

The Story of Isaiah: Part 1, Chapters 1 – 39

*Session 5: Judgment against Babylon and
Surrounding Nations (1)
Isaiah 13:1 – 17:14*

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1. Judgment on Babylon

- 1.1. The LORD Prepares a Day of Judgment (13:1-22)
- 1.2. The LORD Preserves His People (14:1-17)
- 1.3. The LORD Decrees the End of Babylon (14:18-23)
- 1.4. The LORD Decrees the End of All Oppressors (14:24-27)

1.1. The LORD Prepares a Day of Judgment

“A prophecy against
Babylon that Isaiah
son of Amoz saw.”

He gathers the
nations to attack

Isaiah 13:1

1.1. The LORD Prepares a Day of Judgment

“Wail, for the day of
the LORD is near; it
will come like
destruction from
the Almighty.”

Fear the Day of the
LORD

Isaiah 13:6

1.1. The LORD Prepares a Day of Judgment

“See, I will stir up
against them the
Medes, who do not
care for silver and
have no delight in
gold.”

He prepares the
Medes to deliver
judgment

Isaiah 13:17

1. Judgment on Babylon

1.2. The LORD Preserves His People

- They will return to their land and rule over their oppressors (14:1-2)
- They will sing a gloating song over Babylon (14:3-17)

1.2. The LORD Preserves His People

“They will make captives of their captors and rule over their oppressors.”

They will return to their land and rule over their oppressors

Isaiah 14:2b

1.2. The LORD Preserves His People

“On the day the LORD gives you relief from your suffering and turmoil and from the harsh labor forced on you....”

They will sing a gloating song over Babylon

Isaiah 14:3

1.2. The LORD Preserves His People

“...[Y]ou will take up
this taunt against
the king of
Babylon.”

They will sing a
gloating song over
Babylon

Isaiah 14:4a

1.3. The LORD Decrees the End of Babylon

“Like a corpse trampled underfoot, you will not join them in burial, for you have destroyed your land and killed your people.”

Desecrated death

Isaiah 14:19b-20a

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1.3. The LORD Decrees the End of Babylon

“I will turn her into
a place for owls and
into swampland....”

Desolate Land

Isaiah 14:23a

1.4. The LORD Decrees the End of All Oppressors

“The LORD Almighty has sworn, ‘Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen.’”

He declares an oath

Isaiah 14:24

1.4. The LORD Decrees the End of All Oppressors

“This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations.”

He will judge all nations

Isaiah 14:26

Transition Alert!

Judgments of other nations will follow

2. Judgment on the Philistines

“A cloud of smoke comes from the north, and there is not a straggler in its ranks.”

A new enemy is coming

Isaiah 14:31b

2. Judgment on the Philistines

“The LORD has established Zion,
and in her his afflicted people will find refuge.”

Yet, Zion is protected

Isaiah 14:32b

3. Judgment on Moab

- Its cities destroyed (15:1-4)
- Its people displaced (15:5-9)
- Its people seek refuge (16:1-4a)
- Hope promised through the throne of David (16:4b-5)
- Its fruitful fields destroyed (16:6-10)
- A lament sung in vain (16:11-12)
- Destruction will come within 3 years (16:13-14) ³¹

3. Judgment on Moab

“A prophecy against Moab: Ar in Moab is ruined, destroyed in a night!”

Its cities destroyed

Isaiah 15:1

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3. Judgment on Moab

“In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it— one from the house of David...”

Hope promised through the throne of David

Isaiah 16:5a

3. Judgment on Moab

“Lament and grieve for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth. The fields of Heshbon wither, the vines of Sibmah also.”

Its fruitful fields destroyed

Isaiah 16:7b-8a

3. Judgment on Moab

“My heart laments
for Moab like a harp,
my inmost being for
Kir Hareseth.”

A lament sung in
vain

Isaiah 16:11

4. Judgment on Damascus & Aram

- Its cities destroyed (17:1-3)
- Its fruitful fields destroyed (17:4-6)
- Its people will reject their idols (17:7-8)
- Its planting will yield nothing (17:9-11)
- A warning to all nations that rage (17:12-14)

4. Judgment on Damascus & Aram

“Yet some gleanings
will remain, as when
an olive tree is beaten, leaving two or
three olives on the topmost branches,
four or five on the fruitful boughs, ...”

Its fruitful fields
destroyed

Isaiah 17:6a
