

# Lesson 4 – Outline of Isaiah

## Part One – Chapters 1-39

### II. PROPHETIC DISCOURSES DIRECTED AGAINST FOREIGN NATIONS (ch. 13-23).

#### A. DOWNFALL OF BABYLON, HEIR OF ASSYRIA (13:1 – 14:27).

1. Judgment upon the city – its utter destruction (ch. 13).
  - a. The decree against Babylon (vs. 1-5).
  - b. The – a day of Jehovah (vs. 6-16).
  - c. Jehovah's instrument: the Medes – and the completeness of destruction (vs. 17-22).
2. Restoration of Israel – and the "taunt" song ( triumph ) over the king (14:1-27).
  - a. For Israel – deliverance and restoration (vs. 1-2).
  - b. Fall of the tyrant king of Babylon (vs. 3-23).
3. Certain destruction of Assyria, pledge of Babylon's destruction (vs. 24-27).

#### B. A SERIES OF SHORT PROPHECIES AGAINST THE NATIONS (14:28 – 21:17).

1. Oracle against Philistia – rebuke for rejoicing over the death of Uzziah (14:28-32)
2. Oracles against Moab (ch. 15-16).
  - a. the severity of the devastation (ch. 15).
  - b. An offer of mercy if Moab will give allegiance to the House of David (16:1-5).
  - c. Moab rejects the offer (16:6-12).
  - d. The time is fixed for the visitation (16:13-14).
3. Oracles against **Damascus** (Syria), **Ephraim** (Israel), and **Assyria** ( ch. 17 ).
  - a. **Damascus** – a ruinous heap (vs. 1-3)
  - b. **Israel** – the glory of Jacob shall be made thin (vs. 4-11).
  - c. **Assyria** – here today, gone tomorrow (vs. 12-14).
4. **Ethiopia** homage to Jehovah (ch. 18).
  - a. **Ethiopia** summons her people – probably against **Sennacherib** (vs. 1-3).
  - b. God rests and waits (vs. 4-5).
  - c. **Assyria** given to the fowls of the air – **Ethiopia** honors God (vs. 6-7) see **Psalm 68:31**.
5. Oracle against **Egypt** (ch. 19).
  - a. **Threat** – judgement ready to fall on **Egypt** (vs. 1-17).
    - Internal strife leading to fall (vs. 1-4).
    - Drying up of the streams and the wise (vs. 5-15)
    - Fear becomes their heritage (vs. 16-17).
  - b. **Promise** – "smiting and healing" (vs. 18-25).
    - When they turn (vs. 18-22).
    - **Egypt**, **Assyria**, and **Israel** blessed by God together (vs. 23-25).

6. Oracle against **Egypt** and **Ethiopia** (**ch 20**).

The sign of Isaiah, barefoot and naked. **Shame !**

7. Oracle against "the wilderness of the sea" (**ch 21:1-10**) – **Babylon**.

( As certain to go down as **Egypt**, therefore, not a fit ally for **Judah**. )

8. Oracle against **Dumah** – **Edom** (**ch. 21:11-12**).

( Dumah: "silence," "the land of the silence of death, the grave." – Smith. )

9. Oracle against **Arabia** (**21:13-17**).

10. Oracle concerning **Jerusalem** – the foreign temper within the theocracy (**ch. 22**).

a. Condemnation of the inhabitants of Jerusalem (**vs. 1-14**).

- rejoicing of the city unwarranted (**vs. 1-4**).

- panic and preparation for the siege (**vs. 5-11**).

- Call to the mourning of sin unheeded (**vs. 12-14**).

b. Denunciation of **Shebna** and the weakness of **Eliakim** (**vs. 15-22**).

- Shebna, the steward deposed for his pride (**vs. 15-19**).

- Eliakim exalted by God, but falls under exaltation (**vs. 20-25**).

11. Oracle against **Tyre** (**ch. 23**).

a. Divine judgment against **Tyre** and **Sidon** (**vs. 1-12**).

b. **Tyre's** restoration and prosperity (**vs. 13-18**).

( Concerns Assyria's assaults by either Shalmanezer and Sargon before 722 BC, or Sennacherib in 703.)