

# Isaiah 13

## The judgment of Babylon

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 labour.

They will look aghast at 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.  
12 I will make people more rare than fine gold,  
and mankind than the gold of Ophir.  
13 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.  
14 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.  
15 Whoever is found will be thrust through,  
and whoever is caught will fall by the sword.  
16 Their infants will be dashed in pieces  
before their eyes;  
their houses will be plundered  
and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against them,  
who have no regard for silver  
and do not delight in gold.  
18 Their bows will slaughter the young men;  
they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb;  
their eyes will not pity children.  
19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,  
the splendour and pomp of the Chaldeans,  
will be like Sodom and Gomorrah  
when God overthrew them.  
20 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.  
21 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.  
22 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.

# Isaiah 14

## The restoration of Jacob

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.

## Israel's remnant taunts the king of Babylon

<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 sceptre 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.

<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.

### **An oracle concerning Assyria**

<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?

### **An oracle concerning Philistia**

<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 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.”

### **Cross References**

#### **Joel 2 v 10:**

The earth quakes before them;  
the heavens tremble.  
The sun and the moon are darkened,  
and the stars withdraw their shining.

**Revelation 6 v 12 to 14:** <sup>12</sup> When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, <sup>13</sup> and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. <sup>14</sup> The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

**Isaiah 34 v 4:**

All the host of heaven shall rot away,  
and the skies roll up like a scroll.  
All their host shall fall,  
as leaves fall from the vine,  
like leaves falling from the fig tree.

**Matthew 24 v 29:** “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

**Genesis 11 v 1 to 9:** Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

**Haggai 2 v 6:** For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.

**Hebrews 12 v 25 to 27:** See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

**Matthew 11 v 28 to 30:** Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Ezekiel 28 v 12 to 19:**

“You were the signet of perfection,  
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.  
<sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God;

every precious stone was your covering,  
sardis, topaz, and diamond,  
beryl, onyx, and jasper,  
sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle;  
and crafted in gold were your settings  
and your engravings.

On the day that you were created  
they were prepared.

<sup>14</sup>You were an anointed guardian cherub.  
I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God;  
in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

<sup>15</sup>You were blameless in your ways  
from the day you were created,  
till unrighteousness was found in you.

<sup>16</sup>In the abundance of your trade  
you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned;  
so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God,  
and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub,  
from the midst of the stones of fire.

<sup>17</sup>Your heart was proud because of your beauty;  
you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendour.

I cast you to the ground;  
I exposed you before kings,  
to feast their eyes on you.

<sup>18</sup>By the multitude of your iniquities,  
in the unrighteousness of your trade  
you profaned your sanctuaries;  
so I brought fire out from your midst;  
it consumed you,  
and I turned you to ashes on the earth  
in the sight of all who saw you.

<sup>19</sup>All who know you among the peoples  
are appalled at you;  
you have come to a dreadful end  
and shall be no more forever.”

**James 4 v 6:** But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

**1 Peter 5 v 6:** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you...

**Job 1 v 12:** And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

**Zechariah 3 v 1:** Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

**Revelation 12 v 9:** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

**Revelation 20 v 2, 3:** And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

**Revelation 20 v 10:** and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

**Luke 10 v 18:** And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven...”