

Isaiah: Chapters 13-22

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13:1 thru 23:18 — Oracles against foreign nations

13:1-22 — Oracle against Babylon

13:6-16 — cataclysmic fall of Babylon attended by portents in the heavens and civil disorder is seen as The Day of the Lord.

Before the Exile it was marked by the punishment of Israel; after the Exile it refers to the punishment of Israel's oppressors and was again a day of hope for Israel cf. Zephaniah Chapter 1

14:1-2 — The return from Exile/Restoration of Israel

14:3-22 — Downfall of the King of Babylon

14:24-27 — Oracle concerning Assyria

14:28-32 — Oracle concerning Philistia

15 and 16 — Oracle concerning Moab

17 — Oracle concerning Damascus

18 — Oracle concerning Ethiopia

19:1-17 — Oracle concerning Egypt

19:18-25 — Egypt, Assyria and Israel Blessed

20 — Isaiah dramatizes the conquest of Egypt and Ethiopia

21:1-10 — against Babylon

21:11-12 — concerning Edom

21:13-17 — concerning Arabia

22:1-14 — Warning to Jerusalem of approaching destruction

22:15-25 — Denunciation of self seeking officials