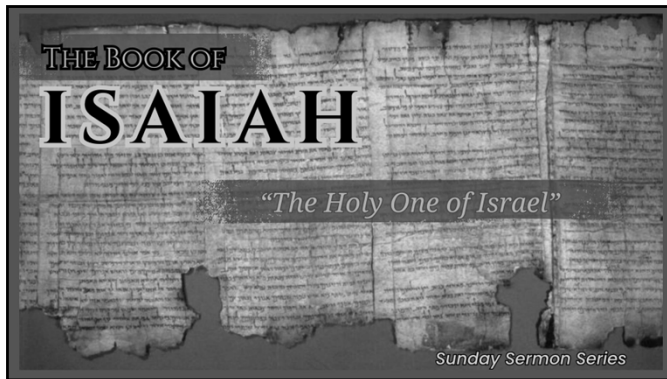
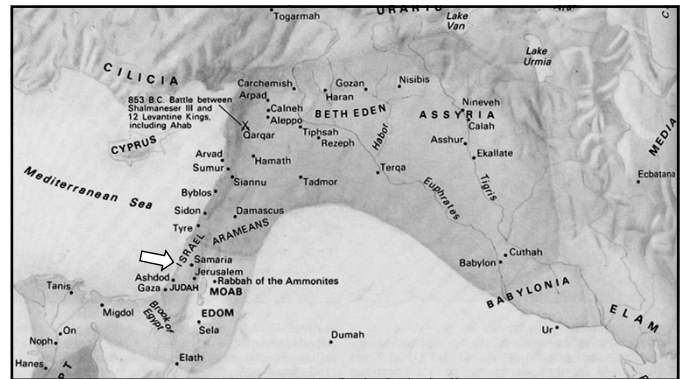




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Concerning the Nations (Is. 13-27)

“The oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.” (Isaiah 13:1)

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Concerning the Nations (Is. 13-27)

➤ Context:

- the principles of God’s use and judgment of Assyria (10:5-19) are now applied to all nations
- the universal nature of the Lord’s plan hinted at in Isaiah 7-12 is now developed in Isaiah 13-27

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Concerning the Nations (Is. 13-27)

➤ Message:

- Yahweh is the Lord of all nations – He alone is the sovereign actor of history ruling and guiding it to His predetermined end; all are accountable to Him
- Yahweh is the only source of salvation both for Israel and the nations

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Concerning Babylon

Q: Why Babylon?

- Isaiah knows that in the long term Babylon poses the greatest threat against Judah (cf. Is. 39:5-7)
- Babylon symbolically represents the arrogant pomp and power of the world characteristic of the nations in rebellion against God

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Concerning Babylon

1. The Day of the Lord (13:1-16)

- the fall of Babylon is the “day of the Lord” – the execution of His awful, just wrath against her pride
- the Lord will use the evil and brutality of nations and armies to execute His fierce wrath – there will be no protector, no escape, no mercy

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Concerning Babylon

2. The Overthrow of Babylon (13:17-22)

- the historical overthrow of Babylon by the Medes is portrayed as the Lord's supernatural work
- the monument to human achievement and glory has no permanence – results in an endless, total abandonment

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Concerning Babylon

- ❖ The fall of Babylon is merged with the final, great day of Yahweh when all human arrogance and rebellion will be judged

Q: Do you believe this day is real and near? Will you be safe in this day?

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