

ISAIAH CHAPTER 14

¹ And the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and they shall rest on their land; and the stranger shall be added to them; yes, they shall be added to the house of Jacob. ² And the Gentiles shall take them, and bring them into their place; and they shall inherit them, and they shall be multiplied upon the land for servants and handmaidens; and they that took them captives shall become captives *to them*; and they that had lordship over them shall be under *their* rule.

³ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall give you rest from your sorrow and vexation, *and from* your hard servitude in which you served them. ⁴ And you shall take up this lamentation against the king of Babylon: "How has the extortioner ceased, and the taskmaster ceased! ⁵ The Lord has broken the yoke of sinners, *and* the yoke of princes. ⁶ Having smitten a nation in wrath with an incurable plague, smiting a nation with a wrathful plague, which did not spare, he rested in quiet. ⁷ All the earth cries aloud with joy; ⁸ the trees of Lebanon also rejoice against you, and the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, 'From the time that you have been laid low, no one has come up to cut us down.' ⁹ Hell from beneath is provoked to meet you; all the great ones that have ruled over the earth have risen up together against you, they that have raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. ¹⁰ All shall answer and say to you, 'You also have been taken, even as we; and you are numbered amongst us. ¹¹ Your glory has come down to Hades, and your great mirth; under you they shall spread corruption, and the worm shall be your covering.'

¹² "How has Lucifer, that rose of the morning, fallen from heaven! He that sent *orders* to all the nations is crushed to the earth. ¹³ But you have said in your heart, 'I will go up to heaven, I will set my throne above the stars of heaven; I will sit on a lofty mount, on the lofty mountains toward the north; ¹⁴ I will go up above the clouds; I will be like the Most High.'

¹⁵ "But now you shall go down to hell, even to the foundations of the earth! ¹⁶ They that see you shall marvel at you, and say, 'Is this is the man that troubled the earth, that made kings to shake? ¹⁷ Who made the whole world desolate, and destroyed its cities; he loosed not those who were in captivity.' ¹⁸ All the kings of the nations lie in honor, *every* man in his house. ¹⁹ But you shall be cast forth on the mountains, as a loathsome carcass, with many dead who have been pierced with swords, going down to the grave. ²⁰ As a garment defiled with blood shall not be pure, so neither shall you be pure; because you have destroyed My land, and have slain My people; you shall not endure forever; *you are* an evil seed. ²¹ Prepare your children to be slain for the sins of their father; that they may not arise, and inherit the earth, nor fill the earth with wars.

²² "And I will rise up against them," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will destroy their name, and remnant, and seed"; thus says the Lord. ²³ "And I will make the region of Babylon a desert, so that hedgehogs shall dwell *there*, and it shall come to nothing; and I will make it a pit of clay for destruction."

²⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts: "As I have said, so it shall be; and as I have purposed, so *the matter* shall remain; ²⁵ *even* to destroy the Assyrians upon My land, and upon My mountains; and they shall be for trampling; and their yoke

shall be taken away from them, and their glory shall be taken away from their shoulders."

²⁶ This is the purpose which the Lord has purposed upon the whole earth; and this the hand that is uplifted against all the nations. ²⁷ For what the Holy God has purposed, who shall frustrate? And who shall turn back His uplifted hand?

²⁸ In the year in which King Ahaz died, this word came: ²⁹ "Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, because the yoke of him that struck you is broken; for out of the seed of the serpent shall come forth the young asps, and their young shall come forth *as* flying serpents, ³⁰ and the poor shall be fed by him, and poor men shall rest in peace; but he shall destroy your seed with hunger, and shall destroy your remnant. ³¹ Howl, you gates of cities; let the cities be troubled and cry, *even* all the Philistines; for smoke is coming from the north, and there is no *possibility* of living."

³² And what shall the kings of the nations answer? That the Lord has founded Zion, and by Him the poor of the people shall be saved.