

## Isaiah 21:1-10 **The Fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians Proclaimed**

<sup>1</sup> The burden against the Wilderness of the Sea.

As whirlwinds in the South pass through, So it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

<sup>2</sup> A distressing vision is declared to me; The treacherous dealer deals treacherously, And the plunderer plunders.

Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! All its sighing I have made to cease.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore my loins are filled with pain; Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor. I was distressed when I heard it; I was dismayed when I saw it. <sup>4</sup> My heart wavered, fearfulness frightened me; The night for which I longed He turned into fear for me.

<sup>5</sup> Prepare the table, Set a watchman in the tower, Eat and drink. Arise, you princes, Anoint the shield! <sup>6</sup> For thus has the Lord said to me: "Go, set a watchman, Let him declare what he sees."

<sup>7</sup> And he saw a chariot with a pair of horsemen, A chariot of donkeys, and a chariot of camels, And he listened earnestly with great care.

<sup>8</sup> Then he cried, "A lion, my Lord! I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime; I have sat at my post every night. <sup>9</sup> And look, here comes a chariot of men with a pair of horsemen!"

Then he answered and said, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground."

<sup>10</sup> Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor! That which I have heard from the Lord of hosts, The God of Israel, I have declared to you.

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Isaiah is set as a watchman to declare a message from Yahweh Tsebavta Elohey Yisrael (the Lord of Hosts the God of Israel).
- ✧ The message is a call to the Medes and Persians to destroy Babylon and utterly break down all the carved images of her gods to the ground.
- ✧ Yahweh demonstrated that He has power over all the gods of Babylon, just as He did over the gods of Egypt when He brought Israel out of bondage there.
- ✧ Isaiah delivered the message though he did not understand it or its timing which occurred somewhere around 150 years after his time.