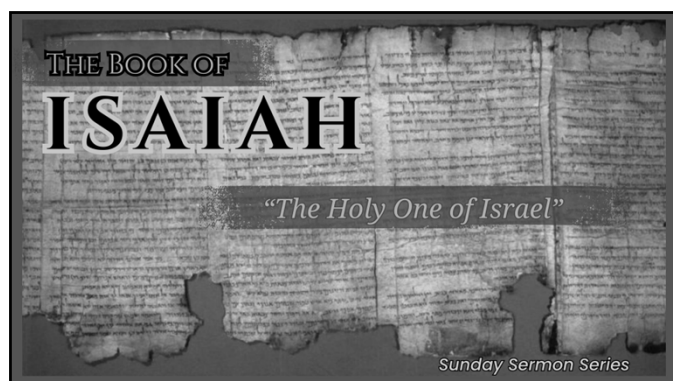




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Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples!  
Let the earth and all it contains hear,  
and the world and all that springs from it.

(Isaiah 34:1)

### Isaiah 34:1-17

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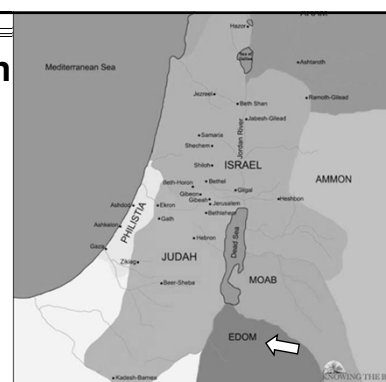
### Context: Isaiah 13-35

- *Isaiah 13-27* – 10 oracles about the surrounding nations; climax in “Isaiah’s apocalypse” (24-27)
- *Isaiah 28-35* – six “woes” pronouncing Judah’s judgment and future salvation; climax in universal judgment and final salvation (34-35)
- *Isaiah 13 & 34* – Babylon, the world-city in rebellion to God (13); Edom, the enemy of God’s people (34)

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### Context: Isaiah

Q: Why Edom?



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### Context: Isaiah 13-35

Q: Why Edom?

- Edom (Esau) is known from the beginning for its hostility to the people of God (Gen. 25:23)
- Edom typifies the Lord’s eschatological foe – a symbol of final hostile powers

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### The Final Overthrow

#### 1. Final Divine Judgment

- *Yahweh’s anger* – He will completely destroy every enemy and close the book on human history
- *Yahweh’s sword* – His direct action in judgment and the exacting of individual penalty – He will claim what exclusively belongs to Him

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## The Final Overthrow

### 1. Final Divine Judgment

- *Yahweh's sacrifice* – He will always satisfy the demands of His holiness and justice
- *Yahweh's vengeance* – He will act on behalf of His people by bringing exact justice on their enemies

Fulfillment: *Revelation 6:9-17*

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<sup>12</sup> And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; <sup>13</sup> and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. <sup>14</sup> The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. <sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; <sup>16</sup> and they \*said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6:12-17)

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## The Final Overthrow

### 2. Certain Perpetual Desolation

- the Lord's judgment is described as the undoing of creation – an empty wasteland filled with weeds and wilderness animals
- the Lord guarantees that Edom will be a perpetual desolation in exactly the conditions Isaiah has predicted – inverse of the Promised Land

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## The Final Overthrow

### ➤ "Seek from the book of the Lord, and read"

- be convinced of and live in view of God's coming, awful, eternal judgment on His enemies
- flee to the only refuge in Christ – a perfect and safe refuge!

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