

Isaiah 13:1 – 14:23
Babylon and Its Leader

The Fall of Babylon – The Day of the Lord

Isaiah 13:9-13

Sinners facing the wrath of God (II Peter 3:9-10) – **they are destroyed**
Stars no longer showing their light (John 9:4-5) – **darkness is coming**
Self-confident are humbled – mankind becomes scarce (Proverbs 28:26) – **trust?**
Shaking of the earth and heavens (Hebrews 12:25-29) – **what can't be shaken?**

Joel 2:1-11

Distressed by what is coming (Luke 21:25) – **not what they expected**
Darkness and gloom await (I John 1:5) – **walking in the light is the only way**
Destroyed by a mighty army (Revelation 19:13-15) – **only Jesus fights**
Dreadful day – who can endure it? (Matthew 24:21-22) – **cut short for the elect**

Revelation 18:1-8

Fallen, fallen is the great city
Place for all kinds of evil (Genesis 6:5) – **when God is rejected**
Pleasures to attract the sinful heart (II Peter 2:18-19) – **used to deceive**
Possessions to make the merchants rich (I Timothy 6:9-10) – **root of evil**
Flee – God's people must not partake of her wares – **no compromise**

The Fall of Satan – the ruler of Babylon

Isaiah 14:12-12-15

Position – the morning star (II Peter 1:19 / Revelation 22:16) – **how far he fell**
Prideful – **the prevailing sin of mankind**
Wanting to be 1st (III John 9) – **warning sign**
Wanting to be like God – **molded to His character not His position**

Ezekiel 28:11-19

Claiming to be a god (Ezekiel 28:1) – **we never have been and never will be gods**
Confident in their personal attributes (I Corinthians 4:7) – **He made me**
Cherub – guardian on the Mountain of God – **highest place of privilege**
Corrupted by a proud heart (Proverbs 3:7-8, 33-35; 6:16-17) – **scary to ponder**

Revelation 12:7 – 13:1; 20:7-10

Losing the battle for heaven – **the righteous angels maintain power**
Leading the whole world astray (Ephesians 2:2-3) – **under whose influence?**
Lake of fire – his destiny (Matthew 25:41) – **not intended to be our destiny**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 13 & 14

In what ways is the Day of the Lord different from the Rapture of the church? (I Thess. 4:13-18 / I Thessalonians 5:1-3 / Matthew 24:37-41) ***Is it a day to look forward to and be encouraged, or a day of dread and gloom? A day to be taken for blessing or to be taken for judgment?***

What things are distressing and perplexing the nations in our day? (Matthew 24:4-8)

Climate change and natural disasters

Plague and pestilences

Wars and rumors of wars

Why do humanistic philosophies always lead to evil? (Colossians 2:8 / Jeremiah 17:9)

Humanism elevates man above God – we ignorantly imagine that we know better than Him

Our hearts are desperately wicked and beyond cure – our selfishness leads to wickedness

What does it mean to flee from Babylon? (Ephesians 5:8-17)

We are not to participate in her offerings – they may bring temporary relief and/or satisfaction, but the peace and prosperity she offers is temporary and deceptive.

We must understand what the Lord's will is and not compromise His truth.

How has the church been enticed by Satan's tactics? (I Timothy 4:1-3 / II Timothy 3:1-5)

The enemy has infiltrated the church through false teaching (Jude 3-4) Whether by legalism (Galatians 1:6-10) or licentiousness (II Peter 2:18-19) or compromise (II Timothy 4:1-7) or confusion (I Corinthians 14:27-33) (see also Acts 20:29-32)

What things led to Satan's fall? How do these relate to us?

His pride – not recognizing the blessings of His Creator and the privilege of serving Him.

We can easily deceive ourselves into thinking we deserve His blessings and have earned His favor – believing somehow that we do not need His grace, mercy and help

Why is it important for us to be reminded of Satan's destiny? (Psalm 73)

So we recognize that the sufferings of this life are no worth comparing to what lies ahead for the believer and the pleasures of this life are not worth experiencing at the expense of what lies ahead for the unbeliever. (Romans 8:18 / Luke 16:25)

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