

Isaiah Chapter 14

Context:

- Isaiah Ch. 10** Woes pronounced upon Israel – God uses Assyria & Babylon to chasten Israel – using the un-Godly to chasten His people.
- Isaiah Ch. 11** A Savior, the Messiah, a redeemer, the future Millennial Kingdom.
- Isaiah Ch. 12** The Millennial Kingdom described, the children of Israel, the Jews acknowledge Jesus Christ as the true Messiah.
- Isaiah Ch. 13** The judgment of Babylon.
- Isaiah Ch. 14** Continues the judgment of Babylon, and the power behind her.
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V: 1-2 The Lord will have mercy upon Jacob: (Old name / old behavior) Because He's a merciful God!

- And because He is merciful He will “*still*” choose Israel, I’ll choose you anyway!

Isaiah 1:4 “Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward.”

“*Israel*” - (governed by God / new name.) VS: “Jacob”

- Speaking of “God’s chosen people” - They will be restored. That is just what happened on [May 14, 1948](#). Settling them in their own land.
- Settling them in their own land / **Dual fulfillment:**
 1. Returned from Babylonian captivity, but never seen as a major power.
 2. This prophecy deals with Israel becoming a major power, and other nations being joined with them. This speaks of a future fulfillment, but we’re seeing it today: Saudi Arabia, UAE, Uganda, Sudan.
- The nation of Israel will once again be restored in such a way that they rule over their oppressors.

Isaiah 60:14 “Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”

- This is all being prophesied 1-200 years before Babylon is even a major power in the region, long before the Babylonian captivity.

V: 3-8 When Jesus returns and reigns in glory, the oppression, will cease; the powers of darkness will be broken.

- The whole earth will be at peace; there will be rest and quiet.
- They will break forth into singing praises!

V: 9-11 Hell beneath is excited about “you” – (Belshazzar not Nubuchadnezer) also meaning the Anti-Christ, the Beast, the final world leader (FWL).

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Daniel 10:13 “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.”

- Hitler, Stalin, Khmer Rouge / Cambodia, Idi Amin, Saddam Hussein, demonic pawns. - All dead, all brought low.
- Death is the great equalizer, kings, and the king of demons. Those same kings and ordinary souls that once worshipped him as Lord, now ridicule and mock, having become equal in damnation.

V: 12 Babylon is being judged, but now the real force behind the wickedness of Babylon is to be judged as well.

- The Devil misleads people and nations. Have you ever experienced irrational tension, strife, uptightness, senseless anger, wiggling out – what causes these things? Satan
- This verse is describing his 2nd fall, which came after the 1st both of which will lead to the 3rd fall.
- “¹*Lucifer*” (*Latin*) – “morning star”, “son of the morning”, “day star”, “light bearer”, “the shining one” – [only used this one time in the Bible.](#)
- He is called by many other names: (1st referred to as the) ²serpent, ³Satan, the ⁴Devil, the ⁵Accuser, the ⁶prince of the power of the air, the ⁷Slanderer, [Beelzebub](#), the ⁹dragon, ¹⁰Abaddon, ¹¹Appolyon, ¹²Prince of darkness, ¹³father of lies.
- Names in Hebrew or Greek, numerical value all divisible by 13, the number of rebellion.
- Satan worshippers wouldn’t even know his name if it weren’t for the Bible.

- Satan is not some ugly, repulsive creature. Never underestimate your adversary.

1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

- It would be good if he wore a red suit and carried a pitchfork, then he'd be easier to recognize, more often than not he comes in a blue dress, something attractive.
- He is no gentleman, he'll take advantage of any opportunity we give him, of whatever chinks he can find in our armor.
- He steps in with appeal, with excitement, new ideas, and a better way.
- He steps in with deception and lies, promising life, but delivering death.
- Satan told Eve that if she ate from the tree, she would be like God. All she got was a life of toil and death.
- So, when did Lucifer who became Satan fall? **The first time** was in the Heavenly realm sometime prior to his appearance in Eden as “the serpent.” (We don't know what day that was.)

Job 38:4-7 “⁴Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

- The angels, including Lucifer, were present as the foundations of the earth were laid. Referring to day 3, **Genesis 1:9** when the dry land appeared.
- This means that the angels were probably created on day 1 or 2, we're not told specifically, but it stands to reason that this is the order. Then sometime after day 6, he / they fell.

Genesis 1:31 “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

- At this point Lucifer exists as a created being, but not yet in a fallen state. If he has already fallen, then he / everything is not good. His fall must have taken place some time after the sixth day.
- Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born, plenty of time passed after day six to accommodate the fall of Satan before the fall of man.

- **Ezekiel 28** describes the creation and fall of Lucifer, and that he was in the Garden of Eden prior to his fall.

He's described:

Ezekiel 28:12-15 “¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the Holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.” (Describing fall #1)

- Even after the fall, Revelation Ch. 12 / Job Ch. 1 both indicate that Satan still had access to Heaven which is where he accused the brethren.
- **Fall #2, Satan being cast out of Heaven:**

Jesus was predicting His death and the things that would result.

John 12:31 “Now is the judgment of this world: now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

- Judgment of this world: Jesus is speaking about how all of our sins, the sins of the world are about to be judged on the cross, the time is now just as the prophet said:

Isaiah 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own; way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

- Now the ruler of this world will be cast out. Cast out from where? Earth? No, he's still busy here.
- Cast out from Heaven, because the sins are paid for, no need to hear the charges, the accusations anymore?
- In Job's time, Satan had access to heaven: With Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, our sins are paid for there are no more accusations in Heaven, the accuser has been cast out

Luke 10:18 “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

Revelation 12:9-10 “⁹So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was cast out to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice saying in

heaven, now salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come: for the accuser of our brethren who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.”

- **Hebrews 11** – hall of faith, describes the faith of these saints, does not point out any of their failings:
 1. Abraham: lied about his wife, then had a child with Hagar.
 2. Noah: got drunk.
 3. Moses was a murderer.
 4. Rehab was a prostitute.
- None of their failings are mentioned after the cross – Satan was defeated, and everyone acts like it – it’s under the blood of Jesus.

Psalm 103:12 “As far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

- Satan’s stranglehold on man kind **has** (past tense) been broken. We no longer have to live in bondage to the flesh, we can live after the spirit. We have been given victory over sin and death.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 “⁵⁵O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 John 5:4 “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world our faith.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 “⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Revelation 12:11 “And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they did not love their lives to the death.”

Fall #3:

Revelation 20:1-2, 10 “¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;” – “¹⁰The Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

- Hell was created for the Devil and the fallen angels, not for man.

V: 13 Now we get to the reason for Lucifer’s fall:

- Lucifer, a created being – like man was created with the power of self-determination, the ability to choose.
- That is what makes our prayers, our worship, our love to Him meaningful.
- When it comes to sin, there is always a choice.

1 Corinthians 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Galatians 5:16 “I say then: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

- Satan decided to exercise his will against the will of God, which is really what all sin is about.
- When you think about those two words **Pride** & **Sin**, there is an “I” right in the middle of each.

V: 13-14 5 “*I will*” statements of Satan.

1. “**I will ascend into heaven**” - he coveted God’s raised position, His omnipresence.
 2. “**I will exalt my throne above the stars / angels of God.**” - He coveted God’s ruling power, he wanted his own angels under him.
 3. “**I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;**” He coveted God’s royal palace, His place.
 4. “**I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.**” – He wanted to be known as being equivalent or equal to God.
 5. “**I will be like the Most High.**” – He coveted God’s pre-eminence.
- “*I will be as God*” – that is where Lucifer fell and became Satan.
 - **Lucifer:** Lived in the presence of God, saw the glory of God, and was used of God, but then he rebelled against God.

Hebrews 6:4-6 “⁴For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.”

- As non-believers we've done and said some of the same things:
- Wanting to be like God is way different than wanting to take His place.

We've been taught to pray:

Matthew 6:9 ⁹... *Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. ¹⁰Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"

- Often times whether we say the words or not; in a practical sense it works out to:

"my will be done..."

- We set aside God's Word, His ways, and His will - to do our own thing. That's part of why I don't think there is such a thing as a true Atheist, because they may not believe in the God of the Bible, but they do follow the dictates of their own heart, because they are their own god.
- **Non-believers declare:** "I am my own god" "I am my own master" I don't need a bible or anyone or thing telling me what to do, what to believe, I make up my own rules, I'm not accountable to anyone or anything apart from my own conscience. I am the master of my own destiny." (The architect of my own demise.)

"¹⁴I will be like the Most High." – that is where Lucifer fell and became Satan.

- Sounded good to Eve, that's where she fell, she wanted to be as God, and ate the fruit.
- **Hindu's:** believe that by going through their rituals, fastings and prayers, meditations, chanting and so on that they can achieve the god state.
- **New Age movement:** which is modern day marketing for Hinduism is saying the same thing, that you can ascend into the God-state.
- They speak of altering your consciousness and ascending to the consciousness of God – you become God.
- **Mormons:** The hope of the Mormons is that when they die they will become gods on their own planets and that it would be their duty to populate that planet, then they would be as God to all these little Mormons.
- **Word of faith movement / New Apostolic Reformation** (aka Bethel): has taken up the "man is God" heresy with their positive confessions. They feel pretty free to alter and re-define God's Word, and re-define God, putting themselves in that place.
- **God is sovereign, He is the creator.**

- When man seeks to step into that role, or when they think that they do, they are trying to take on the role of God and in so doing, God then becomes subservient to them. God is no longer in control of my life, I am in control.
- We're back to saying: *"My will be done, not yours"*

The opposite of what Jesus teaches us:

Matthew 6:9-13 ⁹... Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed by Your name. ¹⁰Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 26:39 "... Oh My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Philippians 2:3 ³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

V: 15 Satan declared all these boastful, perhaps wishful covetous things and in some deranged self-deceived kind of way he actually believed it - but that was his warped perspective which wasn't reality.

- The reality is that in the end he loses, in the end, the True and Living God, who actually is Most High - judges him and casts him into Sheol, to the lowest depth of the Pit. He does eventually come to a place of truth, albeit a forced truth, and pays a terrible and eternal price.

Revelation 20:10 ¹⁰The Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

- Now a lot of things can be said about Satan; but we can't say that he's stupid; self-deceived - yes, and rebellious for sure which is perhaps the ultimate foolishness - but he's not stupid, he's crafty. He is in a way, way too smart, too wise in his own eyes and thus self-deceived.
- We have to be careful not to make that same mistake, being wise in our own eyes, thinking or presuming to know more than God, thus making ourselves the god of our own making.
- Proverbs 3 takes on a deeper richer meaning in light of this understanding.

Proverbs 3:5-7 “⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding (wisdom); ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him (give Him the glory), and He shall direct your paths. (He’s directing, we’re following / submitting.) ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.”

Reading in proverbs:

Proverbs 13:13 “He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.”

- As we see the enemies end, it raises the question: How can Satan, or any of us think that we might be in any way victorious against God?

Psalm 2:1 “Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?”

Proverbs 21:30 “There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the Lord.”

- However self-deceived any of us can be - one way or the other we will all come to the reality of the truth.
- I can believe that I’m a bird and that I can fly, but not long after I jump off the high place, I will come to the real truth of the matter when I hit the ground.
- Some will insist that they are not accountable to the God of the Bible, but will come to the truth when they stand in His presence and sadly are cast away from Him into hell.
- Others come to the truth before that, knowing that Jesus is the truth, and that He’s the way to peace with God, and end up dwelling in His presence for all of eternity. It’s best to come to that truth earlier than later.

Hebrews 10:26-27 “²⁶For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.”

- Lucifer was lifted up in pride and fell, becoming Satan. Then he fell again, being cast out of heaven to his earthly domain. He will fall again in a sense, being forever cast into Sheol, to the depths of the Pit. We don’t want to follow that pattern!

V: 16 “*Those who see you...*” Who exactly is this speaking of? It this talking about ordinary people like us?

- We’re gonna be in heaven, will we be able to see into the pit? I hope not! There aren’t going to be any tears in heaven and I would assume that if we could see Satan, then we might also be able to see others as well - that would break our

hearts to see them - so I'm speculating that we won't be the ones to utter these words.

- I suppose that if we were able to see him in that state, our reaction might very well be the same; astonishment at the impotence of this renowned figure.
 - I'm leaning towards those that see him will be in the same place and predicament as him. Those that are already in hell, in that same pit will gaze at him, gawk at him, or the the KJV puts it "narrowly look upon thee." A squinty eyed examination.
 - And the question in their mind will be: "Is this the man..."
 - It will almost be hard to believe. Smaller and weaker than we would have thought.
 - The radio station is an excellent and overall a great outreach ministry from our church.
 - But there are pro's and con's to everything.
 - I've jokingly been told that I've got an excellent face for radio...! I guess one of the con's about the radio ministry is that in some ways it can give people a little bit of a false impression; false expectation.
 - The messages are edited and cleaned up before they're broadcast and there are a group of people that make me sound much better than I am.
 - Because of that I've had people tell me that they listened to our program on KWLK and decided to visit out fellowship because of that, but that I'm a lot different in person than on the radio... then we don't see them again.
 - Satan has a reputation, lots of PR, peoples expectations are in many way built up and he's got this image in people's minds, the truth will lead to astonishment, and they will ask "is this the man...?"
 - This is describing his future judgment; in this day, presently - we should not under-estimate our enemy.
- 1 Peter 5:8** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."
- At the same time we shouldn't ascribe to him more than we ought; he is powerful, but he's also already defeated, and our God and Protector is greater.

1 John 4:4 “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

V: 17 Adam, man being made in the image of God, or likeness of God was given that degree of sovereignty to make his own choice, and we know that he, they chose poorly.

- People ask at times why do bad things happen, and a part of every reasoned and truthful answer is that we live in a fallen world, a world made into a wilderness.
- The Jews, and the Bible at times describes different places as either “the desert” or “the wilderness” - and often we think of them as being synonymous, but they’re not.
- From a city or village there will be a place where crops are grown in the “fields,” fields which are “fruitful”, like Bethlehem as an example, or Bethlehem Ephrathah (fruitful) meaning the fields of Bethlehem.
- As you work your way out you may find yourself in the “desert place” which is typically where the flocks are taken to graze because they are usually green in their season.
- As you go farther out you come into “the wilderness” - and these are the places that are never green, there is no sustenance, typically no water - a wasteland of sorts. A place to get through, not a place to stay.
- Satan’s influence turned our world into a un-fruitful wilderness, devoid of life which is why Jesus had to bring life into this world, to be the light of our world.

Romans 5:12 “Therefore just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

- Satan was simply living up to his name: he is “the destroyer”.

Revelation 9:11 - Hebrew - **Abaddon**: Destruction. / Greek - **Apollyon**: Destroyer.

“Who did not open the house of his prisoners?”

- Jesus and Satan are not comparable in terms of power or stature, because One is the creator of all things, and the other is a perverted creation. They are however excellent examples of opposite characteristics: One, the enemy who would not open the prison doors, and the other, Jesus who died on the cross to do just that.

Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the

brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;”

V: 18-19 Looking at the near term and the long term fulfillment of this and some of the preceding verses:

- Near term: When Babylon was conquered, they subsequently killed Belshazzar king of Babylon, grandson to king Nebuchadnezzar. The Babylonians ruled the known world at the time and after the king was slain he probably didn't get an honorable burial.
- Possibly thrust threw with a sword, thrown onto a heap of bodies, eventually thrown into a common grave, perhaps as these verses suggest in a pit. Perhaps his body was desecrated, enemy soldiers walking on his dead corpse - asking themselves "is this that great king?" - "is this the one who shook nations?" Plausible.
- Long term fulfillment: Speaking of the Devil, his will be an ignoble end, kings are buried in lavish tombs, but he will simply be cast into hell.

V: 20-21 These verse also describe the destruction of Babylon, it will be thorough and complete. Children slain, names, legacies lost, disappearing from history.

Proverbs 10:7 “The memory of the righteous is blessed, (legacy) but the name of the wicked will rot.”

V: 22 God is emphasizing that He personally will rise up against them, and will cut off their posterity, their legacy, their name.

Deuteronomy 32:39-41 “³⁹Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver from My hand. ⁴⁰For I raise My hand to heaven, and say, “As I live forever, ⁴¹if I whet My glittering sword, and My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, and repay those who hate Me.”

V: 23 It / Babylon will be a desolate place, occupied by “porcupines,” also translated as hedgehogs, and owls. KJV says “bitterns” - a long legged bird that lives in marshes and swamps. Porcupines, why not?

- Bottom line is no one else besides the porcupines is gonna want to live there, because it's gonna be a stinky, swampy, marshy un-pleasant kind of place. And God will sweep all the other inhabitants away like a broom.

V: 24 God swears it, He takes an oath – you can be assured that it will come to pass.

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”

Psalms 138:2 “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

V: 25-28 Again here we see the short term fulfillment and the long term fulfillment of this prophecy:

“*The Assyrian*” is a type of the Anti-Christ. He will break the Assyrian in “My” land, meaning in the land of Israel - as we’ll see in a moment.

- Babylon is still a ways out in terms of coming to power and becoming a threat.
- Assyria is the immediate danger.
- The Assyrians are in fact at this time carrying away the Northern kingdom captive.
- The year is 726 BC, Ahaz has just died, Hezekiah is taking the throne.
- The Assyrians are beginning to invade Judah and are headed towards Jerusalem.
- Short term: The Assyrian being broken in Israel: 1st / short term is Sennacherib who is a type of the Anti-Christ of the future.
- The king of Assyria mocks God:
- Rabshakeh, an Assyrian general sent by Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came to Jerusalem with a message: “*Don’t trust in your God that He will deliver you. Because none of the gods of the other nations have been able to deliver them from the Assyrians. Give up now and we will spare you, if you don’t we will kill all of you.*”
- Each city / state had its own gods and idols. Conquering that city meant that your god had prevailed over their god.
- The score is being laid out and the challenge being made against the God of Israel. (**2 Kings 18 & 19, 2 Chronicles 32**)
- Sennacherib sent a messenger with a letter to King Hezekiah. At the same time he mocked the God of Israel. Hezekiah then took the letter and spread it out before God in the Temple. God then took care of the Assyrians to the tune of 185,000 men in one night.
- That’s the short term fulfillment of this prophecy:
- The long term fulfillment takes place at the end of the great tribulation time period when the Anti-Christ is dealt with in quick order.

- In both cases, their deliverance will be miraculous.

Isaiah 10:24-26 “²⁴Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: “O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. (A/C) He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. ²⁵For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction. ²⁶And the LORD of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; as His rod was on the sea, and so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt.” (Speaking of miraculous deliverance.)

- In both cases the yoke or burden will be lifted from the nation, from the Jews.
- God has said that He would do this and who can stop Him?

Isaiah 43:13 “Indeed before the day was, I am He; and there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?”

- This was all declared, spoken by the prophet in the year that king Ahaz died, the same year that Hezekiah becomes king, putting a time stamp of 726 BC on these declarations.

V: 29-32 God deals with the Philistines, kind of like the next chapter where God addresses and deals with the Moabites. God has been taking names and one by one He deals with those who dealt wickedly with Israel.

Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- The Philistines were the perennial enemies of Israel. During the reigns of David, Solomon, Uzziah, and Hezekiah they were subjugated and subservient. When the Babylonians come in and take Judah captive, they’re pretty happy about that.
- Thus the description or warning to them not to rejoice because the rod that had struck them was now broken - God will one day reverse that.
- I’ve read a number of speculative attempts to explain these few verses, and I almost skipped over them thinking that whatever I said would likely be wrong, but I feel like the Lord has given me an insight that might be a little speculative as well, but I’m going to toss it out there and kind of see what sticks.
- Isaiah is prophesying that the Philistines are going to be dealt with. In doing so he declares that out of the serpents roots a viper will come forth. The phrase “serpent” is never good, very often a reference to Satan so in a sense the spawn of Satan, this viper. Describing a poisonous snake.

- We've talked about the reconquering of Israel by the Romans under Titus, and the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD as part of what is known as the 1st revolt which lasted from 66-73 AD and the Diaspora that resulted as many of the Jews were led away captive.
- About 60-70 years after that there was what is known as the 2nd revolt, or the Bar-Kokhba revolt which was more severe than the first. More severe in that there were more Roman casualties and was much more difficult and costly to put down.
- When it was finally over Emperor Hadrian sought retribution against the Jews, and as part of that was that he re-named Israel "Palestine" after their enemies the Philistines in an attempt to remove their national identity.
- As a people group the original Philistines had already pretty much disappeared. No one laid claim to that title until the 1960's when the Arab league meeting in Alexandria Egypt created the PLO to wrest the land of Israel from the Jews. It was formed and funded by Gamal Nasser Hussein, president of Egypt. Even today 90+ percent of "Palestinians" are actually Egyptian. Yasser Arafat their terrorist leader was born in Cairo, Egypt.
- Out of the serpents roots will come a viper, another poisonous snake - the PLO, a fiery flying serpent.
- In the mean time the firstborn of the poor, referring back to Israel will lie down in safety; while the roots of the remnant of the Philistines are slain.
- Wail O gate, cry O city - as their cities are dissolved, and under President Trumps peace plan they are just fading away. No one will be alone, they're all going together.
- What will they tell the world? The messengers of the nation? The Lord founded Zion and He will preserve His people!

Psalm 37:28 "For the LORD loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off."

Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."