isaiah 13-30. What does the word “oracle” mean?

The Hebrews word, “massa” means – burden, load, oracle, prophecy.

2. From the list of oracles in Isaiah, it appears that Isaiah 13-23 is addressing the _____.
3. Isaiah 13:3 says that God is angry; what is God angry about? Please see Deuteronomy 32:21.

Deuteronomy 32:21

²¹ ‘They have made Me jealous with what is not God;
They have provoked Me to anger with their idols.
So I will make them jealous with those who are not a people;
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,

6. What are some indicators that Isaiah 13:6-16 is a double reference, with Isaiah 13:6-8 referring to Isaiah's immediate situation and Isaiah 13:9-16 referring to future events?

- Verse 6 and 9 both say that the day of Yahweh is coming, but only verse 6 says that it is _____”.

- Verse 9 describes the coming day of Yahweh as cruel, with fury and _____ anger to make the land a desolation.

- The coming day of Yahweh appears to be _____ in scope in verse 11.

- The use of the word “_____” in this passage (verses 9 and 17) suggests that we are looking at something different than what we were just looking at.

7. In this section of Isaiah (chapter 13-23) the phrase, LORD of hosts“ is used 19 times, “LORD God of hosts” 5 times, “the day of the LORD” 2 times and “in/on that day” 15 times. What can we conclude from this?

8. When Daniel told of the time of the nations, he mentioned Babylon, the Medes and Persians, the Greeks and the Romans. Does Isaiah mention the same nations?

Babylonians/Chaldeans – 13:1, 13:19, 14:4, 14:22, 23:13

Medes and Persians/Elam – 13:17, 21:2, 22:6

Greeks – Isaiah 23:1 (Please note the siege of Tyre by Alexander the Great)

Please note Ezekiel 26

Isaiah 14

1. Verses 1-3 speak of precious time that is coming when Yahweh will have compassion of Jacob. What are some of the characteristics of this wonderful time?

He will still/again _____ Israel

He will settle them in their own _____

_____ will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob*

The house of Israel will possess the _____

The LORD will give the nation of Israel _____ from their pain and turmoil and harsh service in which they have been enslaved

*Note Zechariah 8:23

2. Isaiah 13:1-14:23 is an oracle concerning _____.
Isaiah 14:4 says that Israel will take up a taunt against the _____ of Babylon.

3. What is the evidence that Isaiah 14:3-21 is a double reference - to both the king of Babylon and to Satan, the devil, Lucifer

Please see Isaiah 14:12-15

Please see Ezekiel 28:11-19

4. Isaiah 14:24-27 – Does Yahweh have a plan? Is he in control?

5. True or False – Yahweh's plan is only for the nation of Israel. Please see Isaiah 14:26.

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6. Should we conclude from Isaiah 14:24-25 that God is done with the nation of Assyria? Please see Isaiah 19:23-25.
7. Why does an oracle about Babylon bring up Assyria (Isaiah 14:25)? Please see Genesis 10:6-12.
8. The word for “City” is used 15 times in this “The Oracles of Isaiah” section (Isaiah 13-23). The message to the nations is clear, “The cities that _____ builds will fail you, but the city of Zion that _____ is building will not.”

Isaiah 14:17

Isaiah 14:21

Isaiah 14:31-32

Isaiah 17:1-4

Isaiah 17:9-11

Isaiah 19:1-3

Isaiah 19:18-22

Isaiah 22:1-3

Isaiah 22:8-11

Isaiah 23:6-7

Isaiah 23:16

Conclusion: By faith, we need to be like Abraham and look for the city Whose builder is _____. Hebrews 11:9-10.

9. Philistia is also addressed with an oracle in this chapter. What is the reason for bringing up Philistia? Please note Zion is used in Isaiah 14:32, 16:1 and 18:7 and Psalm 48.

10. Babylon will be addressed in Isaiah 21:1-10 as well. Please note the prophecy of Elam and Media in Isaiah 21:2.

11. What book in the Old Testament focuses on Yahweh using Babylon to discipline the southern kingdom? What Old Testament Books focus on Assyria?

Chapter 14 Study Summary:

A wonderful time is coming again for the nation of Israel

The Double Reference of the King of Babylon and Satan

God has an awesome plan for the whole earth, and no one will stop it

All the nations are able to come to Christ

The cities of man will fail us, we need to seek the city whose builder is God

Babylon is addressed in the Book of Habakkuk, and Assyria is addressed in the Books of Jonah and Nahum

Isaiah 15-16

1. Who is this oracle addressed to? Please see Isaiah 15:1.

2. What are the following – Ar, Kir, Dibon, Mebo, Medeba, Heshbon, Elealeh, Zoar, Eglath-shelishiyah, Luhith, Horonaim, Nimrim, Beer-elim, Dimon and Kir-hareseth?

3. What is the history of Moab in the Bible?
 - Genesis 11:27-32 – We are introduced to Lot
 - Genesis 12:4-5 – Lot when with Abram
 - Genesis 13 – Lot and Abram separate from each other
 - Genesis 14 – Lot is captured and then rescued
 - Genesis 19:1-29 – Lot delivered from Sodom and Gomorrah before it's destruction
 - Genesis 19:30-38 – Lot, his two daughters and the origin of the nations of Moab (“from my father”) and Ben-ammi (“son of my people”)
 - 2 Peter 2:7-8 – Further insights into the character of Lot
 - The Book of Ruth gives information about the Moabites.
 - Ruth 1:3-4 Ruth 4:16-22
 - Look what we find in the Genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17

4. What is the problem that Moab had in Isaiah 15-16?
Please see Isaiah 16:6?

5. How did Isaiah feel about the devastating destruction that Moab was about to experience? Please see Isaiah 16:9.

6. What is the outcome for Moab found in Isaiah 16:13-14?

7. Please note - Moab Mentioned 19 Times in Isaiah (2 times outside of Isaiah 15-16)
Isaiah 11:14
Isaiah 15:1(3X), 2, 4, 5, 8, 9
Isaiah 16:2, 4, 6, 7 (2X), 11, 12, 13, 14
Isaiah 25:10

Isaiah 17

1. From Verse 1 - This oracle is concerning

_____.

Damascus is the capital of _____.

Another name for Syria is _____.

Aram is the son of Shem who is the son of

_____.

Aram's _____ is Noah.

2. Find Damascus on the map; Damascus is located _____ of Jerusalem.

3. Isaiah 17:2 mentions the city of Aroer. What do the following verses tell us about this city?

Deuteronomy 2:36, 3:12, 4:48, Joshua 12:2, 13:16

Numbers 32:34, 2 Samuel 24:5, 2 Kings 10:33, Jeremiah 48:19)

4. How is the destruction of Syria/Aram described in Isaiah 17:1-4?

Damascus is about to be removed from being a city and will become a fallen ruin.

Aroer will be forsaken.

Flocks will lie down in it

There will be no one to frighten them

Sovereignty will disappear from Damascus

The remnant will disappear from Aram

They will be like the glory of the
sons of Israel

5. Isaiah 17:4 for tells us that in that day the glory of the house of Jacob will fade, but what does Isaiah 17:7-9 tell us will also happen?

6. Based on Isaiah 17:10-11, How is the garden of a strange god cultivated?

Step 1 – Forget the God of your salvation

Don't make God the priority of your life

Step 2 – Do not remember the rock of your refuge

Make a false god the priority of your life

Step 3 – Graft in delightful plants to the strange god

Let the blessings that you have received from the Living God empower you to serve the false god

Step 4 - Plant it in the day

Make a lifestyle change that is out in the open for everyone to see

Step 5 – Carefully fence it in

Protect your new worldview at all costs – your family, your friends, your soul.

Step 6 – Bring it to blossom in the morning

Plant, water and pretend that you can bring about the growth

Step 7 – Take in the harvest

Know that you reap what you sow

Step 8 – Prepare for incurable pain

Repeat steps 1-7

Isaiah 18

1. What nation is addressed in the seven verses of Isaiah 18?

Please see verses 1, 2 and 7.

2. What do Genesis 2:10-14 and Genesis 10:6 tell us about the land of Cush?

3. What do the Scriptures say about this nation that puts them in a negative light?

Amos 9:7 Zephaniah 2:11-12

Isaiah 20 Isaiah 43:3-4

Isaiah 46:9-10

4. The Great Commission is for all nations. (Matthew 28:18-20). How does God show His “Great Commission Heart” in Isaiah 18:3 and Zachariah 2:11?

5. Does this mean that God doesn't want Ethiopians to come to Him? Please see Jeremiah 38:7-13, 39:15-18 and Acts 8:26-40.

6. Has Isaiah mentioned God's heart for this nation in earlier chapters? Please see Isaiah 11:11-12

7. What phrase used in Isaiah 18:1 is also found in Zephaniah 3:10?

8. What does verse 7 say that this nation will one day do?

Isaiah 19

1. Isaiah 19 is the oracle concerning _____.
2. Yahweh is riding on a shift cloud in Isaiah 19:1. How is this another proof that Jesus is God? Please see Daniel 7:13-14 and Matthew 26:59-66.
3. Where else in Scripture do we find words similar to what we find in Isaiah 19:2? Please see Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8 and Luke 21:10, 2 Chronicles 15:6-8
4. What do verses 1 and 3 tell us about Egypt's spiritual condition?
5. What consequences for Egypt's idolatry is found in verse 4?

6. What will be the consequences for Egypt's idolatry found in verse 5-8?

7. What will be the consequences for Egypt's idolatry found in verse 9-10?

8. What will be the consequences for Egypt's idolatry found in verses 11-13.

9. What will be the consequences of Egypt's idolatry found in verse 14?

10. What will be the consequences of Egypt's idolatry found in verse 15?

11. How do verse 4-15 show us the effects of idols in the United States?

12. How many times is the phrase, "LORD of hosts" used in this chapter?

13. Where is the phrase, "in that day" found in this chapter?

14. What do we once again find in this oracle concerning Egypt in Isaiah 19:19-25?

15. What highway is mentioned in this chapter?

16. Who is Yahweh's inheritance?

Isaiah 21

1. Three nations are addressed in this chapter of Isaiah.
What are the three nations and how might we summarize the messages that they reveal for Church?

The nation of _____ (Isaiah 21:1-10)

Do not make alliances with false _____.

The nation of _____ (Isaiah 21:11-12)

Stay focused on Yahweh while you _____ patiently for Him.

The nation of _____ (Isaiah 21:13-17)

_____ to the needs of others in His Name as you wait for His plan to fully be revealed. (Isaiah 21:14)

2. What nation would eventually lay siege to Babylon? Please see Isaiah 21:2 and Daniel 5:30.

3. Note Isaiah 21:3. Where else in the Scriptures do we see “the pains of a woman in labor” compared with terrifying surroundings? What does this suggest?

(Matthew 24:7-8, Isaiah 13:8, Isaiah 42:14, Jeremiah 4:31, Jeremiah 48:41, Jeremiah 49:22, Micah 4:9-10, Isaiah 26:17-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)

4. Where else in Scripture besides Isaiah 21:9 do we find the phrase, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon”? What does this imply?

Revelation 14:8

⁸ And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

Revelation 18:1-3

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated from his glory. ² And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. ³ For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the excessive wealth of her luxury.”

5. For the nation of Israel, why was relying on other nations a bad thing? Please see 2 Corinthians 6:14-20 and 2 Chronicles 28:22-26.

6. How did Solomon's life show the principle of wrong relationships opening the door to idols? Please see 1 Kings 11:1-13.

7. Please compare Isaiah 21:9 with Luke 20:17-18 and Daniel 2:34-35, 44.

8. What are we reminded of in Isaiah 21:16-17 regarding Yahweh's reign and Word on the earth? Please see Daniel 4:28-37 as well.

Isaiah 22

1. In verses 1 and 5 we read about, “the valley of vision”. Who is “the valley of vision”? Please see verses 9 and 10.
2. In what verses in this chapter do we find the phrase, “LORD God of hosts” in this chapter?
3. The phrase, “in that day” is found in what verses in this chapter?
4. We read of “Elam” and “Kir” in verse 6. Where do we find them on the map and what is the context of their appearing in this chapter?

Isaiah 23

1. Who is this oracle concerning? Verse 1
2. Why the need to mention the ships of Tarshish (Spain) and the land of Cyprus, the coastland of Sidon and the harvest of the Nile? Note Jonah 1:3.
3. Who has brought this counsel against Tyre?
Please see verses 8-9
4. Why is this counsel being brought against Tyre?
Please see verse 9

5. Based on verse 13, what nation brought this destruction on Tyre?

_____ tells of Tyre's destruction by Nebuchadnezzar.

Approximately 100 years later _____ tells of Tyre's destruction that will take place by Alexander the Great.

Ezekiel 26 appears to tell ATG what to do! Ezekiel 26:11-12

6. Ezekeil 28 tells of the king of Tyre. Who does this appear to be a double reference to?

7. Please recall Isaiah 14:12-23. What do Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 have in common?

8. The oracles we have looked at in Isaiah 13-23 have mentioned a remnant of the nation being addressed. Is the oracle of Tyre in Isaiah 23 an exception? Please see verses 17-18.