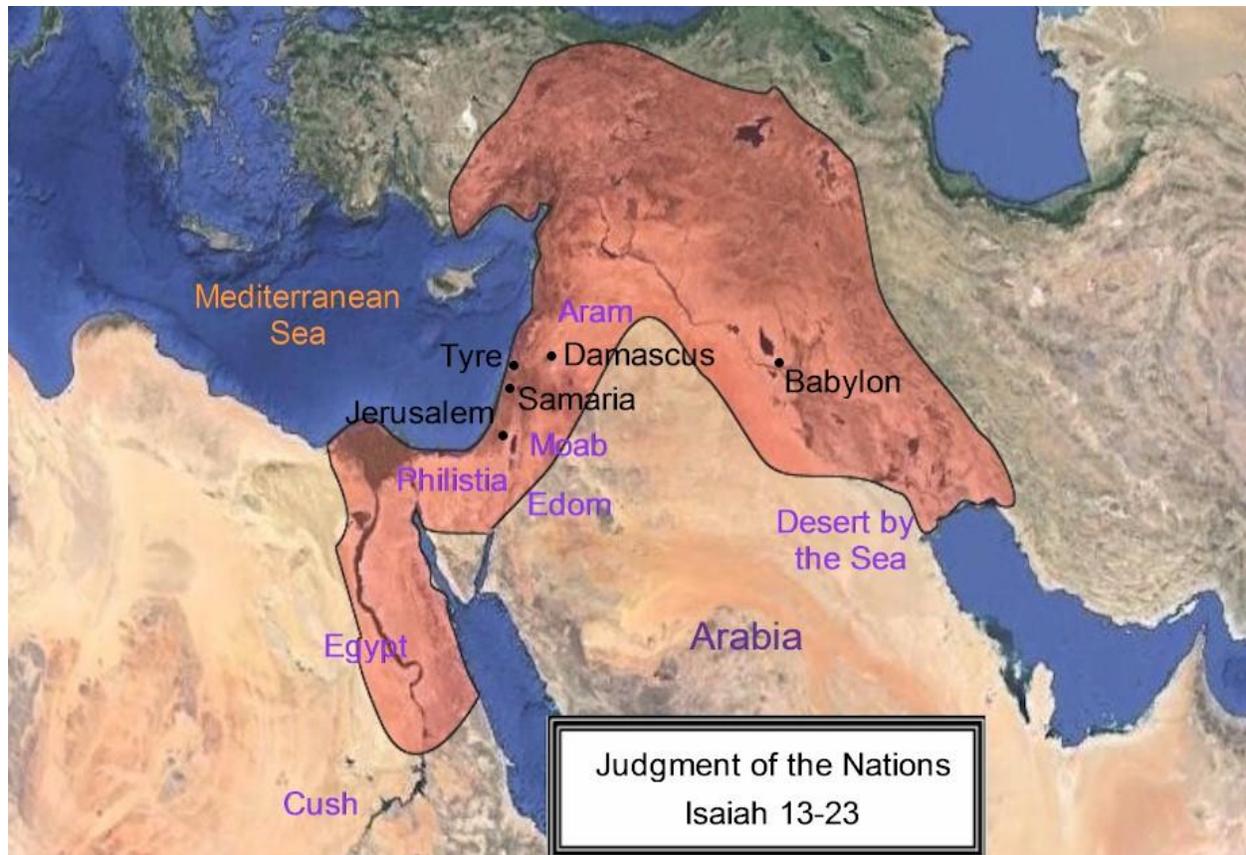


# The Judgment and Blessing of God – A Study in the Book of Isaiah

## 7 - JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS - PART 1 (ISAIAH 13:1-16:14)

- Isaiah 13 to 23 lists the reactions of the various nations to the Assyrian threat as well as their judgments.



### I. Babylon (Isaiah 13:1-14:28)

#### A. The introduction (Isaiah 13:1)

- Isaiah proclaims that this is an oracle or burden that he saw concerning Babylon.
- This is a prophecy spoken before the fall of Babylon in 539 B.C.

#### B. The coming judgment (Isaiah 13:2-13)

- The Lord summons his army to come and destroy the whole land.
- The day of God's judgment is coming and will cause people to be in distress.
- The day of God's judgment will be terrible and affect the heavens.
- God will punish them for their arrogant attitude toward God.
- The destruction will be so severe that men will be as scarce as fine gold.

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## C. The destruction of Babylon (Isaiah 13:14-22)

- No one will escape the destruction.
- God will use the Medes to destroy Babylon.
- Babylon will become desolate and the habitation of wild animals.

## D. The promise to Israel (Isaiah 14:1-2)

- The Lord will have mercy on Israel and return her to the land.
- Isaiah writes that strangers will join them.
- Israel will rule over those who once held her captive.

## F. The taunt against the Babylonian King (Isaiah 14:3-23)

### 1. The setting (Isaiah 14:3-4)

- When the promise is fulfilled, Israel will taunt the Babylonian king.

### 2. The taunt (Isaiah 14:5-23)

#### a. Rest for the earth (Isaiah 14:5-8)

- The world will rejoice at the utter destruction of the king.

#### b. Word from Hell (Isaiah 14:9-11)

- Hell conveys that it is excited that the king will join them in death.

#### c. Message to the fallen one (Isaiah 14:12-17)

- This section of verses speaks of someone other than the king of Babylon.
- The message is spoken to Satan or Lucifer.

**Biblical Note:** Satan (The Serpent, Lucifer, the Devil, Beelzebub, the Red Dragon, the Accuser of the Brethren, the Tempter, the Wicked One, Ruler of This World, God of This Age, Prince of Power of the Air)  
Satan is the chief of the fallen angels or spirits. He is a created but superhuman, personal, evil, world-power who is the great adversary of God and man. Satan is the enemy of man and active in misleading and cursing humanity because of his intense hatred and opposition to God. He hates both God and man and does all that in him lies to defeat God's plan of grace and to establish and maintain a kingdom of evil, in the seduction and ruin of mankind. He is superhuman, but not in any sense divine. His activities are cosmic, but not universal or transcendent. He is a created being. His power is definitely circumscribed. He

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is doomed to final destruction as a world-power. His entire career is that of a secondary and dependent being who is permitted a certain limited scope of power.  
See: Genesis 3:1-14; 1 Chronicles 21:1; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Zechariah 3:1-2; Matthew 4:1,5,8,10-11; 10:25; 12:24,26-27; 13:19,29,38; 16:23; 25:41; Mark 1:13; 3:22-23,26; 4:15; 8:33; Luke 4:2-3, 5-6,8,13; 8:12; 10:18; 11:15,18-19; 13:16; 22:3,31; John 8:44; 12:31; 13:2,27; Acts 5:3; 10:38; 13:10; 26:18; Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 7:5; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 4:4; 11:3,14; 12:7; Ephesians 2:2; 4:27; 6:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; 1 Timothy 1:20; 3:6-7; 5:15; 2 Timothy 2:26; Hebrews 2:14, James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 3:8,10; Jude 9; Revelation 2:9-10,13,24; 3:9; 12:3-4,7,9-10,12-17; 13:2,4,11; 16:13; 20:2,7,10.

- The message conveys the pride of his heart in exalting himself above God.
- The one who destroyed nations will be brought low to hell.

d. The destruction of a king (Isaiah 14:18-23)

- The king of Babylon will be destroyed and not honored in death.
- Babylon will be destroyed and made utterly desolate.

G. Concerning Assyria (Isaiah 14:24-28)

- What God has purposed will occur.
- God will crush the Assyrians in his land on his mountains.
- No one can change what God has purposed to do.

II. Philistia (Isaiah 14:29-32)

A. The introduction (Isaiah 14:29a)

- Isaiah received this oracle in the year that King Uzziah died.

B. The oracle (Isaiah 14:29b-32)

- God condemns the Philistines for thinking they are safe when Uzziah dies.
- Philistia will mourn when the Assyrians come from the north to destroy them.

III. Moab (Isaiah 15:1-16:14)

A. The defeat of Moab (Isaiah 15:1-9)

- Moab will mourn at the loss of its cities.
- Isaiah is disturbed at the plight of Moab as its survivors only face more tragedy.

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### B. The protection of Israel (Isaiah 16:1-5)

- While Moab fled from destruction, Jerusalem would be spared.
- God has established a throne that the Messiah will sit on.

### C. The pride of Moab (Isaiah 16:6-12)

- Because of Moab's pride, the productiveness of the land will be removed.

### D. The destruction of Moab (Isaiah 16:13-14)

- Isaiah proclaims that Moab would be utterly destroyed within three years.
- The number of those who remain in Moab will be small and feeble.