

ISAIAH – LESSON NINE

I. GOD'S BURDENS UPON BABYLON, EDOM, ARABIA, JERUSALEM AND TYRE (21:1-23:18)

- A. Judgment upon Babylon – the wilderness of the sea (21:1-10).
 - 1. Sighing can cease because the destroyer and treacherous one has fallen (21:1-2).
 - 2. Isaiah sees the judgment upon Babylon with pain and horror (21:3-4).
 - 3. Watchman sees army with provisions approaching, then it is too late: fallen is Babylon – God's instrument of threshing (21:5-10).
- B. Judgment upon Edom – stillness of death (21:11-12).
 - 1. Watchman asked urgently about the night.
 - 2. Watchman sees the night reoccurring when the day does come for the history of Edom.
- C. Judgment upon Arabia (21:13-17).
 - 1. Prophet pleads for hospitality to be given to fleeing Arabians.
 - 2. Within a year of prophecy the glory of Arabia will be reduced.
- D. Judgment upon Jerusalem – valley of vision (22:1-25).
 - 1. The destructive picture of besiegement upon the scoffing people of Jerusalem (22:1-14).
 - 2. Judgment upon Shebna (overseer of house) – Eliakim, more of a surety for Jerusalem, will replace him (22:15-23)
 - 3. However, Eliakim's offspring will not keep Jerusalem from eventually falling (22:24-25).
- E. Judgment upon Tyre (23:1-18).
 - 1. The mart of nations has fallen to their chagrin (v.1-12).
 - 2. Besieged by the Chaldeans and forgotten for seventy years (v.13-15a).
 - 3. After the seventy years she will be wielding her seductive ways again upon the nations for merchandise-only to have it disbursed for the benefit of God's people (15b-18).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why might Babylon be described as “the wilderness of the sea”?
- 2. How does verse two help us in understanding who will conquer Babylon?
- 3. What does God's watchman see?
- 4. When Babylon falls, what else is falling with her?

5. Why is Babylon called God's "threshing"?
6. To whom does the "the burden of Dumah" apply?
7. Is there any lasting hope in the burden of Dumah?
8. Who were the "Dedanites"?
9. What will happen within a year of Isaiah's prophecy to the glory of Kedar?
10. To whom does the "burden of the valley of vision" apply?
11. What event is being pictured in verses 1-11?
12. What attitude among the people is being expressed in their saying, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die"?
13. Who is Shebna ?
14. Why is Shebna condemned?
15. Who replaces Shebna?
16. In what way will this replacement be recognized?

17. Why was Tyre known as the “mart of nations”?
18. Who has purposed the demise of Tyre?
19. Which city was older: Tyre or Sidon?
20. Who does this prophecy picture as bringing forth ruin to Tyre?
21. What will happen after seventy years of Tyre being forgotten?