

Isaiah: Prince of the Prophets

Lesson 3

Isaiah 13:1-14; 27

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An Amazing Prediction

INTRODUCTION

The word “prophet” means one that speaks forth the word of God. A prophet is gifted by God to tell of future events, warn, or chastise, and is usually not a popular person because people don’t like to be warned or chastised.

In our scriptures this week, Isaiah is our prophet. His prophecies are two-fold: the warning of judgment to Babylon for its out-of-control sin and a promise of grace and restoration to Israel.

Judgment and grace are the themes, prophesied 200 years before they took place, and are very applicable to our world today.

Memory verse: “I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”—Isaiah 13:13

Pray, and read Isaiah 13:1-14 and Isaiah 27. What questions or observations do you have about these passages?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. Whom did God call to execute his judgment?
(Isaiah 13:1-5)
2. Why was judgment needed? (Isaiah 13:11)
3. What were the two primary sins that led to all the evil and ignited God's wrath? (Isaiah 13:11)
4. What will happen to Israel after the defeat of its enemies? (Isaiah 27:6)
5. How does God continue to protect Israel?
(Isaiah 27:7-13)

INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?

1. What do we learn about the sins of pride and arrogance? (Proverbs 8:13, 16:18, 29:23; Isaiah 13:11; 1 John 2:16)
2. Paul reveals the downward spiral of sin that leads to destruction. What starts this spiral, and how does it end? (Romans 1:21-32)
3. What are the differences between judgment and grace? (Isaiah 5:6; 13:9-10, 13; 27:2-6)

4. Why did God show grace and mercy to Israel and protect them from total destruction? (Genesis 12:2-3)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. Judgment and destruction came as a result of sin. The sins of arrogance and pride lead to rejection of God and His word. How do you see this played out in our world, community, home, and yourself? What can we do as Christians to push back against this sin?

2. We have all sinned and fallen short. We have all been wounded by our own acts or the acts of others. What encouragement and hope do you receive from the grace, mercy, and healing we see in Isaiah 27:2-7?

3. "...after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." (1 Peter 5:10). How does this verse apply to Israel and to you?