

“Babylon’s Lament”

Isaiah 14

This is a taunting, sarcastic song of lament. Written in the format of a funeral song with four stanzas about the character of the deceased. Isaiah’s song was mocking and taunting of the King of Babylon.

The Promise of Jacob V. 1-4

“Jacob” – God is faithful to fulfill His promise of a land and a nation that He promised to Jacob. ***Genesis 32:9-12***

“Sojourners” – The restoration of Israel will come with a joining of other peoples, Gentiles. ***Ephesians 2:11-22***

The Earth’s Response V. 5-8

“Rest” – A sense of relief that the oppressor’s rod is broken. No more attacks, prideful boasting, or plundering. ***Romans 8:18-25***

Death’s Response V. 9-11

“Sheol” – The place of the dead, the grave. Instead of gorgeous burial clothes and a Glorious reception, this king is greeted by the ones he killed and is covered in maggots and worms just like those he thought he was better than. ***Matthew 26:51-54, (Gen. 9:6)***

The Fall Into The Pit V. 12-15

“Day Star” – This has two meanings. The first is the prideful arrogance of the king thinking he is god; the second is a veiled reference to Lucifer and his fall from heaven. ***Ezekiel 28:1-19*** Tyre was the wealthiest and most beautiful coastal city of Syria

The Tragic End V. 16-27

The death of the prideful will be abject humiliation, no memorial or tomb for remembrance and no heir to carry on the legacy as Assyria. ***Job 18:5-21***

Philistia’s Ruin V. 28-32

The Philistines see a weakness and opportunity to make alliances with Judah for survival. Judgment comes from Assyria to the north and devastates the land bringing famine.

Jeremiah 47

“Flying Fiery Serpent” – Pain and devastation because they worship serpents and not God. Burning and scorching the land yielding no crops. ***Numbers 21:4-9***

Modern day application is interesting as this region is under fiery destruction and raining missiles from the northeast.

Application

Discussion Questions

What are the burdens that oppress you?

How can you rest and find relief from that oppression?

What promises of God comfort you in your time of trouble?

Homework

Read *Isaiah 15-16*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Write out a comforting promise of God on a card and read it every time you feel oppressed or burdened this week.