

## ISAIAH – Chapter 14

Vs. 1 When – then. Israel’s situation as described in Isa. 9:16-17 is temporary. It is never a question of “if”, but rather of “when”!

“Jacob” and “Israel” refer to all 12 tribes. Ex. 19:3

Vs. 1b-2 Non-Israelites will come and join themselves to the nation of Israel, i.e. rather than Israel being exiled into other nations, other nations will serve Israel. (Israel will be the head and they will be the tail.) Isa. 56:6-8; 60:10-22; 61:5-7

Vs. 3-4a In that day – the day spoken of in verses 1-2 – Israel (Jacob) will sing a song verses 4b-21, a “taunt”.

Verses 4b-11 – refers to the earthly king of Babylon.

Verses 12-19 – refers to Lucifer, son of the mourning.

Vs. 4b-6

1) The king of Babylon is the oppressor who causes “fury” among the people.  
vs. 4, 6

2) He has subdued the nations

a) in anger

b) with unrestrained persecution

3) The Lord has broken his staff, the scepter of rulers.

Vs. 7-8 His death brings rest, peace, and joy (singing) to the entire region.

This rest is pictured symbolically by the great cedar trees of Lebanon saying they are safe from being carried down to provide tribute to the king.

Vs. 9-10 Sheol – the place of the departed dead is excited over the prospect of receiving the king. The kings who have preceded him to this place rise from their thrones to greet him. They are amazed that he had become weak and dead like them, vs. 10.

Vs. 11 Pomp and the music of harps have been replaced with maggots and worms. The greatest of rulers...

Vs. 12 The fall of Satan under the image of the fall of the king of Babylon. Isaiah is looking back from the tribulation event.

1) How you have fallen – from covering cherub (Ezk. 28:12-15) to going down to the pit like a trampled corpse. Isa. 14:19

Maggots and worms are now your covering. Isa. 14:11

- 2) You have been cut down to the earth (Lk. 10:18) – Satan has been defeated and the experience of the 70 is proof.

Rev. 12:7-9 The angel who would not rebuke Satan has now defeated him, casting him out of heaven.

Note: That prior to this yet future event, Satan is living in heaven. Job 1:6-7; Job 2:1-2 In Lk. 22:31-32, Satan “demanded by asking” to have you, that he may sift you. The implication is that Satan appeared personally before God with this request. What about Eph. 6:11-12? Satan is still in his original “abode” and will remain there until Rev. 12:7-9.

- 3) You have weakened the nations.

Vs. 13-14 Lucifer’s sin – 5 “I wills” (the first sin to be committed in the universe).

- 1) I will ascend to heaven – the home of God. 2 Cor. 12:1-4; Rev. 4:2-5:14

- a) The abode of the angels is evidently on a plane, which exists between God’s heaven and man’s realm. When Christ seated Himself in heaven after His resurrection, He is said to have been seated above the angels. Eph. 1:20-21

- b) Even though Satan (an angel along with the other “sons of God”) has access to both the upper and lower spheres, his abode was in the middle level.

- c) Satan, in a form of self-promotion, determined that his abode should be higher than the level God created His kind to occupy.

- d) Men are said to be elevated to the highest sphere as a result of Christ’s finished work. A Sphere that is stated to be higher than the angels. John 14:3; 17:21-24; Heb. 2:10; 10:19-20

- e) All of the above, in light of the statement that Satan was the covering cherub; possibly a position which does not include living above the throne?

- 2) I will raise my throne above the stars of God.

- a) The stars. Job. 38:7; Rev. 12:3-4

- b) Being the covering cherub of God’s throne did not satisfy...to raise His own.

- c) Satan, in some respect has a throne for he has a kingdom. Matt. 12:26; Lk. 4:5-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Rev. 2:13

- 3) I will sit on the mount of the assembly in the recesses of the north.
  - a) “The mount” refers to the seat of Divine Government in the earth. Isa. 2:1-4
  - b) “The assembly” is Israel – the people set apart to be His people. The time would be the millennium; instead of Messiah reigning, Lucifer would.
  - c) “The north” (Ps. 48:1-2) all that God has planned for His Only begotten Son will become Lucifer’s.
  
- 4) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.
  - a) Of the 150 references in the Bible to clouds, one hundred are related to the Divine presence and glory!
    - 1) Jehovah appeared in the cloud. Ex. 16:10
    - 2) The cloud of Jehovah. Ex. 40:38
    - 3) Christ left with the cloud and will return in the same way. Matt. 24:30; Acts 1:9; Rev. 1:7
    - 4) Satan’s plan – rise above them.
  
- 5) I will be like the most high – the one who is so unlike God has the desire to be like God “the possessor of heaven and earth”.

Vs. 15 Nothing can help! Both the king of Babylon and Lucifer will be brought down.

Vs. 16 No matter how great the human or the angelic being, when God finishes with them, they are equal to the least of us.

Vs. 17 When they look upon them – is this the one who...

Vs. 18-19 When contrasted, the greatest have been exposed as the least.  
 They – each in his own tomb  
 You – a trampled corpse

Vs. 20 The king of Babylon will not join the other kings with a royal burial because:

- 1) You ruined your country.
  - 2) You killed your own people.
- Your children will not reign after you.

Vs. 21 His sons will be slaughtered because:

- 1) Of the iniquity of their fathers.
- 2) They must not take possession of the earth.
- 3) They must not fill the face of the earth with cities.

Note: all of the above are why kings want to be kings.

Vs. 22-23 It is the Lord who will carry out this destruction (Isa. 10:5-6) and it will be a complete destruction.

Assyria – 14:24-32

1) Assyria was founded, before 2000 B.C. by colonists from Babylon. For many centuries there was conflict between the two.

a) About 1300 B.C., Shalmanesser I, positioned Assyria to dominate Babylon and he ended up ruling the whole Euphrates valley.

Then Assyria declined.

b) Tiglath-Pileser I (1120-1100) made Assyria again a great kingdom.

Then another period of decline.

c) From 885-607, Assyria became a world empire.  
This is our primary period covering Biblical chronology.

2) Overview

Assyria carried Israel away in captivity, 734-722.

Babylon carried Judah away in captivity, 605-586.

Assyria was the north part of the Euphrates-Tigris valley.

Babylon was the south part of the Euphrates-Tigris valley.

Nineveh became the capital of the Assyria Empire.

Babylon became the capital of the Babylonian empire.

Nineveh and Babylon are about 300 miles apart.

- 3) The annals of the Assyrian kings list the names of ten Hebrew kings.
- 4) Assyrian policy was to deport conquered peoples to other lands, replacing them with other deportees. This reduced the nationalism of their conquered peoples and made it easier to control and dominate.
- 5) Assyria was a warring and robber nation. They built their state with the loot of other peoples. They practiced severe cruelty. They:
  - a) Skinned their prisoners alive.
  - b) Cut off their hands, feet, noses, ears.
  - c) Put out their eyes.
  - d) Pulled out their tongues.
  - e) Made mounds of human skulls.

All the above to produce terror in the hearts of those they conquered.

Vs. 24 God is God. Rom. 11:33-36

Vs. 25 After using Assyria (Isa. 10:5-6) apart from Assyria's intention (Isa. 10:7); God is going to destroy the Empire. Isa. 37:21-38

Vs. 26 Assyria

- 1) Who planned to rule the earth.
- 2) Who stretched out his hand against all nations.

Vs. 27 Has come up against the God of Israel and will, therefore, be removed from any significance in the affairs of man.

Vs. 28-32 See the notes on Philistia.

Vs. 28 Isaiah received this oracle in the year king Ahaz died. 715 B.C.

Vs. 29 Do not rejoice Philistia (all of you) for the rod that struck you – House of David – (I Sam. 17:1-58) is broken – at this point in history Philistia was in control of several of the cities of Judah at the time of the giving of this oracle.

- 1) Hezekiah, the successor of Ahaz, recovered those cities and defeated the Philistines in their own land. 2 Kings 18:1-8
- 2) Yet the prophecy is about a “viper coming out of the serpent's root and its fruit being a flying serpent.”
  - a) The Jewish writings say that these are Hezekiah – the viper and Messiah – the flying serpent.

b) Or the viper is the Davidic government of the immediate future and the flying serpent is the ultimate Davidic government of the kingdom age.

Vs. 30 The fulfillment of God's plan will mean peace for Israel and death for Philistia.

Those who currently are helpless, needy, insecure, and threatened will eat, lie down in security, and see their oppressors removed. Zeph. 3:12-17

Vs. 31 Rejoicing Philistia (vs. 29) will wail and cry! They will all melt away because the God of Israel will bring an army from the north. An army that is so all-destroying that not one of its ranks will fall away from its destructive formation.

Vs. 32 The messengers, who will come from all the nations who come to see how Israel has fared, will all reply with one mouth.

Zion stands unshakened.  
Protected by its God.  
The people of this God concealed in Zion.