

Prophecies about Babylon

13:1 THE ¹oracle concerning ^bBabylon which ^cIsaiah the son of Amoz saw.

2 ^aLift up a standard on the ¹^bbare hill,
Raise your voice to them,
^cWave the hand that they may ^denter the doors of the nobles.
3 I have commanded My consecrated ones,
I have even called My ^amighty warriors,
My proudly exulting ones,
To *execute* My anger.
4 A ^asound of tumult on the mountains,
Like that of many people!
A sound of the uproar of kingdoms,
Of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle.
5 They are coming from a far country
From the ¹^afarthest horizons,
The LORD and His instruments of ^bindignation,
To ^cdestroy the whole land.

Judgment on the Day of the LORD

6 Wail, for the ^aday of the LORD is near!
It will come as ^bdestruction from ¹the Almighty.
7 Therefore ^aall hands will fall limp,
And every man's ^bheart will melt.
8 And they will be ^aterrified,
Pains and anguish will take hold of *them*;
They will ^bwrithe like a woman in labor,
They will look at one another in astonishment,
Their faces aflame.
9 Behold, ^athe day of the LORD is coming,
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,
To make the land a desolation;
And He will exterminate its sinners from it.
10 For the ^astars of heaven and their constellations
Will not flash forth their light;
The ^bsun will be dark when it rises,
And the moon will not shed its light.
11 Thus I will ^apunish the world for its evil,
And the ^bwicked for their iniquity;
I will also put an end to the ^carrogance of the proud,
And abase the ^dhaughtiness of the ¹^eruthless. I will make mortal man ¹^ascarcer
than pure gold,
12 And mankind than the ^bgold of Ophir.

13 Therefore I shall make the ^aheavens tremble,
And ^bthe earth will be shaken from its place
At the fury of the LORD of hosts
In ^cthe day of His burning anger.
14 And it will be that like a hunted gazelle,
Or like ^asheep with none to gather *them*,
They will each turn to his own people,
And each one flee to his own land.
15 Anyone who is found will be ^athrust through,
And anyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
16 Their ^alittle ones also will be dashed to pieces
Before their eyes;
Their houses will be plundered
And their wives ravished.

Babylon Will Fall to the Medes

17 Behold, I am going to ^astir up the Medes against them,
Who will not value silver or ^btake pleasure in gold,
18 And *their* bows will ¹mow down the ^ayoung men,
They will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb,
Nor will their ^beye pity ²children.
19 And ^aBabylon, the ^bbeauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God ^coverthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
20 It will ^anever be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation;
Nor will the ^bArab pitch *his* tent there,
Nor will shepherds make *their flocks* lie down there.
21 But ^adesert creatures will lie down there,
And their houses will be full of ¹owls,
Ostriches also will live there, and ²shaggy goats will frolic there.
22 And ¹hyenas will howl in their fortified towers
And jackals in their luxurious ^apalaces.
Her *fateful* time also ²will soon come
And her days will not be prolonged.

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¹ Or, *burden of*

^a Is. 14:28; 15:1

^b Is. 13:19; 14:4; 47:1-15; Jer. 24:1; 50:1-51:64; Matt. 1:11; Rev. 14:8

^c Is. 1:1

^a Is. 5:26; Jer. 50:2

¹ Or, *wind-swept mountain*

^b Jer. 51:25

^c Is. 10:32; 19:16

^d Is. 45:1-3; Jer. 51:58

^a Joel 3:11

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- ^a Is. 5:30; 17:12; Joel 3:14
¹ Lit., *end of heaven*
^a Is. 5:26; 7:18
^b Is. 10:5
^c Is. 24:1
^a Is. 2:12; 10:3; 13:9; 34:2, 8; 61:2; Ezek. 30:3; Amos 5:18; Zeph. 1:7
^b Is. 10:25; 14:23; Joel 1:15
¹ Heb., *Shaddai*
^a Ezek. 7:17
^b Is. 19:1; Ezek. 21:7; Nah. 2:10
^a 2 Kin. 19:26; Is. 21:3; Jer. 46:5
^b Is. 26:17; Jer. 4:31; John 16:21
^a Is. 13:6
^a Is. 5:30; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke 21:25; Rev. 6:13; 8:12
^b Is. 24:23; 50:3; Ezek. 32:7; Acts 2:20; Rev. 6:12
^a Is. 26:21
^b Is. 3:11; 11:4; 14:5
^c Is. 2:11; 23:9; Dan. 5:22, 23
^d Jer. 48:29
¹ Or, *tyrants, despots*
^e Is. 25:3; 29:5, 20
¹ Lit., *more precious*
^a Is. 4:1; 6:11, 12
^b 1 Kin. 9:28; Job 28:16; Ps. 45:9
^a Is. 34:4; 51:6
^b Ps. 18:7; Is. 2:19; 24:1, 19, 20; Hag. 2:6
^c Lam. 1:12
^a 1 Kin. 22:17; Matt. 9:36; Mark 6:34; 1 Pet. 2:25
^a Is. 14:19; Jer. 50:25; 51:3, 4
^a Ps. 137:8, 9; Is. 13:18; 14:21; Hos. 10:14; Nah. 3:10
^a Jer. 51:11; Dan. 5:28
^b Prov. 6:34, 35
¹ Lit., *dash in pieces*
^a 2 Kin. 8:12; 2 Chr. 36:17
^b Ezek. 9:5, 10
² Lit., *sons*
^a Is. 21:9; 48:14
^b Dan. 4:30; Rev. 18:11-16, 19, 21
^c Gen. 19:24; Deut. 29:23; Jer. 49:18; Amos 4:11
^a Is. 14:23; 34:10-15; Jer. 51:37-43
^b 2 Chr. 17:11
^a Is. 34:11-15; Zeph. 2:14; Rev. 18:2
¹ Or, *howling creatures*
² Or, *goat demons*
¹ Or, *howling creatures*

^a Is. 25:2; 32:14; 34:13

² Lit., *is near to come*

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.