

Isaiah 13:1-22 **Against Babylon – Great Tribulation**

Proclamation Against Babylon

1 The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

Preparation for the Great Tribulation – Armies of the earth and the Armies of Heaven Summoned

2 "Lift up a banner on the high mountain, Raise your voice to them; Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones for My anger — Those who rejoice in My exaltation."

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! The Lord of hosts musters The army for battle.

5 They come from a far country, From the end of heaven — The Lord and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

The Day of Yahweh

6 Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, 8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

9 Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

Special lighting

10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

Purge away of all evil

11 "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the Lord of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up; Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land.

15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

16 Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.

Call of the Medes against Babylon

17 "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it. 18 Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children.

Fall of Babylon to desolation

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.

21 But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of owls; Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there. 22 The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, And her days will not be prolonged."

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Facts Revealed:

Proclamation Against Babylon – This prophecy has a two-fold fulfillment – Near & Future

✧ The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw. [Isaiah 13:1]

Preparation for the Great Tribulation – Armies of the earth and the Armies of Heaven Summoned

✧ During the Great Tribulation, God will call for all the nations of earth to come to the Battle of Armageddon, at the same time He will gather the Armies of Heaven both Saints and Angels to accompany Him when He comes to destroy the armies that come out against Him. [Isaiah 13:2-5, Revelation 16:12-16, 17:14, Matthew 16:27, 24:31, 25:31, Mark 8:38, 13:27, Luke 9:25-26, 1 Thessalonians 3:13, 4:14-15, Jude 1:14-15]

The Day of Yahweh

✧ The time of Armageddon is a time of terror and anguish for which God is calling for lamentations as He describes the terror of the event. [Isaiah 13:6-9, Amos 5:18-20]

◇ It is the Day of Yahweh's fierce anger, and it is to destroy all sinners from the earth.

Special lighting

✧ God has prepared special lighting effects in the heaven impacting the sun, moon, & stars. [Isaiah 13:10, Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24-25, Joel 3:15, Zechariah 14:6-7]

Purge away of all evil

✧ All evil of the world will be purged away. [Isaiah 13:11-16, Romans 1:18]

◇ The number of men on the earth will be reduced to a very small remnant.

◇ Their families will face great violence.

◇ The heavens will be shaken, and the earth will be moved out of its place.

Call of the Medes against Babylon

✧ After the Babylonian captivity, the Medes will bring judgment of destruction against Babylon which will leave it desolate for thousands of years. [Isaiah 13:17-18]

Fall of Babylon to desolation

✧ Babylon of the Chaldeans will be as desolate as Sodom and Gomorrah. [Isaiah 13:19-22]