

21 But wild animals will lie down there,
 and their houses will be full of howling creatures;
 there ostriches will dwell,
 and there wild goats will dance.
 22 Hyenas will cry in its towers,
 and jackals in the pleasant palaces;
 its time is close at hand
 and its days will not be prolonged.

The Restoration of Jacob

14 For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and will again choose Israel, and will set them in their own land, and sojourners will join them and will attach themselves to the house of Jacob. ²And the peoples will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them in the LORD's land as male and female slaves. They will take captive those who were their captors, and rule over those who oppressed them.

Israel's Remnant Taunts Babylon

³When the LORD has given you rest from your pain and turmoil and the hard service with which you were made to serve,
⁴you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon:

"How the oppressor has ceased,
 the insolent fury ceased!
 5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,
 the scepter of rulers,
 6 that struck the peoples in wrath
 with unceasing blows,

(21-22) It will be reduced to a place where wild animals live, and men are afraid to go. The prophetic promise that God is planning to act swiftly.

(1-2) Even as God will punish Babylon He will also restore Jacob & Israel. It is the nation He is restoring. Those who carry His name. Ps. 109:21 it is for His name's sake that he restore, and forgives. Those He punished are gone, now He will show His might and restore those who are called by His name.

(3-4) This taunt or song is to be repeated as a prophecy against the King of Babylon. Here this ruler has crossed the line and has been singled out for a particular punishment.

(4b-6) God's judgment has come. It is no longer a future event. He has stopped the wicked in their wickedness.

that ruled the nations in anger
with unrelenting persecution.
7 The whole earth is at rest and quiet;
they break forth into singing.
8 The cypresses rejoice at you,
the cedars of Lebanon, saying,
'Since you were laid low,
no woodcutter comes up against us.'

9 Sheol beneath is stirred up
to meet you when you come;
it rouses the shades to greet you,
all who were leaders of the earth;
it raises from their thrones
all who were kings of the nations.

10 All of them will answer
and say to you:
'You too have become as weak as we!
You have become like us!'

11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,
the sound of your harps;
maggots are laid as a bed beneath you,
and worms are your covers.

12 "How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the ground,
you who laid the nations low!

13 You said in your heart,
'I will ascend to heaven; *eye of a proud, godless man*
above the stars of God

⑦ Everything is returning to normal. Joy has returned.

⑧ The trees of Lebanon (Israel) have no longer fear of the woodcutter (Babylon) and Joy abounds.

⑨ The taunt returns to the King who is BE PUNISHED. He is no greater than any other man when he dies. Sheol (the place of the Dead) waits HIS ARRIVAL. No one is removed from its grasp, it is the great equalizer. IN DEATH King or Slave all are equal.

⑩ THE DEAD CALL OUT TO THEM. TAUNTING their fall and the truth that all are equal in death.

⑪ The soul is judged and the body becomes food for maggots, and the bed of worms.

⑫ THE TAUNT TURNS TO ONE man, the King of Babylon. He is depicted as one who sees himself above God. This attitude has brought him under the attention of God. As the nation is judged and punished so is the Godless ruler.

O Day Star LATIN-LUCIFER OR 'light bearer'. INSTEAD OF TRANSLATING THE WORD IT WAS TRANSLITERATED OR BROUGHT OVER FROM THE latin untranslated. JOHN MILTON WROTE PARADISE LOST misappropriating scripture text to fit his story. Believing this is akin to thinking Harry Potter books are about Christ. THE Morning Star is clearly identified as the King of Babylon in Isaiah 14:3. WHO GOD HAS CHOSEN TO PUNISH FOR HIS SIN.

⑫-⑬ The heaven here is the 2nd Heaven of Prophetic language. THIS POSITION OF EARTHLY POWER AND AUTHORITY HELD by rulers who openly deny God and see THEMSELVES as invincible. THIS prideful attitude is why the King Got such special Attention, and was thus judged by God. THE King who conquered nations was slain by an angry and just God.

I will set my throne on high;
 I will sit on the mount of assembly
 in the far reaches of the north;
 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
 I will make myself like the Most High.
 15 But you are brought down to Sheol,
 to the far reaches of the pit.
 16 Those who see you will stare at you
 and ponder over you:
 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
 who shook kingdoms,
 17 who made the world like a desert
 and overthrew its cities,
 who did not let his prisoners go home?'
 18 All the kings of the nations lie in glory,
 each in his own tomb;
 19 but you are cast out, away from your grave,
 like a loathed branch,
 clothed with the slain, those pierced by the
 sword,
 who go down to the stones of the pit,
 like a dead body trampled underfoot.
 20 You will not be joined with them in burial,
 because you have destroyed your land,
 you have slain your people.

"May the offspring of evildoers
 nevermore be named!
 21 Prepare slaughter for his sons
 because of the guilt of their fathers,

- 13 THE BOASTING OF THIS KING PUTS HIM SQUARE IN THE BULL-EYE OF GOD.
- 14 THOSE WHO ON ONE HAND DENY GOD, ON THE OTHER HAND TAUNT HIM AND THINK THEY CAN REPLACE THEM.
- 15 BUT EVERYTHING THAT COMES NEXT IS WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. THE KING WHO THINKS HE IS EQUAL OR ABOVE GOD IS HEADED TO A DESTINATION OF THE PIT OF THE DEAD.
- 16 PEOPLE WHO SEE HIM AFTER THE FALL WILL BE AMAZED THAT IS NOTHING LIKE THEY THOUGHT.
- 17 A REMINDER OF WHAT HE USED TO DO BEFORE GOD BROUGHT HIM DOWN.
- 18 A PICTURE OF OTHER KING BURIED IN GLORIOUS TOMBS BY THE PEOPLE HE RULED OVER.
- 19 BUT HE WILL NOT BE BURIED, KILLED BY A SWORD IN BATTLE, HIS BODY WILL BE TRAMPLED NOT BURIED.
- 20 IT IS REPEATED THAT HE WILL NOT BE BURIED BECAUSE OF THE WAR FIGHT AND BECAUSE OF HIS MISTREATMENT OF GOD'S PEOPLE.
- 20b-21 THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ARE TO BE PART OF THEIR PUNISHMENT. THIS PUNISHMENT WILL ALSO STOP THESE NATIONS FROM DOING THIS AGAIN.

lest they rise and possess the earth,
and fill the face of the world with cities."

²²"I will rise up against them," declares the LORD of hosts, "and will cut off from Babylon name and remnant, descendants and posterity," declares the LORD. ²³"And I will make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," declares the LORD of hosts.

An Oracle Concerning Assyria

²⁴ The LORD of hosts has sworn:

"As I have planned,
so shall it be,
and as I have purposed,
so shall it stand,

²⁵ that I will break the Assyrian in my land,
and on my mountains trample him
underfoot;
and his yoke shall depart from them,
and his burden from their shoulder."

²⁶ This is the purpose that is purposed
concerning the whole earth,
and this is the hand that is stretched out
over all the nations.

²⁷ For the LORD of hosts has purposed,
and who will annul it?
His hand is stretched out,
and who will turn it back?

22-23 THE TAUNT AND JUDGMENT OF GOD IS COMING AND IS TO BE DETERMINED. GREATNESS TO GRASSLAND IS THE DESTINY OF BABYLON, HER KING AND RULER.

24-27 THIS SECTION CONCLUDES THE JUDGMENT AGAINST BABYLON, THE RULER AND THE NATION OF ASSYRIA.

24 IT WILL BE AS GOD HAS DETERMINED.

25 HE WILL JUDGE THE ASSYRIAN AND SET THE CAPTIVES FREE.

26-27 EVEN AS THIS SECTION ENDS ONE LAST REMINDER OF WHO GOD IS AND THAT HE IS IN CHARGE. WHAT GOD DETERMINES WILL COME TO PASS.

An Oracle Concerning Philistia

²⁸ In the year that King Ahaz died came this oracle:

²⁹ Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you,
 that the rod that struck you is broken,
 for from the serpent's root will come forth an adder,
 and its fruit will be a flying fiery serpent.
³⁰ And the firstborn of the poor will graze,
 and the needy lie down in safety;
 but I will kill your root with famine,
 and your remnant it will slay.
³¹ Wail, O gate; cry out, O city;
 melt in fear, O Philistia, all of you!
 For smoke comes out of the north,
 and there is no straggler in his ranks.

³² What will one answer the messengers of the nation?
 "The LORD has founded Zion,
 and in her the afflicted of his people find
 refuge."

An Oracle Concerning Moab (15.1-16.14)

15 An oracle concerning Moab.

Because Ar of Moab is laid waste in a night,
 Moab is undone;
 because Kir of Moab is laid waste in a night,
 Moab is undone.
² He has gone up to the temple, and to Dibon,
 to the high places to weep;

28 AHAZ DIED CIRCA 720 to 728 B.C.

29 JAMES P. 61 "PHILISTIA IS NOT TO REJOICE IN THE DEATH OF THEIR ENEMY (TIG-LATH-PILESER), THINKING THEY ARE NOW WILL BE SAFE." GOD IS STILL HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR SINS.

30 THE POOR WILL WATCH THE RICH & MIGHTY SUFFER, and STAGNATE until there is no one left.

31 THE coming enemy cannot be stopped.

32 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZION IS FAR BEYOND JERUSALEM. ULTIMATELY IT IS THE CITY OF CHRIST ETERNAL REIGN IN HEAVEN. (REV. 14.1) THE CORNERSTONE OF ZION IS JESUS (SEE 1 PETER 2.6). IT IS HERE IN THE CITY OF CHRIST THAT THE SAVED GATHER AND FIND ETERNAL REFUGE. THEY COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN NOR UNDERSTOOD THE DEEP SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS OF ZION.

1 THE DEFEAT IS SUDDEN AND QUICK HAPPENING IN A NIGHT.

2-4 THE SUFFERING IS SO GREAT THE PEOPLE ARE SEEN WEEPING, WAILING w/ PEOPLE WEARING SACKCLOTH. THE SHAVING OF HEAD AND BEARDS IS PROFOUND SORROW AND SHOW TOTAL DEFEAT.