

# ISAIAH – LESSON SIX

## I. THE BURDEN OF BABYLON PROCLAIMED (13:1-14:27)

- A. God calls unto the nations to be his instrument of wrath upon Babylon (13:1-5).
- B. Wailing with pain and dismay will characterize Babylon in the day of Jehovah (13:6-9).
- C. Great calamity is in store for Babylon and those allied with her (13:10-16).
- D. God stirs up the ruthless Medes to bring desolation to the land of Babylon (13:17-22).
- E. God's punishment upon Babylon allows Jacob to possess their land again (14:1-20).
  - 1. Joy and rest from Babylon's rule.
  - 2. Babylon's unrestrained persecution is broken – the land can sing again.
  - 3. Pomp of Babylon brought down to Sheol: dead chief ones greet Babylon.
- F. God will destroy and bring desolation upon Babylon - no remnant (14:21-23).
- G. God swears to destroy Babylon following his overthrow of Assyria (v.24-27).

## QUESTIONS:

1. What is the concept communicated by the phrase: "the burden of..." that we shall see beginning in chapter 13 and continuing through chapter 23?
2. Why is Jehovah mustering a host from among the nations?
3. What connection do the nations have with Jehovah?
4. What is connected with the "day of Jehovah" in 13:6-9?
5. Why will Babylon's faces be as "faces of fire"?

6. Do stars not giving their light and heavens and the earth trembling “symbolize” anything?
  
7. Who are those fleeing to their own land in verses 14, and from what are they fleeing?
  
8. What nation will God use to destroy the Babylonians?  
  
How ruthless will this people be?
  
9. When Babylon is overthrown what will become of their “beauty” and “pride”?
  
10. When Babylon is overthrown, what does it mean to the descendents of Jacob?
  
11. When Babylon is brought low what will happen in “Sheol”?
  
12. The “day star” or “Lucifer” in 14:12 is:
  - (a). Babylon
  - (b). Satan
  - (c). Both Babylon and Satan
  - (d). “The Anti-Christ”
  
13. What will those gazing at Babylon think about them when Babylon is overthrown?
  
14. What will be “cut off of Babylon”?

15. Where will the “Assyrian be broken”?
  
16. How would the people of Isaiah’s day have confidence that the prophecy being seen by Isaiah would be fulfilled?
  
17. Why is Isaiah’s prophecy in chapters 13-14 a great example of “miraculous prophetic foresight”?