

## A PROPHECY OF JUDGMENT AGAINST BABYLON (21:1-10)

**Isaiah**      **21** A prophecy against the desert of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the south sweep through,  
so, it comes from the wilderness, from a terrible land.

<sup>2</sup>A harsh vision was declared unto me:

**Unnamed individual** “The traitor is betraying,  
and the destroyer is destroying.”

**Military leader** “Go up, O Elam;  
lay siege, O Media!”

**Unnamed individual** “I have caused all of the sighing to cease.”

**Isaiah**      <sup>3</sup>Therefore my loins are filled with anguish;  
pangs have seized me, as the pangs of a woman who is in labor.  
I was bowed down at what I heard;  
I was dismayed at what I saw.

<sup>4</sup>My heart went astray, shuddering fell upon me;  
the twilight that I desired put me to trembling.

<sup>5</sup>Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower,  
eat, drink,  
arise, O you officers.  
Anoint the shield.

<sup>6</sup>For thus the Lord said unto me,

**The LORD** “Go, post a watchman;  
let him declare what he sees.”

**Isaiah**      <sup>7</sup>And he saw chariots, with teams of horses,  
riders on donkeys, riders on camels;  
and he paid attention,  
great attention.

<sup>8</sup>And the seer<sup>111</sup> cried,

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111. DSS Isaiah correctly attests “seer” rather than “lion.”

**Seer** “My Lord,  
I stand continually upon the watchtower all day,  
and I am stationed at my post all night.  
<sup>9</sup> And, behold, this is coming: a chariot of a man,  
a pair of horsemen.”

**Isaiah** And he answered and said,

**Unnamed messenger** “Babylon is fallen, is fallen;  
and all the graven images of its gods he has shattered to the  
ground.”

**The LORD** <sup>10</sup> “O my threshed!  
O child of my threshing floor!”

**Isaiah** I have declared that which I have heard from the LORD of  
Hosts, the God of Israel.

#### A PROPHECY OF JUDGMENT AGAINST DUMAH (21:11-12)

**Isaiah** <sup>11</sup> A prophecy against Dumah:  
One calls to me from Seir,

**Individual from Seir** “Watchman, what of the night?  
Watchman, what of the night?”

**Isaiah** <sup>12</sup> The watchman said,

**Watchman** “The morning is coming,  
and also, the night;  
if you will inquire,  
then inquire,  
return,  
come.”

#### A PROPHECY OF JUDGMENT AGAINST ARABIA (21:13-17)

**Isaiah** <sup>13</sup> A prophecy against Arabia:

You will lodge in the forest in Arabia, O caravans of Dedanim.

<sup>14</sup> Bring water to meet the thirsty, O inhabitants of the land of Tema;  
go up to the refuge with bread.

<sup>15</sup> Because they fled from swords,  
from the drawn sword,  
and from the bent bow,  
and from the heat of battle.

<sup>16</sup> For thus the Lord said unto me,

**The LORD** “Within a year, as a hired worker would count it, all the glory of Kedar will come to an end, <sup>17</sup> and the remnant of the number of archers, the mighty men of Kedar, will be few.”

**Isaiah** For the LORD God of Israel has spoken it.

#### A PROPHECY OF JUDGMENT AGAINST JERUSALEM (22:1-14)

**Isaiah to  
Jerusalem** **22** A prophecy against the valley of vision:

What has happened to you,  
that all of you have gone up to the housetops?

<sup>2</sup>Noises! O city full of commotion,  
a jubilant town.

Your slain are not slain with the sword,  
nor are they dead from war.

<sup>3</sup>All your leaders have fled together, but they were captured  
without a bow;  
all who could be found have been captured, though together  
they had fled far away.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore I said,

**Isaiah** “Look away from me; let me weep bitterly.  
Do not try to comfort me, because of the destruction of the  
daughter of my people.”

**Isaiah to  
Jerusalem’s  
inhabitants** <sup>5</sup>For it is a day of tumult and of trampling  
and confusion by the Lord, the LORD of Hosts in the valley  
of vision,

battering down of walls  
and of crying to the mountain.

<sup>6</sup>And Elam bare the quiver in chariots of horsemen,  
and Kir uncovered the shield.

<sup>7</sup>And it came to pass that your choicest valleys were filled  
with chariots,  
and the horsemen took their stand at the gate.