

Holy Trinity Bible Study - Isaiah Lesson #8c

Primary Sources:

Webb - [The Message of Isaiah](#), Barry G. Webb

Motyer – [The Prophecy of ISAIAH](#), J. Alec Motyer

Isaiah 13

¹ The oracle concerning Babylon which
Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

² On a bare hill raise a signal;
cry aloud to them;
wave the hand for them to enter
the gates of the nobles.

³ I myself have commanded my consecrated
ones,
and have summoned my mighty men to
execute my anger,
my proudly exulting ones.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Wail, for the day of the Lord is near;
as destruction from the Almighty[c] it will
come!

⁷ Therefore all hands will be feeble,
and every human heart will melt.

⁸ 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 one another;
their faces will be aflame.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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[d] 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 splendor 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[e] will dwell,
 and there wild goats will dance.
²² Hyenas[f] will cry in its towers,
 and jackals in the pleasant palaces;
its time is close at hand
 and its days will not be prolonged.

Reading: [The Message of Isaiah pages 80-81](#)

Questions to Consider

1. Who is Chapter 13 written for? Why?
2. Why might Isaiah have spoken so strongly about Babylon in his own day?
3. How does the history of the fall of Babylon historically differ from that spoken of in Isaiah?
4. Was Isaiah only speaking of the fall of Babylon near the end of the Babylonian captivity?