

The Judgment of Babylon, Edom, and Arabia

Isaiah 21

God's judgment is unavoidable

- A. The Burden of Babylon (Isaiah 21:1-10)**
 - 1. The Object of the Vision - Babylon Described (21:1)**
 - 2. The Content of the Vision (21:2)**
Babylon conquered by Media-Persia
 - 3. The Effect of the Vision On Isaiah (21:3-4)**

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- A. The Burden of Babylon (Isaiah 21:1-10) - continued
 - 4. The Accuracy of the Vision - Belshazzar's feast while Babylon overrun (21:5-10)
 - a. An ignorant king (v 5)
 - b. An ignominious message (vv 6-9)
Jeremiah 51:31-33
 - c. An incomprehensive outcome (v 10)
Harvest is a time of judgment

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B. The Burden of Dumah (Isaiah 21:11-12)

1. The watchman of Seir (v 11a)
2. The question (v 11b)
3. The answer (v 12) - An eternal choice

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C. The Burden of Arabia (Isaiah 21:13-17)

1. The Meaning of the Vision (21:13)

The Evening of the History of Arabia

2. The Message of the Vision (21:14-17)

a. No deferral (hiding) from judgment (vv 14-15)

Inhabitants flee from Assyrian army

b. No denying the judgment - A specific timing (v 16)

c. No diminishing the judgment (v 17)

Based on God's Word

The Burden of Jerusalem

Isaiah 22

God's judgment is unavoidable but salvation is in Christ

I. The Scene in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:1-3)

A. A picture of despair (22:1)

Isaiah 22:1

**The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now,
that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?**

B. A picture of ignorance (22:2)

Isaiah 22:2

**Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, joyous city:
thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in
battle.**

I. The Scene in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:1-3)

C. A picture of no escape (22:3)

Isaiah 22:3

All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, which have fled from far.

II. The Sorrow for Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:4-5)

A. A picture of incapacity (22:4)

Isaiah 22:4

**Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly,
labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the
daughter of my people.**

B. A picture of destruction (22:5)

Isaiah 22:5

**For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of
perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision,
breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.**

III. The Symbolism of Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:6-11)

A. A picture of multiple invaders (22:6)

Isaiah 22:6

**And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and
horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.**

B. A picture repeated (22:7)

Isaiah 22:7

**And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be
full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in
array at the gate.**

III. The Symbolism of Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:6-11)

C. A picture of man's preparation defeated (22:8-11)

Isaiah 22:8-11

8 And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest.

9 Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.

11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

IV. The Sin of Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:12-14)

A. The choice to repent given (22:12)

Isaiah 22:12

**And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping,
and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with
sackcloth:**

B. The choice to repent rejected (22:13-14)

Isaiah 22:13-14

**13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing
sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and
drink; for to morrow we shall die.**

**14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts,
Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die,
saith the Lord GOD of hosts.**

V. Shebna Removed From Office (Isaiah 22:15-19)

Isaiah 22:15-19

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say,

16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.

V. Shebna Removed From Office (Isaiah 22:15-19)

Isaiah 22:15-19 - continued

**18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball
into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the
chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.
19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy
state shall he pull thee down.**

Shebna – Youthfulness (Pride)

V. Shebna Removed From Office (Isaiah 22:15-19)

- A. Becomes a captive and ashamed (22:15-17)**
- B. A violent end in captivity (22:17a)**
- C. Disgraced (22:17b)**
- D. Loss of position (22:19a)**
- E. Loss of possessions (22:19b)**

VI. Eliakim Exalted To Office (Isaiah 22:20-24)

Isaiah 22:20-24

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

VI. Eliakim Exalted To Office (Isaiah 22:20-24)

Isaiah 22:20-24 - continued

23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

Eliakim = God establishes

VI. Eliakim Exalted To Office (Isaiah 22:20-24)

- A. I will call him (22:20)**
- B. I will cloth him (22:21)**
- C. I will strengthen him (22:21)**
- D. I will commit the government to him (22:21)**
- E. He shall be a father to those left in Jerusalem and Judah (22:21)**
- F. I will give him the key to the house of David (22:22)**
- G. He will have unhindered authority (22:22)**
- H. He will be permanent (22:23)**
- I. He shall be exalted in his father's house (22:23)**
- J. He shall have the glory of his father's house (22:24)**

VII. The End-Time Prophecy of Shebna and Eliakim (Isaiah 22:25)

Isaiah 22:25

In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.