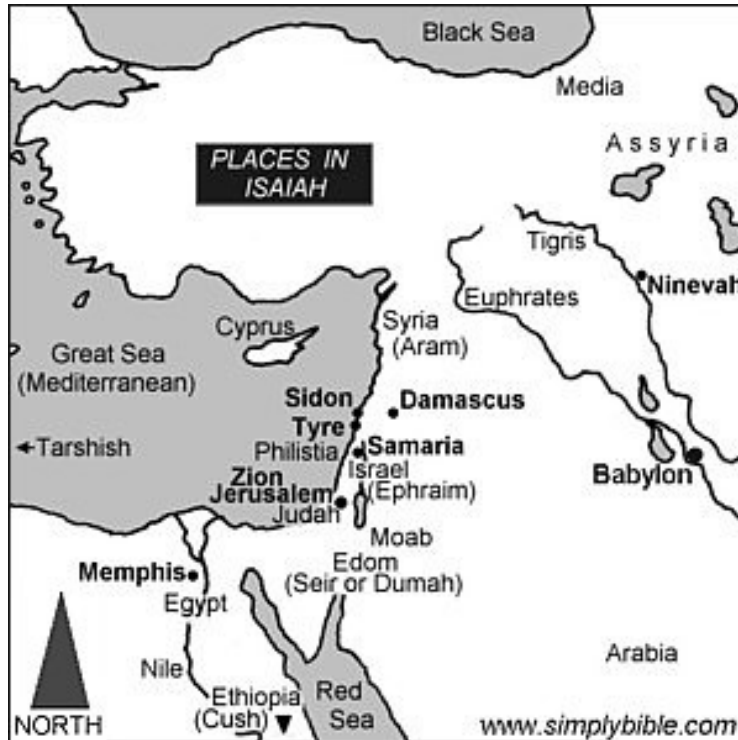


**Week 5: Isaiah Chapters 13 to 27**  
Redemptive Hope in the Judgement of the Nations

- Don't get lost in the leaves of this forest! This section is going to be like getting a 30,000 foot tour of God's work within the Nations around Judah.
- Isaiah will follow a poetic pattern that you have to see from the whole of each story: Judgement for the individual nations >> A promise of Redemptive Hope.
- So in this section keep in mind the emphasis that God will redeem people from the nations.



**Chapter 13**

<sup>1</sup>The oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.  
<sup>2</sup>On a bare hill raise a signal; cry aloud to them; wave the hand for them to enter the gates of the nobles. <sup>3</sup>I myself have commanded my consecrated ones, and have summoned my mighty men to execute my anger, my proudly exulting ones. <sup>4</sup>The sound of a tumult is on the mountains as of a great multitude! The sound of an uproar of kingdoms, of nations gathering together! The LORD of hosts is mustering a host for battle. <sup>5</sup>They come from a distant land, from the end of the heavens, the LORD and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. <sup>6</sup>Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore all hands will be feeble, and every human heart will melt. <sup>8</sup>They will be dismayed: pangs and agony will seize them; they will be in anguish like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at

Why begin with Babylon?  
 Genesis 11 sets the stage for Babylon to be the Biblical metaphor for all wickedness.

The sounds of war

one another; their faces will be aflame. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. <sup>10</sup>For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. <sup>11</sup>I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. <sup>12</sup>I will make people more rare than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the LORD of hosts in the day of his fierce anger. <sup>14</sup>And like a hunted gazelle, or like sheep with none to gather them, each will turn to his own people, and each will flee to his own land. <sup>15</sup>Whoever is found will be thrust through, and whoever is caught will fall by the sword. <sup>16</sup>Their infants will be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished. <sup>17</sup>Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against them, who have no regard for silver and do not delight in gold. <sup>18</sup>Their bows will slaughter the young men; they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb; their eyes will not pity children. <sup>19</sup>And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the splendor and pomp of the Chaldeans, will be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them. <sup>20</sup>It will never be inhabited or lived in for all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there; no shepherds will make their flocks lie down there. <sup>21</sup>But wild animals will lie down there, and their houses will be full of howling creatures; there ostriches will dwell, and there wild goats will dance. <sup>22</sup>Hyenas will cry in its towers, and jackals in the pleasant palaces; its time is close at hand and its days will not be prolonged.

## Chapter 14

<sup>1</sup>For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and will again choose Israel, and will set them in their own land, and sojourners will join them and will attach themselves to the house of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>And the peoples will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them in the LORD's land as male and female slaves. They will take captive those who were their captors, and rule over those who oppressed them. <sup>3</sup>When the LORD has given you rest from your pain and turmoil and the hard service with which you were made to serve, <sup>4</sup>you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon: "How the oppressor has ceased, the insolent fury ceased! <sup>5</sup>The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers, <sup>6</sup>that struck the peoples in wrath with unceasing blows, that ruled the nations in anger with unrelenting persecution. <sup>7</sup>The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.

"Day" / "day" of the Lord,  
another "Now and not yet".

Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24,  
Luke 21:25

Historic event for Babylon 180 years  
before it happens, but Babylon  
points to a future event in Vs10.

The imagery of Babylon's fall is used  
by Jesus in Mark 12 for the fall of  
Jerusalem, and by John in  
Revelation 18 for Rome's fall.

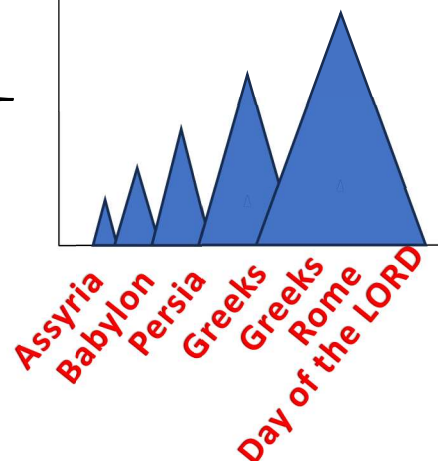
<sup>8</sup>The cypresses rejoice at you, the cedars of Lebanon, saying, ‘Since you were laid low, no woodcutter comes up against us.’ <sup>9</sup>Sheol beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; it rouses the shades to greet you, all who were leaders of the earth; it raises from their thrones all who were kings of the nations. <sup>10</sup>All of them will answer and say to you: ‘You too have become as weak as we! You have become like us!’ <sup>11</sup>Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, the sound of your harps; maggots are laid as a bed beneath you, and worms are your covers. <sup>12</sup>‘How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! <sup>13</sup>You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ <sup>15</sup>But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. <sup>16</sup>Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, <sup>17</sup>who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?’ <sup>18</sup>All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb; <sup>19</sup>but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a dead body trampled underfoot. <sup>20</sup>You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have slain your people. “May the offspring of evildoers nevermore be named! <sup>21</sup>Prepare slaughter for his sons because of the guilt of their fathers, lest they rise and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities.” <sup>22</sup>“I will rise up against them,” declares the LORD of hosts, “and will cut off from Babylon name and remnant, descendants and posterity,” declares the LORD. <sup>23</sup>“And I will make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,” declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>24</sup>The LORD of hosts has sworn: “As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand, <sup>25</sup>that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains trample him underfoot; and his yoke shall depart from them, and his burden from their shoulder.” <sup>26</sup>This is the purpose that is purposed concerning the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. <sup>27</sup>For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back? <sup>28</sup>In the year that King Ahaz died came this oracle: <sup>29</sup>Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you, that the rod that struck you is broken, for from the serpent’s root will come forth an adder, and its fruit will be a flying fiery serpent. <sup>30</sup>And the firstborn of the poor will graze, and the needy lie down in

Lucifer or the King of Babylon?

הֵלֵל בֶּן-שָׁחַר *Hêlêl ben Šāḥar* Hebrew/Canaanite name for Venus – brightest star of the morning sky. Lucifer is the Latin transliteration of this Hebrew phrase.

Not attributed to Satan until Tertullian(160 – 225AD), Origen (185–253AD), and Augustine (354–430AD).

The Fall of Assyria (14:24-27)



Judgement of Philistia  
14:28-32

safety; but I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant it will slay. <sup>31</sup>Wail, O gate; cry out, O city; melt in fear, O Philistia, all of you! For smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks. <sup>32</sup>What will one answer the messengers of the nation? "The LORD has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people find refuge."

Judgement of Philistia  
14:28-32  
Redemptive HOPE Vs 32

## Chapter 15

<sup>1</sup>An oracle concerning Moab. Because Ar of Moab is laid waste in a night, Moab is undone; because Kir of Moab is laid waste in a night, Moab is undone. <sup>2</sup>He has gone up to the temple, and to Dibon, to the high places to weep; over Nebo and over Medeba Moab wails. On every head is baldness; every beard is shorn; <sup>3</sup>in the streets they wear sackcloth; on the housetops and in the squares everyone wails and melts in tears. <sup>4</sup>Heshbon and Elealeh cry out; their voice is heard as far as Jahaz; therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud; his soul trembles. <sup>5</sup>My heart cries out for Moab; her fugitives flee to Zoar, to Eglath-shelishiyah. For at the ascent of Luhith they go up weeping; on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of destruction; <sup>6</sup>the waters of Nimrim are a desolation; the grass is withered, the vegetation fails, the greenery is no more. <sup>7</sup>Therefore the abundance they have gained and what they have laid up they carry away over the Brook of the Willows. <sup>8</sup>For a cry has gone around the land of Moab; her wailing reaches to Eglaim; her wailing reaches to Beer-elim. <sup>9</sup>For the waters of Dibon are full of blood; for I will bring upon Dibon even more, a lion for those of Moab who escape, for the remnant of the land.

Judgement of Moab  
15:1-16:14

## Chapter 16

<sup>1</sup>Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, from Sela, by way of the desert, to the mount of the daughter of Zion. <sup>2</sup>Like fleeing birds, like a scattered nest, so are the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon. <sup>3</sup>"Give counsel; grant justice; make your shade like night at the height of noon; shelter the outcasts; do not reveal the fugitive; <sup>4</sup>let the outcasts of Moab sojourn among you; be a shelter to them from the destroyer. When the oppressor is no more, and destruction has ceased, and he who tramples underfoot has vanished from the land, <sup>5</sup>then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness." <sup>6</sup>We have heard of the pride of Moab— how proud he is!— of his arrogance, his pride, and his insolence; in his idle boasting he is not right. <sup>7</sup>Therefore let Moab wail for Moab, let everyone wail. Mourn, utterly stricken, for the raisin cakes of Kir-hareseth. <sup>8</sup>For the fields

Redemptive Hope  
16:5

of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the nations have struck down its branches, which reached to Jazer and strayed to the desert; its shoots spread abroad and passed over the sea. <sup>9</sup>Therefore I weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah; I drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; for over your summer fruit and your harvest the shout has ceased. <sup>10</sup>And joy and gladness are taken away from the fruitful field, and in the vineyards no songs are sung, no cheers are raised; no treader treads out wine in the presses; I have put an end to the shouting. <sup>11</sup>Therefore my inner parts moan like a lyre for Moab, and my inmost self for Kir-hareseth. <sup>12</sup>And when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself on the high place, when he comes to his sanctuary to pray, he will not prevail. <sup>13</sup>This is the word that the LORD spoke concerning Moab in the past. <sup>14</sup>But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "In three years, like the years of a hired worker, the glory of Moab will be brought into contempt, in spite of all his great multitude, and those who remain will be very few and feeble."

## Chapter 17

<sup>1</sup>An oracle concerning Damascus. Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins. <sup>2</sup>The cities of Aroer are deserted; they will be for flocks, which will lie down, and none will make them afraid. <sup>3</sup>The fortress will disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria will be like the glory of the children of Israel, declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup>And in that day the glory of Jacob will be brought low, and the fat of his flesh will grow lean. <sup>5</sup>And it shall be as when the reaper gathers standing grain and his arm harvests the ears, and as when one gleanes the ears of grain in the Valley of Rephaim. <sup>6</sup>Gleanings will be left in it, as when an olive tree is beaten— two or three berries in the top of the highest bough, four or five on the branches of a fruit tree, declares the LORD God of Israel. <sup>7</sup>In that day man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will look on the Holy One of Israel. <sup>8</sup>He will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, and he will not look on what his own fingers have made, either the Asherim or the altars of incense. <sup>9</sup>In that day their strong cities will be like the deserted places of the wooded heights and the hilltops, which they deserted because of the children of Israel, and there will be desolation. <sup>10</sup>For you have forgotten the God of your salvation and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge; therefore, though you plant pleasant plants and sow the vine-branch of a stranger, <sup>11</sup>though you make them grow on the day that you plant them, and make them blossom in the morning that you sow, yet the harvest will flee away in a day of grief and incurable pain. <sup>12</sup>Ah, the thunder of many

Judgement of Aram/Damascus  
17:1-14

This shows the failed  
covenant of Isaiah ch7  
against Judah.

Redemptive Hope 17:7-8  
Redemption comes  
when we leave "what we  
do" for "Who He is"

Ah= grief "Woe"

peoples; they thunder like the thundering of the sea! Ah, the roar of nations; they roar like the roaring of mighty waters! <sup>13</sup>The nations roar like the roaring of many waters, but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind and whirling dust before the storm. <sup>14</sup>At evening time, behold, terror! Before morning, they are no more! This is the portion of those who loot us, and the lot of those who plunder us.

### Chapter 18

<sup>1</sup>Ah, land of whirring wings that is beyond the rivers of Cush, <sup>2</sup>which sends ambassadors by the sea, in vessels of papyrus on the waters! Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide. <sup>3</sup>All you inhabitants of the world, you who dwell on the earth, when a signal is raised on the mountains, look! When a trumpet is blown, hear! <sup>4</sup>For thus the LORD said to me: "I will quietly look from my dwelling like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." <sup>5</sup>For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he cuts off the shoots with pruning hooks, and the spreading branches he lops off and clears away. <sup>6</sup>They shall all of them be left to the birds of prey of the mountains and to the beasts of the earth. And the birds of prey will summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth will winter on them. <sup>7</sup>At that time tribute will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth, from a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide, to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the LORD of hosts.

Judgement of Cush/Ethiopia  
18:1-7

Redemptive Hope 18:7  
See fulfilment of this is in  
Acts 8:26-29

### Chapter 19

<sup>1</sup>An oracle concerning Egypt. Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt; and the idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence, and the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them. <sup>2</sup>And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians, and they will fight, each against another and each against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom; <sup>3</sup>and the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be emptied out, and I will confound their counsel; and they will inquire of the idols and the sorcerers, and the mediums and the necromancers; <sup>4</sup>and I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a hard master, and a fierce king will rule over them, declares the Lord GOD of hosts. <sup>5</sup>And the waters of the sea will be dried up, and the river will be dry and parched, <sup>6</sup>and its canals will become foul, and the branches of Egypt's Nile will diminish and dry

Judgement of Egypt 19:1-15

up, reeds and rushes will rot away. <sup>7</sup>There will be bare places by the Nile, on the brink of the Nile, and all that is sown by the Nile will be parched, will be driven away, and will be no more. <sup>8</sup>The fishermen will mourn and lament, all who cast a hook in the Nile; and they will languish who spread nets on the water. <sup>9</sup>The workers in combed flax will be in despair, and the weavers of white cotton. <sup>10</sup>Those who are the pillars of the land will be crushed, and all who work for pay will be grieved. <sup>11</sup>The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish; the wisest counselors of Pharaoh give stupid counsel. How can you say to Pharaoh, "I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings"? <sup>12</sup>Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you that they might know what the LORD of hosts has purposed against Egypt. <sup>13</sup>The princes of Zoan have become fools, and the princes of Memphis are deluded; those who are the cornerstones of her tribes have made Egypt stagger. <sup>14</sup>The LORD has mingled within her a spirit of confusion, and they will make Egypt stagger in all its deeds, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit. <sup>15</sup>And there will be nothing for Egypt that head or tail, palm branch or reed, may do. <sup>16</sup>In that day the Egyptians will be like women, and tremble with fear before the hand that the LORD of hosts shakes over them. <sup>17</sup>And the land of Judah will become a terror to the Egyptians. Everyone to whom it is mentioned will fear because of the purpose that the LORD of hosts has purposed against them. <sup>18</sup>In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan and swear allegiance to the LORD of hosts. One of these will be called the City of Destruction. <sup>19</sup>In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border. <sup>20</sup>It will be a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry to the LORD because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and deliver them. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD will make himself known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day and worship with sacrifice and offering, and they will make vows to the LORD and perform them. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD will strike Egypt, striking and healing, and they will return to the LORD, and he will listen to their pleas for mercy and heal them. <sup>23</sup>In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. <sup>24</sup>In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, <sup>25</sup>whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

Redemptive Hope 19:16-25:  
Isaiah uses an "impossible"  
image to convey the  
redemptive hope of "the  
nations" rallied to the LORD.

## Chapter 20

<sup>1</sup>In the year that the commander in chief, who was sent by Sargon the king of Assyria, came to Ashdod and fought against it and captured it— <sup>2</sup>at that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, and loose the sackcloth from your waist and take off your sandals from your feet,” and he did so, walking naked and barefoot. <sup>3</sup>Then the LORD said, “As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and Cush, <sup>4</sup>so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian captives and the Cushite exiles, both the young and the old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks uncovered, the nakedness of Egypt. <sup>5</sup>Then they shall be dismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and of Egypt their boast. <sup>6</sup>And the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, ‘Behold, this is what has happened to those in whom we hoped and to whom we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria! And we, how shall we escape?’ ”

## Chapter 21

<sup>1</sup>The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the Negeb sweep on, it comes from the wilderness, from a terrible land. <sup>2</sup>A stern vision is told to me; the traitor betrays, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, O Elam; lay siege, O Media; all the sighing she has caused I bring to an end. <sup>3</sup>Therefore my loins are filled with anguish; pangs have seized me, like the pangs of a woman in labor; I am bowed down so that I cannot hear; I am dismayed so that I cannot see. <sup>4</sup>My heart staggers; horror has appalled me; the twilight I longed for has been turned for me into trembling. <sup>5</sup>They prepare the table, they spread the rugs, they eat, they drink. Arise, O princes; oil the shield! <sup>6</sup>For thus the Lord said to me: “Go, set a watchman; let him announce what he sees. <sup>7</sup>When he sees riders, horsemen in pairs, riders on donkeys, riders on camels, let him listen diligently, very diligently.” <sup>8</sup>Then he who saw cried out: “Upon a watchtower I stand, O Lord, continually by day, and at my post I am stationed whole nights. <sup>9</sup>And behold, here come riders, horsemen in pairs!” And he answered, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the carved images of her gods he has shattered to the ground.” <sup>10</sup>O my threshed and winnowed one, what I have heard from the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, I announce to you. <sup>11</sup>The oracle concerning Dumah. One is calling to me from Seir, “Watchman, what time of the night? Watchman, what time of the night?” <sup>12</sup>The watchman says: “Morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire; come back again.” <sup>13</sup>The oracle concerning Arabia. In the thickets in Arabia you will lodge, O caravans of Dedanites. <sup>14</sup>To the thirsty bring water; meet the

Isaiah’s Three Year Sign: The leaders of Judah and Israel, were looking to the power of alliance with Cush and Egypt to defend them against Assyria.

This sign was to show them how foolish that would be.

Isaiah 21&22: Babylon and Jerusalem will fall

Babylon by Persia(Medes)  
21:2,9

Jerusalem by Babylon 22:1-14

Both Babylon and Jerusalem live the party (21:5 & 22:12-14)

Both Babylon and Jerusalem enjoy luxuries (22:15-24)

Revelation 14:8 & 18:2

But Judgement awaits both Babylon and Jerusalem

21:9 & 22:14,25



fugitive with bread, O inhabitants of the land of Tema. <sup>15</sup>For they have fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the press of battle. <sup>16</sup>For thus the Lord said to me, “Within a year, according to the years of a hired worker, all the glory of Kedar will come to an end. <sup>17</sup>And the remainder of the archers of the mighty men of the sons of Kedar will be few, for the LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken.”

## Chapter 22

<sup>1</sup>The oracle concerning the valley of vision. What do you mean that you have gone up, all of you, to the housetops, <sup>2</sup>you who are full of shoutings, tumultuous city, exultant town? Your slain are not slain with the sword or dead in battle. <sup>3</sup>All your leaders have fled together; without the bow they were captured. All of you who were found were captured, though they had fled far away. <sup>4</sup>Therefore I said: “Look away from me; let me weep bitter tears; do not labor to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people.” <sup>5</sup>For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day of tumult and trampling and confusion in the valley of vision, a battering down of walls and a shouting to the mountains. <sup>6</sup>And Elam bore the quiver with chariots and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. <sup>7</sup>Your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took their stand at the gates. <sup>8</sup>He has taken away the covering of Judah. In that day you looked to the weapons of the House of the Forest, <sup>9</sup>and you saw that the breaches of the city of David were many. You collected the waters of the lower pool, <sup>10</sup>and you counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. <sup>11</sup>You made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who did it, or see him who planned it long ago. <sup>12</sup>In that day the Lord GOD of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for baldness and wearing sackcloth; <sup>13</sup>and behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine. **“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”** <sup>14</sup>The LORD of hosts has revealed himself in my ears: “Surely this iniquity will not be atoned for you until you die,” says the Lord GOD of hosts. <sup>15</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, “Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: <sup>16</sup>What have you to do here, and whom have you here, that you have cut out here a tomb for yourself, you who cut out a tomb on the height and carve a dwelling for yourself in the rock? <sup>17</sup>Behold, the LORD will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you <sup>18</sup>and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land. There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master’s

1 Corinthians 15:32

How does Paul associate the resurrection with this oracle of Judgement towards Jerusalem?

house. <sup>19</sup>I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. <sup>20</sup>In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, <sup>21</sup>and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. <sup>22</sup>And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. <sup>23</sup>And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. <sup>24</sup>And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. <sup>25</sup>In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way, and it will be cut down and fall, and the load that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken."

## Chapter 23

<sup>1</sup>The oracle concerning Tyre. Wail, O ships of Tarshish, for Tyre is laid waste, without house or harbor! From the land of Cyprus it is revealed to them. <sup>2</sup>Be still, O inhabitants of the coast; the merchants of Sidon, who cross the sea, have filled you. <sup>3</sup>And on many waters your revenue was the grain of Shihor, the harvest of the Nile; you were the merchant of the nations. <sup>4</sup>Be ashamed, O Sidon, for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying: "I have neither labored nor given birth, I have neither reared young men nor brought up young women." <sup>5</sup>When the report comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish over the report about Tyre. <sup>6</sup>Cross over to Tarshish; wail, O inhabitants of the coast! <sup>7</sup>Is this your exultant city whose origin is from days of old, whose feet carried her to settle far away? <sup>8</sup>Who has purposed this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants were princes, whose traders were the honored of the earth? <sup>9</sup>The LORD of hosts has purposed it, to defile the pompous pride of all glory, to dishonor all the honored of the earth. <sup>10</sup>Cross over your land like the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no restraint anymore. <sup>11</sup>He has stretched out his hand over the sea; he has shaken the kingdoms; the LORD has given command concerning Canaan to destroy its strongholds. <sup>12</sup>And he said: "You will no more exult, O oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon; arise, cross over to Cyprus, even there you will have no rest." <sup>13</sup>Behold the land of the Chaldeans! This is the people that was not; Assyria destined it for wild beasts. They erected their siege towers, they stripped her palaces bare, they made her a ruin. <sup>14</sup>Wail, O ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold is laid waste. <sup>15</sup>In that day Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years,

Judgement of Tyre: 23:1-18

like the days of one king. At the end of seventy years, it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the prostitute: <sup>16</sup>“Take a harp; go about the city, O forgotten prostitute! Make sweet melody; sing many songs, that you may be remembered.” <sup>17</sup>At the end of seventy years, the LORD will visit Tyre, and she will return to her wages and will prostitute herself with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. <sup>18</sup>Her merchandise and her wages will be holy to the LORD. It will not be stored or hoarded, but her merchandise will supply abundant food and fine clothing for those who dwell before the LORD.

Redemptive Hope 23:15-18

## Chapter 24

<sup>1</sup>Behold, the LORD will empty the earth and make it desolate, and he will twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants. <sup>2</sup>And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the slave, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. <sup>3</sup>The earth shall be utterly empty and utterly plundered; for the LORD has spoken this word. <sup>4</sup>The earth mourns and withers; the world languishes and withers; the highest people of the earth languish. <sup>5</sup>The earth lies defiled under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. <sup>6</sup>Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men are left. <sup>7</sup>The wine mourns, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh. <sup>8</sup>The mirth of the tambourines is stilled, the noise of the jubilant has ceased, the mirth of the lyre is stilled. <sup>9</sup>No more do they drink wine with singing; strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. <sup>10</sup>The wasted city is broken down; every house is shut up so that none can enter. <sup>11</sup>There is an outcry in the streets for lack of wine; all joy has grown dark; the gladness of the earth is banished. <sup>12</sup>Desolation is left in the city; the gates are battered into ruins. <sup>13</sup>For thus it shall be in the midst of the earth among the nations, as when an olive tree is beaten, as at the gleaning when the grape harvest is done. <sup>14</sup>They lift up their voices, they sing for joy; over the majesty of the LORD they shout from the west. <sup>15</sup>Therefore in the east give glory to the LORD; in the coastlands of the sea, give glory to the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>16</sup>From the ends of the earth we hear songs of praise, of glory to the Righteous One. But I say, “I waste away, I waste away. Woe is me! For the traitors have betrayed, with betrayal the traitors have betrayed.” <sup>17</sup>Terror and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth! <sup>18</sup>He who flees at the sound of the terror

Chapters 24-27 give a tale of two cities:

The Wasted City

The Strong City

This is the culmination of all Judgement from Isaiah 13-23 as Judgement is shown to ALL Nations.

Ch 24 the WORLD goes through Judgement.

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shall fall into the pit, and he who climbs out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. <sup>19</sup>The earth is utterly broken, the earth is split apart, the earth is violently shaken. <sup>20</sup>The earth staggers like a drunken man; it sways like a hut; its transgression lies heavy upon it, and it falls, and will not rise again. <sup>21</sup>On that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. <sup>22</sup>They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished. <sup>23</sup>Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, **for the LORD of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.**

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## Chapter 25

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. **<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.** <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, <sup>5</sup>like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. **<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."** <sup>10</sup>For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled down in his place, as straw is trampled down in a dunghill. <sup>11</sup>And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim, but the LORD will lay low his pompous pride together with the skill of his hands. <sup>12</sup>And the high fortifications of his walls he will bring down, lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

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A feast to celebrate that death and evil are wiped away....

Revelation 7:17

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## Chapter 26

<sup>1</sup>In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. <sup>2</sup>Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.” <sup>3</sup>You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. <sup>4</sup>Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock. <sup>5</sup>For he has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. <sup>6</sup>The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.” <sup>7</sup>The path of the righteous is level; you make level the way of the righteous. <sup>8</sup>In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul. <sup>9</sup>My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. <sup>10</sup>If favor is shown to the wicked, he does not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he deals corruptly and does not see the majesty of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>O LORD, your hand is lifted up, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed. Let the fire for your adversaries consume them. <sup>12</sup>O LORD, you will ordain peace for us, for you have indeed done for us all our works. <sup>13</sup>O LORD our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone we bring to remembrance. <sup>14</sup>They are dead, they will not live; they are shades, they will not arise; to that end you have visited them with destruction and wiped out all remembrance of them. <sup>15</sup>But you have increased the nation, O LORD, you have increased the nation; you are glorified; you have enlarged all the borders of the land. <sup>16</sup>O LORD, in distress they sought you; they poured out a whispered prayer when your discipline was upon them. <sup>17</sup>Like a pregnant woman who writhes and cries out in her pangs when she is near to giving birth, so were we because of you, O LORD; <sup>18</sup>we were pregnant, we writhed, but we have given birth to wind. We have accomplished no deliverance in the earth, and the inhabitants of the world have not fallen. <sup>19</sup>Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead. <sup>20</sup>Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by. <sup>21</sup>For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.

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In Isaiah 6, Isaiah asked “How long oh Lord?” The promise of these chapters is that there will come a Day when God answers “Today!”.

Hebrews 10:27

How does the author of Hebrews use this section of Isaiah to bring home the point of Hebrews 10:39?

Hebrews 10:37

## Chapter 27

<sup>1</sup>In that day the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea. <sup>2</sup>In that day, “A pleasant vineyard, sing of it! <sup>3</sup>I, the LORD, am its keeper; every moment I water it. Lest anyone punish it, I keep it night and day; <sup>4</sup>I have no wrath. Would that I had thorns and briers to battle! I would march against them, I would burn them up together. <sup>5</sup>Or let them lay hold of my protection, let them make peace with me, let them make peace with me.” <sup>6</sup>In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit. <sup>7</sup>Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or have they been slain as their slayers were slain? <sup>8</sup>Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them; he removed them with his fierce breath in the day of the east wind. <sup>9</sup>Therefore by this the guilt of Jacob will be atoned for, and this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin: when he makes all the stones of the altars like chalkstones crushed to pieces, no Asherim or incense altars will remain standing. <sup>10</sup>For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness; there the calf grazes; there it lies down and strips its branches. <sup>11</sup>When its boughs are dry, they are broken; women come and make a fire of them. For this is a people without discernment; therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them; he who formed them will show them no favor. <sup>12</sup>In that day from the river Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt the LORD will thresh out the grain, and you will be gleaned one by one, O people of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

The theme of punishing the “serpent” is the ultimate judgement of Evil.

Romans 11:27 How does Paul associate this with the “mystery of Gentile Salvation”

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The significance of a trumpet blast in Israel means the harvest is coming to a close. Here the Lord is harvesting from the Nations a people for Himself.

### BEFORE NEXT WEEK:

- Read Isaiah 28:1 – 35:10
- Suggested reading from *Isaiah: God Saves Sinners* – Chapters 14 thru 16
- Pray about the thought that God will redeem people from every nationality across the world. How do you keep God’s heart for the nations in your prayer and thought life?