

DRY GROUND

The "Dry Ground" for our day and time is the modern, end or latter days Babylon the Great!

Time is of the essence, it is later than we have all thought, and a looming destruction in the form of punishment from the unstoppable hand of the Living Creator is certain.

It is our urgent desire for the reader to carefully compare the following study guide's scriptures while keeping in mind these resounding words:

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (Amplified Bible)

9The thing that has been--it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.

Remember, while you are thinking of the above scripture, try to also keep in mind that the word has a two edged meaning. Our proof of this is the following:

Ezekiel 2:6-10 (The Message Translation)

³⁻⁷ He said, "Son of man, I'm sending you to the family of Israel, a rebellious nation if there ever was one. They and their ancestors have fomented rebellion **right up to the present.**

They're a hard case, these people to whom I'm sending you—hardened in their sin. Tell them, 'This is the Message of Yah, the Master.' They are a defiant bunch. Whether or not they listen, at least they'll know that a prophet's been here.

But don't be afraid of them, son of man, and don't be afraid of anything they say. Don't be afraid when living among them is like stepping on thorns or finding scorpions in your bed. Don't be afraid of their mean words or their hard looks. They're a bunch of rebels.

Your job is to speak to them. Whether they listen is not your concern. They're hardened rebels.

⁸ "Only take care, son of man, that you don't rebel like these rebels. Open your mouth and eat what I give you."

⁹⁻¹⁰ When I looked he had his hand stretched out to me, **and in the hand a book, a scroll**. He unrolled the scroll. On both sides, front and back, were written lamentations and mourning and doom.

Another words, the book we call the Bible;

specifically we are interested in the Hebrew side of it called the Old Testament, has a visible writing you can see and read, but there is a side written within the writings that only eyes opened by Yah with intense study can or will reveal the inner or hidden message!

WE SAY READ BETWEEN THE LINES!

It is hard enough to read for yourself let alone try to show people what you see as you look between the lines, but YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT as many scriptures are in reference to the Children of Israel, Yah's chosen, the same troubles or disasters will happen to the tormentors of Yah's people. A reverse of conditions that was on the Israelites will be soon attached to their tormentors, please read

Deuteronomy 30 **The Message (MSG)**

¹⁻⁵ Here's what will happen. While you're out among the nations where YAH has dispersed you and the blessings and curses come in just the way I have set them before you, and you and your children take them seriously and come back to YAH, your God, and obey him with your whole heart and soul according to everything that I command you today,

YAH, your God, will restore everything you lost; he'll have compassion on you; he'll come back and pick up the pieces from all the places where you were scattered.

No matter how far away you end up, YAH, your God, will get you out of there and bring you back to the land your ancestors once possessed. It will be yours again. He will give you a good life and make you more numerous than your ancestors.

⁶⁻⁷ YAH, your God, will cut away the thick calluses on your heart and your children's hearts, freeing you to love YAH, your God, with your whole heart and soul and live, really live. **YAH, your God, will put all these curses on your enemies who hated you and were out to get you.**

⁸⁻⁹ And you will make a new start, listening obediently to YAH, keeping all his commandments that I'm commanding you today. YAH, your God, will outdo himself in making things go well for you: you'll have babies, get calves, grow crops, and enjoy an all-around good life. **Yes, YAH will start**

enjoying you again, making things go well for you just as he enjoyed doing it for your ancestors.

¹⁰ But only if you listen obediently to YAH, your God, and keep the commandments and regulations written in this Book of Revelation.

Nothing halfhearted here; you must return to YAH, your God, totally, heart and soul, holding nothing back.

¹¹⁻¹⁴ **This commandment that I'm commanding you today isn't too much for you, it's not out of your reach. It's not on a high mountain—you don't have to get mountaineers to climb the peak and bring it down to your level and explain it before you can live it.** And it's not across the ocean—you don't have to send sailors out to get it, bring it back, and then explain it before you can live it. No. The word is right here and now—as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!

¹⁵ Look at what I've done for you today: I've placed in front of you
Life and Good
Death and Evil.

¹⁶ And I command you today: Love YAH, your God. Walk in his ways. Keep his commandments, regulations, and rules so that you will live, really live, live exuberantly, blessed by YAH, your God, in the land you are about to enter and possess.

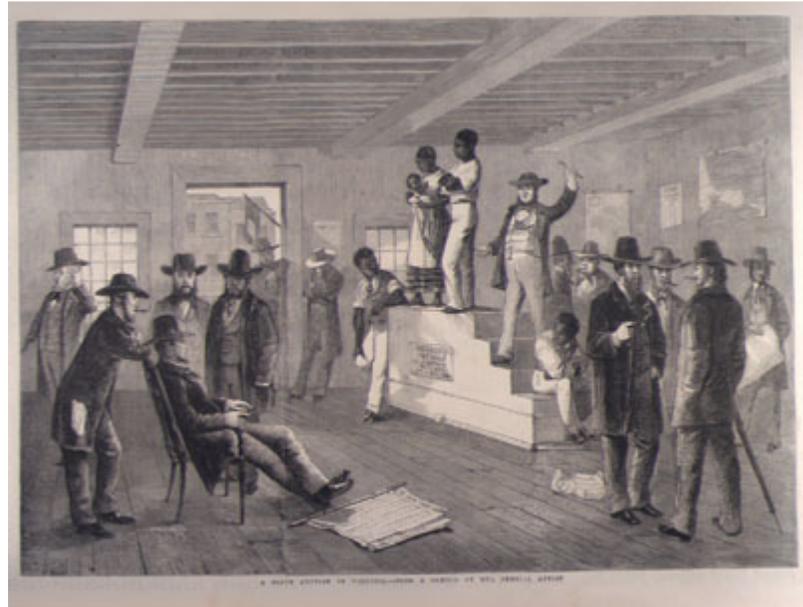
¹⁷⁻¹⁸ **But I warn you:** If you have a change of heart, refuse to listen obediently, and willfully go off to serve and worship other gods, you will most certainly die. You won't last long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you today: I place before you Life and Death, Blessing and Curse. Choose life so that you and your children will live. And love YAH, your God, listening obediently to him, firmly embracing him. Oh yes, he is life itself, a long life settled on the soil that YAH, your God, promised to give your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Now I pray that you are well prepared to get much deeper in this study guide and understand or over-stand (Whatever you choose) in order to see a clear picture of the days you are living in!

Clear your mind and imagine slaves arriving to different ports throughout the world, but the most notorious is the Ports of modern day Babylon, 400 plus years ago. Our people had not yet been robbed of their true identity.

They are seeing their families being separated and also being auctioned off in the public squares as male and female slaves:



TO BE SOLD & LET
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
On MONDAY the 18th of MAY. 1829,
UNDER THE TREES.

FOR SALE,
THE THREE FOLLOWING
SLAVES,

VIZ.
HANNIBAL, about 60 Years old, an excellent House Servant, of Good Character.
WILLIAM, about 35 Years old, a Labourer.
NANCY, an excellent House Servant and Nurse.
THE MEN Struggling to "LEEDER'S" Estate, and the WOMAN to Mrs D. SMIT

TO BE LET,
On the usual conditions of the Hiver ending them in Food, Clo' ing and Medical **MALE and FEMALE**
THE FOLLOWING
SLAVES,

UPON GOOD GUARANTEES.
ROBERT BAGLEY, about 30 Years old, a good House Servant.
WILLIAM BAGLEY, about 16 Years old, a Labourer.
JOHN ADEY, about 26 Years old.
JACK ANTONIA, about 40 Years old, a Labourer.
PHILIP, an Excellent Tailor.
HARRY, about 27 Years old, a good House Servant.
LIZZY, a Young Woman of good Character, used to House Work and the Nursery.
ELIZA, an Excellent Washwoman.
CLARA, an Excellent Washwoman.
FANNY, about 14 Years old, House Servant.
SARAH, about 14 Years old, House Servant.

Also for Sale, at Eleven o'Clock,
Fine Rice, Gram, Paddy, Books, Muslins,
Needles, Pins, Ribbons, &c. &c.

AT ONE O'CLOCK, THAT CELEBRATED ENGLISH HORSE
BLUCHER,

ADDED TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

So as we realized the harshness of slavery, it was like waking up in the swamps and rivers, and the reality of slavery begins to sink in as our people realize that we are not going back home no time soon. We were taunted (teased) and made to perform for the captors by being entertainers as it is this day. They told us to do the following, and this is witnessed by scripture itself;

Psalm 137:1

[*Lament of the Exiles*] By the rivers of **Babylon**— there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.

- ² There on the poplars (trees)
we hung our harps,
³ for there our captors asked us for songs,
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
- ⁴ How can we sing the songs of Yah
while in a foreign land?

Two versions of the same scripture as we read how the Almighty Yah

Psalm 68:6 (New International Reader's Version)

- ⁶ Yah gives lonely people a family.
He sets prisoners free, and they go out singing.
But those who refuse to obey him
live in a land that is **baked by the sun**.

Psalm 68:6 (New Living Translation)

- ⁶ Yah places the lonely in families;
he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.
But he makes the rebellious live in a **sun-scorched**
land.

In all of our previous study guides, we have learned about powerful events that will literally shake the Earth out of its orbit and move it closer to the Sun

As events of the End times will produce national havoc, confusion, and unrest in the streets, the Earth also transforms into something no one alive has ever seen or witnessed; but in the process millions die,

At some point

Days will be shortened by 1/3 so the chosen won't die from Sun exposure normally 12 hours a day; there now will be only 8 hours of day and 8 hours of night; a full 1/3 cut in the hours of a day!

Revelations 8:

¹² The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, **a third** of the moon, and **a third** of the stars, so that **a third** of them turned dark. A **third of the day was without light**, and **also a third of the night**.

Yah's people will be protected from the harsh elements;

Psalm 121:6

The sun shall not **smite** you by day, nor the moon by night.

Isaiah 49:10

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall **the heat nor sun smite them**: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

There are plenty of Scriptures telling us about Earth's woes!

Isaiah 24:20 (Good News Translation)

²⁰ The earth itself will stagger like a drunk, sway like a hut in a storm. The world is weighed down by its sins; it will collapse and never rise again.

Isaiah 65:17

I will create a **new heaven** and a **new earth**. Past things will not be remembered. They will not come to mind.

Isaiah 66:22

"The **new heaven** and **earth** that I am about to make will continue in my presence," declares Yah. "So your **descendants** and your name **will also continue in my presence**."

Now before this wonderful thing happens, there must be punishment for the entire world because of each nation's sin; right down to the individual citizen of each nation! Even the chosen people are punished; the question is will you live to tell about it?

Jeremiah 49:12

For this says Yah; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and are you he that shall **altogether** go **unpunished**? you shall not go **unpunished**, but you shall surely drink of it.

Jeremiah 30:11

For I am with you, says Yah, to save you: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end of you: but I will correct you in measure, and will not leave you **altogether unpunished**.

Zechariah 13:8-9 (New Living Translation)

- ° **Two-thirds of the people in the land** (Hebrew Israelites) **will be cut off and die,**" says Yah.
"But **one-third will be left** in the land.
- ° I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure.
I will refine them like silver
and purify them like gold.
They will call on my name,
and I will answer them.
I will say, 'These are my people,'
and they will say, 'Yah is our God.'"

Another view to this scripture

Zechariah 13:8-9 (The Message)

⁷⁻⁹"Sword, get moving against my shepherd,
against my close associate!"
Decree of Yah-of-the-Angel-Armies.
"Kill the shepherd! Scatter the sheep!
The back of my hand against even the lambs!
All across the country"—Yah's Decree—
"two-thirds will be devastated

and **one-third survive**.

I'll deliver the surviving third to the refinery fires.

I'll refine them as silver is refined,
test them for purity as gold is tested.

Then they'll pray to me by name

and I'll answer them personally.

I'll say, 'That's my people.'

They'll say, 'Yah—my God!'" (Psalms 68:4)

Psalm 68:4 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

⁴ Sing to God! Sing praises to His name.

Exalt Him who rides on the clouds ^[a] —

His name is Yahweh ^[b] —and rejoice before Him. (

If you wondered just how will Yah do the punishment, remember your past study guide Earth Turned Upside Down, and Hiding from the Creator Yah.

People will be struck with sunburns as the planet moves closer to the Sun:

Isaiah 30:26

The moon will be as bright as the **sun**, and the **sun will be seven times brighter**—like the light of **seven** days in one! **So it will be when Yah begins to heal his people** and cure the wounds he gave them.

Now here is a clear example of a reversal of scripture when at first it was talking of the chosen people, but now makes mention of a man and woman who gave birth to a different set of seven sons, the father is Japheth found in Genesis 10th chapter.

Jeremiah 15:9

The mother of **seven** (Japheth?) grows faint and gasps for (her last) breath; her **sun** has gone down while it is still day. She sits childless now, disgraced and humiliated. And I will hand over

those who are left to be killed by the enemy. I, Yah, have spoken!”

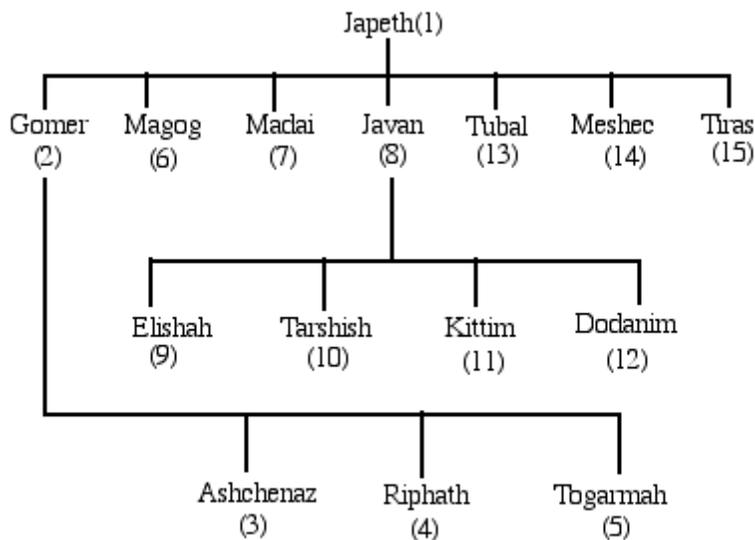
So who or what can be found about the woman who gave birth to 7 sons or nations?

What was the name of Japheth’s mother?

Emzara

Japheth, Mother; and who was the wife of Japheth;

The Persian historian [Muhammad ibn Jarir al-Tabari](#) (c. 915) recounts that Japheth's wife was **Arbasisah**, daughter of Marazil, son of al-Darmasil, son of Mehujael, son of Enoch, **son of Cain**;



Japheth

Japheth is one of the sons of Noah in the Abrahamic tradition. In Arabic citations, his name is normally given as Yafeth bin Nuh

the Abrahamic tradition means like

Book of Jubilees[\[edit source\]](#) | [editbeta](#)

In the *Book of Jubilees*, known to have been in use from the late 2nd century BC, the names of the wives of [Noah](#), [Shem](#), [Ham](#) and [Japheth](#) are as follows:

- Wife of Noah - **Emzara**, daughter of Rake'el, son of [Methuselah](#)
- Wife of Shem - **Sedeqetelebab**
- Wife of Ham - **Ne'elatama'uk** or **Na'eltama'uk**
- Wife of Japheth - **'Adataneses**

It adds that the three sons after some years struck out in different directions from the original camp near [Mount Ararat](#) and founded three villages bearing the names of these three mothers of the human race.

Yah Almighty gave (Torah) Laws to His people; a rich way of life, biblical evidence shows us that even Yah follows His own Laws. The Laws below will be applied to the captors of Yah's chosen.

The Almighty Yah believes in righteous judgment or punishment, and since it was used on His people it certainly will be used on their captors, so remember the following;

[Isaiah 14:2](#)

And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Yah for servants and handmaids: and they **shall take them captives, whose captives they were**; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

[Exodus 21:22-29 \(Holman Christian Standard Bible\)](#)

²² "When men get in a fight, and hit a pregnant woman so that her children are born [prematurely], ^[a] but there is no injury, the one who hit her must be fined as the woman's husband demands ^(A) from him, and he must pay according to judicial assessment.

²³ **If there is an injury, then you must give life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, ^(B) hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, bruise for bruise, wound for wound.**

²⁶ "When a man strikes the eye of his male or female slave and destroys it, he must let the slave go free in compensation for his eye. ²⁷ If he knocks

out the tooth of his male or female slave, he must let the slave go free in compensation for his tooth.

²⁸ "When an ox ^[b] gores a man or a woman to death, the ox must be stoned, ^[c] and its meat may not be eaten, but the ox's owner is innocent. ²⁹ However, if the ox was in the habit of goring, and its owner has been warned yet does not restrain it, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox must be stoned, and its owner must also be put to death.

Footnotes:

- a. [Exodus 21:22](#) Either a live birth or a miscarriage
- b. [Exodus 21:28](#) Or a *bull*, or a *steer*

Cross references:

- A. [Exodus 21:22](#) : [Ex 21:30](#); [Dt 22:18-19](#);
- B. [Exodus 21:24](#) : [Lv 24:20](#); [Dt 19:21](#); [Mt 5:38](#);
- C. [Exodus 21:28](#) : [Gn 9:5](#);

Leviticus 24:19-20 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

¹⁹ If any man **inflicts a permanent injury on his neighbor, whatever he has done is to be done to him**: ²⁰ fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. Whatever injury he inflicted on the person, the same is to be inflicted on him. ^(A)

Revelations 18:

Warning to Escape Babylon's Judgment

- ⁴ Then I heard another voice calling from heaven,
"Come away from her, my people.
Do not take part in her sins,
or you will be punished with her.
- ⁵ For her sins are piled as high as heaven,
and Yah remembers her evil deeds.
- ⁶ Do to her as she has done to others.
Double her penalty^[d] for all her evil deeds.
She brewed a cup of terror for others,
so brew twice as much^[e] for her.
- ⁷ She glorified herself and lived in luxury,
so match it now with torment and sorrow.
She boasted in her heart,
'I am queen on my throne.

I am no helpless widow,
and I have no reason to mourn.'

⁸ Therefore, these plagues will overtake her in a single day—
death and mourning and famine.

She will be completely **consumed by fire**,
for Yah God who judges her is mighty."

⁹ And the kings of the world who committed adultery with her and
enjoyed her great luxury will mourn for her as they see the smoke rising
from her charred remains. ¹⁰ They will stand at a distance, terrified by
her great torment. They will cry out,

"How terrible, how terrible for you,
O Babylon, you great city!
In a single moment
Yah's judgment came on you."

Elizabeth II



Elizabeth II on 8 May 2007

[Queen of the United Kingdom](#) and the other
[Commonwealth realms](#)

List[[show](#)]

Reign 6 February 1952 – present

[Coronation](#) 2 June 1953

Predecessor [George VI](#)

Heir apparent [Charles, Prince of Wales](#)

Prime Ministers *[See list](#)*

Spouse [Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#) (m. 1947)

[Detail](#)

Issue

[Charles, Prince of Wales](#)

[Anne, Princess Royal](#)

[Prince Andrew, Duke of York](#)

[Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex](#)

Full name

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary

[House](#) [House of Windsor](#)

Father [George VI](#)

Mother [Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon](#)

21 April 1926 (age 87)

Born [Mayfair, London, England, United Kingdom](#)

Religion	Church of England Church of Scotland
-----------------	---

Elizabeth II (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary; born 21 April 1926^[al]) is the [constitutional monarch](#) of 16 [sovereign states](#), known as the [Commonwealth realms](#), and their territories and dependencies, and head of the 54-member [Commonwealth of Nations](#). She is [Supreme Governor of the Church of England](#) and, in some of her realms, carries the title of [Defender of the Faith](#) as part of her full title.

On her accession on 6 February 1952, Elizabeth became [Head of the Commonwealth](#) and [queen regnant](#) of **seven independent Commonwealth countries**: the [United Kingdom](#), [Canada](#), [Australia](#), [New Zealand](#), [South Africa](#), [Pakistan](#) and [Ceylon](#). From 1956 to 1992, the number of her realms varied as territories gained independence and some realms became republics. At present, in addition to the first four aforementioned countries, Elizabeth is Queen of [Jamaica](#), [Barbados](#), [the Bahamas](#), [Grenada](#), [Papua New Guinea](#), the [Solomon Islands](#), [Tuvalu](#), [Saint Lucia](#), [Saint Vincent and the Grenadines](#), [Belize](#), [Antigua and Barbuda](#), and [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#). Her reign of 61 years is currently the [second longest for a British monarch](#); only [Queen Victoria](#), her great-great grandmother, has reigned longer, at over 63 years.

Elizabeth was born in London and educated privately at home. Her father acceded to the throne as [George VI](#) in 1936 on the [abdication](#) of his brother [Edward VIII](#), from which time she was the [heir presumptive](#). She began to undertake public duties during the [Second World War](#), in which she served in the [Auxiliary Territorial Service](#). In 1947, she married [Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark](#), with whom she has four children: [Charles](#), [Anne](#), [Andrew](#), and [Edward](#). Her [coronation service](#) took place in 1953 and was the first to be televised.

Elizabeth II's many historic visits and meetings include a [state visit to the Republic of Ireland](#) and reciprocal visits to and from the [Pope](#). Elizabeth has seen major constitutional changes in her realms, such as [devolution in the United Kingdom](#) and the [patriation](#) of the Canadian constitution. Times of personal significance have included the births and marriages of her children, the births of her grandchildren, the [investiture of the Prince of Wales](#), and the celebration of milestones such as her [Silver](#), [Golden](#), and [Diamond Jubilees](#) in 1977, 2002, and 2012, respectively.

Major events in Elizabeth's reign have included [the Troubles](#) in [Northern Ireland](#), the [Falklands War](#), and wars with [Iraq](#) and [in Afghanistan](#). There have been times of personal sorrow for her which include the death of her father at 56, the assassination of Prince Philip's uncle, [Lord Mountbatten](#), the breakdown of her children's marriages in 1992 (a year deemed her [annus horribilis](#)), the death in 1997 of her son's former wife, [Diana, Princess of Wales](#), and the deaths of her [mother](#) and [sister](#) in 2002. Elizabeth has occasionally faced severe press criticism of the [royal family](#) and [republican](#) sentiments, but support for the monarchy and her personal popularity remain high.

[Revelation 18:7](#)

As much as she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, give her that much torment

and grief. Because she says in her heart, 'I **sit** as **queen**; I am not a widow, and I will never see grief, '



Peace Arch

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Jump to: [navigation](#), [search](#)

This article is about the monument. For the international park containing it, see [Peace Arch Park](#).

Peace Arch
U.S. National Register of Historic Places



The Peace Arch from the US side.

Location: [Blaine, Washington](#), USA
[Surrey, British Columbia](#), Canada

Coordinates:  [49°0′7.66″N](#)
[122°45′23.49″W](#)[49.0021278°N](#)
[122.7565250°W](#)**Coordinates:** 
[49°0′7.66″N](#)
[122°45′23.49″W](#)[49.0021278°N](#)
[122.7565250°W](#)

Built: 1921

Architect: [Harvey Wiley Corbett](#)

Architectural style: Classical Revival

Governing body:	Local
NRHP Reference#:	96001493 ^[1]
Added to NRHP:	December 13, 1996

The **Peace Arch** is a [monument](#) situated on the [Canada – United States border](#) between the communities of [Blaine, Washington](#) and [Surrey, British Columbia](#). The Peace Arch, which stands 20.5 metres (67 ft) tall, was built by [Sam Hill](#) and dedicated in September 1921, and commemorates the signing of the [Treaty of Ghent](#) in 1814. The monument is built on the exact [United States – Canada](#) boundary, between [Interstate 5](#) and [Highway 99](#), in the grass [median](#) between the northbound and southbound lanes. The Peace Arch has the [flags of the U.S.](#) and [Canada](#) mounted on its crown, and two [inscriptions](#) on both sides of its [frieze](#). The inscription on the U.S. side of the Peace Arch reads "**[Children of a common mother](#)**", and the words on the Canadian side read "**[Brethren dwelling together in unity](#)**". Within the arch, each side has an iron [gate](#) hinged on either side of the border with an inscription above reading "May these gates never be closed".

[Peace Arch Park](#) consists of [Peace Arch Provincial Park](#) on the Canadian side and [Peace Arch State Park](#) on the American side of the border. Within the park is a major [border crossing](#) (between [Interstate 5](#) on the U.S. side and [British Columbia Highway 99](#) on the Canadian side) which has never closed, symbolizing a long history of peace between the two nations. In Canada, the crossing is officially named [Douglas](#) in honour of [Sir James Douglas](#), the first governor of the [Colony of British Columbia](#). Because of the Peace Arch monument, however, the border crossing between Surrey and Blaine is popularly known as the "Peace Arch Border Crossing", one of the busiest border crossings between Canada and the United States. It is the busiest such crossing west of [Detroit](#).

The monument and surrounding park is considered an international park. As such, visitors do not require visas to pass through their applicable border crossing so long as they stay within the boundaries of the park. ^[2]

Isaiah 40:2

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and announce to her that her time of servitude is over, **her iniquity has been pardoned**, and she has received Yah's hand **double** for all her sins. (1.Egypt; 2. Assyrian slavery)

Isaiah 61:7

Because your shame was **double**, and they cried out, "Disgrace is their portion," therefore, they will possess **double** in their land, and eternal joy will be theirs.

1. Jeremiah 16:18

And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin **double**; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

2. Jeremiah 17:18

Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with **double** destruction.

Psalm 137:8

Daughter **Babylon**, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who pays you back what you have done to us.

Isaiah 13:1

[*An Oracle against **Babylon***] An oracle against **Babylon** that Isaiah son of Amoz saw:

Isaiah 13:19

And **Babylon**, **the jewel of the kingdoms**, the glory of the pride of the Chaldeans, **will be like Sodom and Gomorrah** when Yah overthrew them.

Isaiah 13:22

Hyenas will howl in the fortresses, and jackals, in the luxurious palaces. **Babylon's** time is almost up; her days are almost over.

Isaiah 14:3

[*Downfall of the King of **Babylon***] When Yah gives you rest from your pain, torment, and the hard labor you were forced to do,

[Isaiah 14:4](#)

you will sing this song [of contempt] about the king of **Babylon** and say: How the oppressor has quieted down, and how the raging has become quiet!

[Isaiah 14:22](#)

"I will rise up against them"—the declaration of Yah of Hosts—"and I will cut off from **Babylon** her reputation, remnant, offspring, and posterity"—Yah's declaration.

[Isaiah 21:1](#)

[*A Judgment on **Babylon***] An oracle against the desert by the sea: Like storms that pass over the Negev, it comes from the desert, from the land of terror.

[Isaiah 21:9](#)

Look, riders come— horsemen in pairs." And he answered, saying, "**Babylon** has fallen, has fallen. All the idols of her gods have been shattered on the ground."

[Isaiah 43:14](#)

[*Yah's Deliverance of Rebellious Israel*] This is what Yah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says: Because of you, I will send to **Babylon** and bring all of them as fugitives, even the Chaldeans in the ships in which they rejoice.

[Isaiah 47:1](#)

[*The Fall of **Babylon***] "Go down and sit in the dust, Virgin Daughter **Babylon**. Sit on the ground without a throne, Daughter Chaldea! For you will no longer be called pampered and spoiled.

[Isaiah 48:1](#)

[*Israel Must Leave **Babylon***] "Listen to this, house of Jacob— those who are called by the name Israel and have descended from Judah, who swear by the name of Yah and declare the God of Israel, [but] not in truth or righteousness.

Jeremiah 28:4

And I will restore to this place Jeconiah son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles from Judah who went to **Babylon**'—[this is] Yah's declaration—'for I will break the yoke of the king of **Babylon**.' "

Jeremiah 28:11

In the presence of all the people Hananiah proclaimed, "This is what Yah says: 'In this way, within two years I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar, king of

Babylon, from the neck of all the nations.' " Jeremiah the prophet then went on his way.

Jeremiah 50:9

For I will soon stir up and bring against **Babylon** an assembly of great nations from the north country. They will line up in battle formation against her; from there she will be captured. Their arrows will be like those of a skilled warrior who does not return empty handed.

Jeremiah 50:14

Line up in battle formation around **Babylon**, all you archers! Shoot at her! Do not spare an arrow, for she has sinned against Yah.

Jeremiah 50:23

How the hammer of the whole earth is cut down and smashed! What a horror **Babylon** has become among the nations!

Jeremiah 50:24

Babylon, I laid a trap for you, and you were caught, but you did not even know it. You were found and captured because you fought against Yah.

Jeremiah 50:28

[*The Humiliation of **Babylon***] [There is] a voice of fugitives and escapees from the land of **Babylon** announcing in Zion the vengeance of Yah our God, the vengeance for His temple.

Jeremiah 50:33

[*The Desolation of **Babylon***] This is what Yah of Hosts says: Israelites and Judeans alike have been oppressed. All their captors hold them fast; they

refuse to release them.

Jeremiah 50:34

Their Redeemer is strong; Yah of Hosts is His name. He will fervently plead their case so that He might bring rest to the earth but turmoil to those who live in **Babylon**.

Jeremiah 50

Prophecies against Babylon

¹ The word Yah spoke about Babylon, ^(A) the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:

² Announce to the nations;
proclaim and raise up a signal flag; ^(B)
proclaim, and hide nothing.
Say: Babylon is captured;
Bel ^(C) is put to shame;
Marduk is devastated;
her idols are put to shame;
her false gods, devastated.

³ For a nation from the north will come against her; ^(D)
it will make her land desolate.
No one will be living in it—
both man and beast will escape. ^[a]

⁴ In those days and at that time—
[this is] Yah's declaration—
the Israelites and Judeans will come together,
weeping as they come,
and will seek Yah their God. ^(E)

⁵ They will ask about Zion,
[turning] their faces to this road.
They will come and join themselves ^[b] to Yah
in an everlasting covenant ^(E) that will never be forgotten.

⁶ My people are lost sheep; ^(G)
their shepherds have led them astray,
guiding them the wrong way in the mountains. ^(H)
They have wandered from mountain to hill;
they have forgotten their resting place.

⁷ All who found them devoured them.
Their adversaries said: We're not guilty;
instead, they have sinned against Yah,
their righteous grazing land, ^(L)
the hope of their ancestors, ^(L) Yah.

⁸ Escape from Babylon; ^(K)
depart from the Chaldeans' land.
Be like the rams that lead the flock.

⁹ For I will soon stir up and bring against Babylon
an assembly of great nations from the north country.
They will line up in battle formation against her;
from there she will be captured.
Their arrows will be like those of a skilled ^[c] warrior
who does not return empty handed.

¹⁰ The Chaldeans will become plunder;
all her plunderers will be fully satisfied.
[This is] Yah's declaration.

¹¹ Because you rejoice,
because you sing in triumph—
you who plundered My inheritance—
because you frolic like a young cow treading grain
and neigh like stallions, ^(L)

**¹² your mother (UK or England) will be utterly
humiliated;**

she who bore you will be put to shame.

**Look! She will lag behind all ^[d] the nations—
a dry land, a wilderness, ^(M) an Arabah.**

***** Revelation 18:10 (King James Version)**

¹⁰Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

Jeremiah 50 resumed.....

¹³ Because of Yah's wrath,
she will not be inhabited;
she will become a desolation, every bit of her.
Everyone who passes through Babylon
will be horrified
and scoff because of all her wounds. (N)

¹⁴ Line up in battle formation around Babylon,
all you archers!
Shoot at her! Do not spare an arrow,
for she has sinned against Yah.

¹⁵ Raise a war cry against her on every side!
She has thrown up her hands [in surrender];
her defense towers have fallen;
her walls are demolished. (O)
Since this is Yah's vengeance, (P)
take out your vengeance on her;
as she has done, do the same to her.

¹⁶ Cut off the sower from Babylon
as well as him who wields the sickle at harvest time.
Because of the oppressor's sword, (Q)
each will turn to his own people, (R)
each will flee to his own land.

The Return of Yah's People

¹⁷ Israel is a stray lamb, chased by lions. (S)
The first who devoured him was the king of Assyria;
this last who has crunched his bones
was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. (I)

¹⁸ Therefore, this is what Yah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says: "I am
about to punish the king of Babylon (U) and his land just as I punished the
king of Assyria.

¹⁹ **I will return Israel to his grazing land,
and he will feed on Carmel and Bashan;**
he will be satisfied
in the hill country of Ephraim and of Gilead. ^(V)

²⁰ **In those days and at that time—**
[this is] Yah's declaration—
one will search for Israel's guilt,
but there will be none,
and for Judah's sins,
but they will not be found,
for I will forgive ^(W) those I leave as a remnant. ^(X)

The Invasion of Babylon

²¹ Go against the land of Merathaim,
and against those living in Pekod.
Put them to the sword;
completely destroy them—
[this is] Yah's declaration—
do everything I have commanded you. ^(Y)

²² The sound of war is in the land ^(Z) —
a great destruction.

²³ How the hammer of the whole earth
is cut down and smashed!
What a horror Babylon has become
among the nations! ^(AA)

²⁴ Babylon, I laid a trap for you, and you were caught, ^(AB)
but you did not even know it.
You were found and captured
because you fought against Yah.

²⁵ Yah opened His armory
and brought out His weapons of wrath, ^(AC)
because it is a task of Yah GOD of Hosts
in the land of the Chaldeans.

²⁶ Come against her from the most distant places. [e]
Open her granaries;
pile her up like mounds of grain
and completely destroy her.
Leave her no survivors.

²⁷ Put all her young bulls to the sword;
let them go down to the slaughter.
Woe to them, because their day has come,
the time of their punishment. (AD)

The Humiliation of Babylon

²⁸ [There is] a voice of fugitives and escapees
from the land of Babylon
announcing in Zion the vengeance of Yah our God,
the vengeance for His temple. (AE)

²⁹ Summon the archers to Babylon,
all who string the bow;
camp all around her; let none escape.
Repay her according to her deeds; (AF)
just as she has done, do the same to her,
for she has acted arrogantly against Yah,
against the Holy One of Israel. (AG)

³⁰ Therefore, her young men will fall
in her public squares;
all the warriors will be silenced in that day.
[This is] Yah's declaration. (AH)

³¹ Look, I am against you, you arrogant one—
[this is] the declaration of
Yah GOD of Hosts—
because your day has come,
the time when I will punish you.

³² The arrogant will stumble and fall
with no one to pick him up.
I will set fire to his cities,
and it will consume everything around him." (AI)

The Desolation of Babylon

³³ This is what Yah of Hosts says:

Israelites and Judeans alike have been oppressed.
All their captors hold them fast; ^(AJ)
they refuse to release them.

³⁴ Their Redeemer is strong;
Yah of Hosts is His name.
He will fervently plead their case ^(AK)
so that He might bring rest to the earth
but turmoil to those who live in Babylon. ^(AL)

³⁵ A sword is over the Chaldeans—
[this is] Yah's declaration—
against those who live in Babylon,
against her officials, and against her sages.

³⁶ A sword is against the diviners,
and they will act foolishly.
A sword is against her heroic warriors,
and they will be terrified.

³⁷ A sword is against his horses and chariots
and against all the foreigners among them, ^(AM)
and they will be like women. ^(AN)
A sword is against her treasures,
and they will be plundered.

³⁸ A drought will come on her waters,
and they will be dried up.
For it is a land of carved images,
and they go mad because of terrifying things. ^(AO) [f]

³⁹ Therefore, desert creatures ^[g] will live with jackals,
and ostriches will also live in her.
It will never again be inhabited
or lived in through all generations. ^(AP)

⁴⁰ Just as when Yah overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah
and their neighboring towns ^(AQ) —

[this is] Yah's declaration—
so no one will live there;
no human being will even stay in it
as a resident alien. ^(AR)

The Conquest of Babylon

⁴¹ Look! A people comes from the north.
A great nation and many kings will be stirred up
from the remote regions of the earth. ^(AS)

⁴² They grasp bow and javelin.
They are cruel and show no mercy.
Their voice roars like the sea, ^(AT)
and they ride on horses,
lined up like men in battle formation
against you, Daughter of Babylon.

⁴³ The king of Babylon has heard reports about them,
and his hands fall helpless.
Distress has seized him—
pain, like a woman in labor. ^(AU)

⁴⁴ "Look, it will be like a lion coming up from the thickets ^[h] of the Jordan
to the perennially watered grazing land. Indeed, I will chase Babylon ^[i] away
from her [land] in a flash. I will appoint whoever is chosen for her. **For who
is like Me? Who will summon Me?** Who is the shepherd who can stand
against Me?"

⁴⁵ Therefore, hear the plans that Yah has drawn up against Babylon and
the strategies He has devised against the land of the Chaldeans: Certainly
the flock's little lambs will be dragged away; certainly the grazing land will
be made desolate because of them. ⁴⁶ **At the sound of Babylon's
conquest the earth will quake;** a cry will be heard among the nations. ^(AV)

Footnotes:

- a. [Jeremiah 50:3](#) Lit *escape; they will walk*
- b. [Jeremiah 50:5](#) LXX; MT reads *Come and join yourselves*
- c. [Jeremiah 50:9](#) Some Hb mss, LXX, Syr; other Hb mss read *bereaving*
- d. [Jeremiah 50:12](#) Lit *Look! The last of*
- e. [Jeremiah 50:26](#) Lit *from the end*

- f. [Jeremiah 50:38](#) Or of dreaded gods
- g. [Jeremiah 50:39](#) Or desert demons; [Rv 18:2]
- h. [Jeremiah 50:44](#) Lit *pride*; [Jr 12:5]; [50:44]; [Zch 11:3]
- i. [Jeremiah 50:44](#) Lit *them*

Cross references:

- A. [Jeremiah 50:1](#) : [Is 13:1](#);
- B. [Jeremiah 50:2](#) : [Ps 60:4](#); [Is 5:26](#); [18:3](#);
- C. [Jeremiah 50:2](#) : [Is 46:1](#); [Jr 51:44](#);
- D. [Jeremiah 50:3](#) : [Is 41:25](#); [Jr 1:14-15](#); [6:1](#);; [22](#);
- E. [Jeremiah 50:4](#) : [2Ch 11:16](#); [15:4](#); [Hs 3:5](#);
- F. [Jeremiah 50:5](#) : [Gn 9:16](#); [17:7](#);; [19](#); [Is 55:3](#);
- G. [Jeremiah 50:6](#) : [Is 53:6](#);
- H. [Jeremiah 50:6](#) : [Ezk 34:6](#);
- I. [Jeremiah 50:7](#) : [Jr 31:23](#); [40:2-3](#);
- J. [Jeremiah 50:7](#) : [Jr 14:8](#);
- K. [Jeremiah 50:8](#) : [Jr 51:6](#); [Rv 18:4](#);
- L. [Jeremiah 50:11](#) : [Jdg 5:22](#); [Jr 8:16](#); [47:3](#);
- M. [Jeremiah 50:12](#) : [Jr 51:43](#);
- N. [Jeremiah 50:13](#) : [Jr 19:8](#); [49:17](#);
- O. [Jeremiah 50:15](#) : [Jr 51:58](#);
- P. [Jeremiah 50:15](#) : [Jr 46:10](#);
- Q. [Jeremiah 50:16](#) : [Jr 46:16](#);
- R. [Jeremiah 50:16](#) : [Is 13:14](#);
- S. [Jeremiah 50:17](#) : [Jr 2:15](#); [4:7](#);
- T. [Jeremiah 50:17](#) : [2Kg 24:10-12](#); [25:1-7](#);
- U. [Jeremiah 50:18](#) : [Is 10:12](#);
- V. [Jeremiah 50:19](#) : [Is 33:9](#); [Mic 7:14](#); [Nah 1:4](#);
- W. [Jeremiah 50:20](#) : [Num 14:20](#); [Jr 31:34](#); [36:3](#);
- X. [Jeremiah 50:20](#) : [Jr 39:10](#); [52:16](#); [Zph 3:12](#);
- Y. [Jeremiah 50:21](#) : [1Kg 9:4](#); [2Kg 21:8](#); [2Ch 7:17](#);
- Z. [Jeremiah 50:22](#) : [Jr 51:54-56](#);
- AA. [Jeremiah 50:23](#) : [Jr 51:41](#);
- BB. [Jeremiah 50:24](#) : [Jr 51:31](#); [Dn 5:30-31](#);
- CC. [Jeremiah 50:25](#) : [Is 13:5](#);
- DD. [Jeremiah 50:27](#) : [Jr 46:21](#);
- EE. [Jeremiah 50:28](#) : [2Kg 18:16](#); [23:4](#); [24:13](#);
- FF. [Jeremiah 50:29](#) : [Jr 25:14](#);
- GG. [Jeremiah 50:29](#) : [Ps 71:22](#);
- HH. [Jeremiah 50:30](#) : [Jr 49:26](#);
- II. [Jeremiah 50:32](#) : [Jr 21:14](#);
- JJ. [Jeremiah 50:33](#) : [Is 14:17](#);
- KK. [Jeremiah 50:34](#) : [Pr 23:11](#); [Is 47:4](#);
- LL. [Jeremiah 50:34](#) : [Mic 4:10](#);
- MM. [Jeremiah 50:37](#) : [Jr 25:20](#);
- NN. [Jeremiah 50:37](#) : [Jr 51:30](#);
- OO. [Jeremiah 50:38](#) : [Ex 15:16](#); [23:27](#); [Jb 20:25](#);

PP. [Jeremiah 50:39](#) : [Is 13:20-21](#); [34:13-14](#);
QQ. [Jeremiah 50:40](#) : [Gn 19:24-25](#);
RR. [Jeremiah 50:40](#) : [Jr 49:18](#);, [33](#);
SS. [Jeremiah 50:41](#) : [Jr 6:22](#); [25:32](#); [31:8](#);
TT. [Jeremiah 50:42](#) : [Is 5:30](#); [17:12](#);
UU. [Jeremiah 50:43](#) : [Jr 6:22-24](#);
VV. [Jeremiah 50:46](#) : [Jr 49:19-21](#);

Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

Jeremiah 51:24

"I will repay **Babylon** and all the residents of Chaldea for all their evil they have done in Zion before your very eyes." [This is] Yah's declaration.

Jeremiah 51:29

The earth quakes and trembles, because Yah's purposes against **Babylon** stand: to make the land of **Babylon** an uninhabited desolation.

Jeremiah 51:30

Babylon's warriors have stopped fighting; they sit in their strongholds. Their might is exhausted; they have become like women. **Babylon's** homes have been set ablaze, **her gate bars** are shattered.

A note to the reader; the following is taken from the internet and is not the writings of Pastor Israel, but is included from an observatory view.

Revelation, Chapter 18

This will begin by giving you the scripture from the King James Version of the Bible, then will go into our description of what the verses mean. You will be able to read various additional information contained in more specific files under "Research Materials".

To skip the Introduction for Revelation chapter 18, [Chapter 18 Scripture Begins Here](#)

Revelation chapter 18 - Commercial, Political Babylon is now in view - The destruction of religious Babylon described in Rev. 17 and commercial Babylon in chapter 18 will decisively rid the world of the major evils that have plagued the human race for about 5000 years. We have already seen the destruction to be unleashed on ecclesiastical or religious Babylon in the middle of the Tribulation period.

But the destruction of the commercial and governmental systems will not take place, however, until the end of the Tribulation. Some Bible scholars do not distinguish between the destruction

of chapter 17 and that of chapter 18, but mold them altogether. The following six reasons establish that they are not the same.

1. "After these things" (Rev 18 v.1) This expression indicates that the events described in chapter 18 will not take place until after the events of chapter 17 have been fulfilled.
2. "I saw another angel coming down from heaven" Events of chapter 17 were introduced by "one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls" (Rev 17 v.1). The angel referred to in chapter 18 is obviously not the same as the one who introduced the events of chapter 17. Therefore, we can expect the same sequence of events that have happened throughout the book of Revelation: When an angel fulfills his responsibility, another distinct judgment takes place on the earth.
3. The names in the 2 chapters are different. The name in chapter 18 is simply "Babylon the Great". (Rev. 18 v.2) True, the Babylon destroyed in chapter 17 has the name, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the whole Earth", (Rev. 17 v.5) but the only similarity is the location, Babylon. When both titles are used fully, the contrast of these two Babylons is clearly seen.
4. Babylon the prostitute of chapter 17 will be destroyed by the kings of the earth. (Rev. 17 v.16) The Babylon of chapter 18 will be destroyed by the cataclysmic judgments of God.
5. The kings who destroy the Babylon of chapter 17 rejoice. In the Babylon of chapter 18, the kings and merchants lament and weep for her (Rev. 18 v.9-15).
6. If chapter 17 and 18 take place during the last days of the Tribulation, there will be no place for the Antichrist and the False Prophet to do away with all religions and substitute the worship of the Antichrist's image as described in chapter 13.

Chapter 18

18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Then John saw another angel coming down from heaven. Whether "another angel" is one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls we are not told. But it seems doubtful, for this angel is distinctive, with such "great authority" that he lights the earth with his glory.

In the last lesson we saw that the beast, and his system, and the great whore were revealed. Here in chapter 18, we will see the judgment that comes from God poured out on them. This "angel" in V-1 was sent from heaven. This "power" spoken of here is power that God has endowed on this angel for the execution of this punishment.

18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

The message of this angel who cries with a "mighty voice" is this: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!" Since chapter 18 seems to describe the destruction of a literal commercial city, the governmental capital of the world during the Tribulation, we naturally ask ourselves the question, "Where is that city?" Again, Bible prophecy students are not in agreement. Some suggest the city of Rome, and some years ago suggested New York City because he felt it was the commercial center of the world. Some who believe we should take the Scriptures literally whenever possible are inclined to believe that the city of Babylon will be rebuilt.

In chapter 18 verses 10, 16, 18, 19, and 21 you find reference to this Babylon being a city. In verse 2 the angel cried mightily and said "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen". The literal interpretation would dictate that indeed this Babylon is a city.

I do not believe this is so! If you read Rev. 17 v.18 you see: "And the woman which you saw is that great city, which reigns over the (*Ten toes*) Kings of the earth." In reality the "woman" was the corrupt religious system and not a city. The same applies here. Commercial Babylon is a corrupt commercial, social and political system that will be destroyed at the end of the Tribulation.

18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Remember in chapter 16 we saw the actual destruction of commercial Babylon. At the end of this chapter I will show it to you again so you can make sense of what is taking place.

The corruption may have had its beginnings at the city of Babylon, but believe me it has spread to every corner of the earth. It will not be until the earth is totally destroyed that this evil will be no more. Those who mourn are those who are losing their ability to deceive the nations any longer.

Looking ahead at what it says in chapter 18 verse 23: "*for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived*", so you see this is not a city but a very corrupt system that is being destroyed by God by his Judgment to prepare for the coming Kingdom.

18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Come out of her, my people. This is a call for Yah's people to disentangle themselves from the world system. It may also be an evangelistic call to Yah's elect to come out of Satan's kingdom. In both cases, the message is to abandon the system.

The righteous God of the universe has not overlooked the sins of the elite power brokers who have used commerce and government for centuries to live luxuriously at the expense of others.

The commercial, social and political systems of the Antichrist will receive double judgment for their sins.

18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Babylon's sins will pile up like a new Tower of Babel, but unlike the ancient tower, her sins will reach as high as heaven.

Then an angel states that God has remembered her sins. He will take note of them as He did that earlier monument to man's sinful, arrogant, prideful rebellion at Babel.

18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

This reward her simple means will recompense or repay commercial Babylon according to her works. All of those who are involved and are guilty will suffer double judgment as the cup is filled twice for her for what she has done to the Saints.

She will reap what she sowed.

18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

This is describing 3 sins she is guilty of.

- (1) "She has glorified herself" meaning she was proud.
- (2) "She lived Deliciously" meaning she pursued self gratification, and
- (3) "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow" meaning she was not only proud but boastful.

That proud boast echoes that of ancient Babylon who said "I will be a queen forever" and I will not sit as a widow, nor know loss of children. Now read that boast in Isaiah 47 verses 7-8:

"And thou said, I shall be a lady for ever: [so] that thou didst not lay these [things] to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it." "Therefore hear now this, [thou that art] given to pleasures, that live carelessly, that say in your heart, I [am], and none else beside me; I shall not sit [as] a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children."

18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] Yah God who judges her.

But these two [things] shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, [and] for the great abundance of your enchantments. (Isaiah 47 v.9)

This is saying that Babylon's destruction will not be progressive. The wicked city (system) will be instantly destroyed. Daniel 5 records a similar fate that befell ancient Babylon; the city fell the very night that God wrote its doom on the wall of the king's palace.

Babylon's doom is certain and cannot be avoided. No one can change Yah's plans or keep Him from accomplishing what He purposed to do as Nebuchadnezzar discovered above in Daniel. Or in this case his grandson.

18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

This will no doubt include the 10 kings of the earth who rule Antichrist's kingdom under his authority as well as the rest of the world's leaders.

The destruction of the Antichrist's political and economic power will strike a fatal blow to his empire. The fall of Babylon will be a symbol of the fall of the entire evil world system.

And again Babylon is pictured as a harlot whose death causes her lovers to weep and lament over her.

18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

This "standing afar off", could mean those who heeded and came out of her. It really doesn't matter where. It may be all of these cities and many more, or it might not be a literal city at all. I really believe this is both an evil system and many evil cities, as well, being destroyed.

The one hour simply means the judgment will happen rapidly just as verse 8 predicted.

18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more:

These mourners are the merchants of the earth who will weep and mourn over Babylon because no one will be able to buy their goods anymore.

Whatever economy there had been will end and so will any semblance of normalcy on this devastated planet that was already in serious trouble brought on by the divine judgments of God.

18:12-13 "The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble," "And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men".

It appears that these are classed in several types:

1. Personal items of jewelry
2. Articles used for furniture
3. Nice smelling and tasting things
4. Food
5. Animals
6. Souls of men

What significance this has, I do not know; unless, it means worldly things. Most of these are things a person could do without if hard times came and you had to, even maybe the food for a while.

This "souls of men", is one of the more interesting. In the days of the old Roman Empire, they sold people as you would animals. Perhaps that is what is meant there. They thought no more about selling a person than they did a pair of shoes.

It appears to me, in all of this that trade has just about ceased, period. Probably, all the plagues and wars have just about stopped everything.

18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

And the merchandise that was available before are now gone and will never ever be available again. The commercial system is completely shut down and that reality is about to be made manifest.

It will probably be a time when it will be next to impossible to even find enough to feed your family. Even if you did find enough for them to eat, it would probably take all you could possibly make just to have even bread for your family.

This is probably the time when a loaf of bread would cost a whole day's wages. There will be no money at all left for niceties.

Even if you have a tremendous amount of money, there will be great shortages of real items necessary to live on not to mention the things the rich consume will be entirely unavailable.

18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

Here, we see such great fear from these merchants who used to sell their merchandise at tremendous, outrageous profits. Like today when many get rich from oil by taking advantage of those who can't afford the inflated prices. And that includes the government who adds very high taxes to every gallon of gas. When this horrible punishment comes, it will put the fear of God on those looking on. It is about time that someone begins to fear.

These merchants weep because their materialistic passions can no longer be fulfilled. The weeping that begins then will last for eternity in hell.

These greedy merchants are a classic illustration of those in all times who gain the whole world only to end up forfeiting their own souls.

18:16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

These items were common commodities in the ancient world and were the source of great immense financial gain. Those materialistic, unrepentant people mourn as God brings His judgment against Babylon, knowing these items will never be found again.

18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nothing. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

In one Hour: The destruction will come suddenly and quickly. The world's pagan economic system will collapse. They cast dust on their heads as a sign of mourning and sorrow (v.19; Job. 2:12; lam. 2:10; Ezek. 27:30). Yah hath avenged you on her: Yah at last judges the Babylonian system for its treatment of Yah's people, particularly those who are martyred during the Tribulation (Rev. 6:9-11).

18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city!

The people cry and are amazed as they see this destruction taking place before their eyes.

18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Casting dust on their heads is a typical ancient expression of grief. These last few scriptures state sailors, but could mean any system of transportation and delivery systems of today such as planes, trains, trucks ect. All of these services would be immediately shut down if the commercial system was destroyed including banking and computers.

Consider what would happen if there was no more electrical system available.

18:20 Rejoice over her, [thou] heaven, and [ye] holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

God has taken vengeance on the ones who killed his prophets and apostles and even his blessed Son. Finally, all of those martyred by these have been avenged.

The long awaited moment of vindication, retribution and vengeance for which the martyred tribulation believers had prayed for in chapter 6 verses 9 -10 and for which all the redeemed have hoped, that time has arrived.

These final verses picture from within the results of the collapse of the Babylonian system. The finality of its destruction is shown by the six fold repetition of the phrase "no more at all". The stone cast into the sea depicts the violence and permanence of the destruction. The Babylonian system began in Genesis 10, and has continued uninterrupted in one form or another to the present day. But one day it will suddenly "sink," never to return.

In verses 23b, 24, three reasons are given for the destruction of Babylon: (1) its arrogance, (2) Its deception of the nations, and (3) its persecution and martyrdom of God's people.

18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

"sea" sometimes means masses of people but I do not believe that is the meaning here. Whether this is only a real city, (rebuilt Babylon) or a sinful commercial, social and political system that corrupts the entire world which is being destroyed here, this is speaking of total destruction. More than likely both this is speaking of both as the two can be easily associated. This millstone here is similar to the one spoken of as being around a neck and thrown into the sea.

In the light of this Scripture, this is a really bad punishment. I believe this illustration is to show the finality of this judgment of God. We must remember Babylon is destroyed by God Himself, not by the devil.

18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft [he be], shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

Literally everything grinds to a halt everywhere. Babylon will be completely and so thoroughly destroyed that it will never rise again as predicted by the Old Testament prophets. Isaiah in Chapter 13 verses 19-21: "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when Yah overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah." "It shall never be inhabited,

neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there." "But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs (Five pointed star worshipers and Masonic Order) shall dance there." [Babylon Destroyed](#)

18:23-24 "And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

Three final reasons are given for Babylon's judgment. Notice that the merchants are mentioned as the great men of the earth. That's why this is talking of a commercial system as well as a political system. They are not from the city of Babylon, but from all parts of the earth.

First, they use their wealth to ascent to positions of power, prominence and influence. The abuses of the proud, arrogant rich are well documented in scripture. James, Isaiah and Amos condemned the rich for their self aggrandizement and maltreatment of the poor.

Second is all the nations were deceived by her sorcery. Sorcery is from pharmakeia, the root word of the English words "pharmacy" and "pharmaceuticals". The word is used in the New Testament to refer to magic and occult practices. (Gal. 5 v.20)

Babylon's hold on the world will not be entirely due to her military and economic power, but also to her occult influence.

A final reason given for Babylon's judgment is her murderous slaughter of Yah's people.

Now let's go back and read the end of chapter 16 starting with verse 17 through verse 21.

This is starting when the Angel pours out the seventh vial or bowl judgment which is the last of the 21 plaques of Revelation right before the second coming of Messiah and the battle of Armageddon.

- 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.
- 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great.
- 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before Yah, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.
- 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

- 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed Yah because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Notice that not only Babylon fell, but also the cities of the nations as well, v.19.

Also don't forget the earth is already reeling from the thunders and lightings not to mention the biggest earthquake the world has even know.

Then the great hail that weight about a talent each (100 pounds each). This hail is totally capable of destroying cities with no problem at all.

And verse 20 tells us that every island fled away and the mountains were no longer found. This is the worst plague of the 21 by far as it completely destroys the political, commercial system called Babylon the Great from off the earth. Not to mention that this is the end of the earth as we have known it as it now has been completely leveled and is ready for the renewal process that's coming.

[Jeremiah 51:34](#)

"Nebuchadnezzar of **Babylon** has devoured me; he has crushed me. He has set me aside like an empty dish; **he has swallowed me like a sea monster**; he filled his belly with my delicacies; he has vomited me out,"

The Sea Monster is Leviathan Isaiah 27

The name Leviathan is another way that the bible tells us of the end-time power brokers of the world and their evil mighty grip on earth's entire population; it is so powerful that only the Living Yah of Hosts can break the stranglehold, chains or yoke of its grip! Leviathan or the Babylonia system is one in the same:

[Jeremiah 28:2](#)

"This is what Yah Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'I will break the **yoke** of the king of **Babylon**."

Leviathan

[Job 41:12](#)

"I will not fail to speak of **Leviathan's** limbs, its strength and its graceful form.

[Psalm 104:26](#)

There the ships go to and fro, and **Leviathan**, which you formed to frolic there.

[Revelation 12:9](#) (Amplified Bible)

And the huge dragon was cast down and out--that age-old **serpent**, who is called the Devil and Satan, he who is the seducer (deceiver) of all humanity the world

over; he was forced out and down to the earth, and his angels were flung out along with him.

Isaiah 27

¹IN THAT day [Yah will deliver Israel from her enemies and also from the rebel powers of evil and darkness] His sharp and unrelenting, great, and strong sword will visit and punish Leviathan the swiftly fleeing serpent, **Leviathan the twisting and winding serpent**; and He (Yah) will slay the monster that is in the sea.

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 27:6](#) : Hos 14:1-6;
- B. [Isaiah 27:13](#) : [Zech 14:16](#); [Matt 24:31](#); [Rev 11:15](#)

Hosea 13:5

I took care of you in the wilderness, in that **dry** and thirsty **land**.

Hosea 13:5 (The Message)

⁴⁻⁶"I'm still your God,
the God who saved you out of Egypt.
I'm the only real God you've ever known.
I'm the one and only God who delivers.
I took care of you during the wilderness hard times,
those years when you had nothing.
I took care of you, took care of all your needs,
gave you everything you needed.
You were spoiled. You thought you didn't need me.
You forgot me.

Deuteronomy 8:11-17

Warnings against Forgetting Yah

¹¹ (A) Make certain that you do not forget Yah your God; do not fail to obey any of his laws that I am giving you today.¹² When you have all you want to eat and have built good houses to live in¹³ and when your cattle and sheep, your silver and gold, and all your other possessions have increased,¹⁴ be sure that you do not become proud and forget Yah your God who rescued **you from Egypt, where you were**

slaves.¹⁵ He led you through that vast and terrifying desert where there were poisonous snakes and scorpions. In that dry and waterless land he made water flow out of solid rock for you.¹⁶ In the desert he gave you manna to eat, food that your ancestors had never eaten. **He sent hardships on you to test you, so that in the end he could bless you with good things.**¹⁷ **So then, you must never think that you have made yourselves wealthy by your own power and strength.**

Cross references:

A. [Deuteronomy 8:11](#) : [Deut 8:11](#); [Hos 13:5](#); , [Hos 13:6](#); .

Hosea 2:3

Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a **dry land**, and slay her with thirst.

Isaiah 6:5

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I **dwell** in the midst of a **people** of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, Yah of hosts.

[Isaiah 6:4-6](#) (in Context) [Isaiah 6](#) (Whole Chapter)

Isaiah 9:2

The **people** that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that **dwell** in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

[Isaiah 9:1-3](#) (in Context) [Isaiah 9](#) (Whole Chapter)

Isaiah 10:24

Therefore thus saith Yah GOD of hosts, O my **people** that **live** in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

Isaiah 10:24

Therefore thus saith Yah GOD of hosts, O my **people** that live in Zion, be not afraid of the **Assyrian**: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

[Isaiah 10:23-25](#) (in Context) [Isaiah 10](#) (Whole Chapter)

Isaiah 23:13

Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this **people** was not, till the **Assyrian** founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers

thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.
[Isaiah 23:12-14](#) (in Context) [Isaiah 23](#) (Whole Chapter)

[Isaiah 52:4](#)

For thus saith Yah GOD, My **people** went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the **Assyrian** oppressed them without cause.

Isaiah 52

Yah Is Leading You Out of Here

¹⁻² Wake up, wake up! Pull on your boots, Zion! Dress up in your Sunday best, Jerusalem, holy city!

Those who want no part of Yah have been culled out.

They won't be coming along.

Brush off the dust and get to your feet, captive Jerusalem!

Throw off your chains, captive daughter of Zion!

³Yah says, "You were sold for nothing. You're being bought back for nothing."

⁴⁻⁶Again, the Master, Yah, says, "Early on, my people went to Egypt and lived, strangers in the land. At the other end, **Assyria oppressed them**. And now, what have I here?" Yah's Decree. "**My people are hauled off again for no reason at all**. Tyrants on the warpath, whooping it up, and day after day, incessantly, my reputation blackened. Now it's time that my people know who I am, what I'm made of—yes, that I have something to say. Here I am!"

Isaiah 52

Wake Up, Zion

Wake up! Wake up! Clothe yourself with strength, Zion!

Put on your beautiful clothes, holy city of Jerusalem.

Godless and evil people will no longer come to you.

²Shake the dust from yourselves.

Get up, captive Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains around your neck, captive people of Zion.

³This is what Yah says: You were sold, but no price was paid. You will be bought back, but without money.

⁴This is what the Almighty YAH says: In the beginning my people went to Egypt to live there as foreigners. Later the Assyrians oppressed them for no reason. ⁵So what do I find here? asks Yah. My people are taken away for no reason. Their rulers are screaming, declares Yah. And my name is cursed all day long. ⁶Now my people will know my name. When that day comes, they will know that I am the one who says, "Here I am!"

⁷How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces the good news, "All is well."
He brings the good news,
announces salvation,
and tells Zion that its God rules as king.

⁸Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices
and shout together joyfully.

When Yah brings Zion back,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹Break out into shouts of joy, ruins of Jerusalem.

Yah will comfort his people.
He will reclaim Jerusalem.

¹⁰Yah will show his holy power to all the nations.
All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our
God.

¹¹Run away! Run away!
Get away from there!
Do not touch anything unclean. [\[a\]](#)
Get away from it!
Make yourselves pure,
you Levites who carry the utensils for Yah's
temple.

¹²You will not go away in a hurry,
nor will you go away quickly.

Yah will go ahead of you.
The God of Israel will guard you from behind.

The Suffering Servant

¹³My servant will be successful.

He will be respected, praised, and highly honored.

¹⁴Many will be shocked by him. ^[b]

His appearance will be so disfigured
that he won't look like any other man.

His looks will be so disfigured
that he will hardly look like a human.

¹⁵He will cleanse many nations with his blood.

Kings will shut their mouths because of him.

They will see things that they had never been told.

They will understand things that they had never heard.

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 52:11](#) "Unclean" refers to anything that Moses' Teachings say is not presentable to God.
- b. [Isaiah 52:14](#) Two Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, Targum; Masoretic Text "you."

GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

Isaiah 52

Wake up! Zion, wake up!

Dress yourself with strength as if it were your clothes.

Holy city of Jerusalem,

put on your clothes of glory.

Those who haven't been circumcised will never enter you again.

Neither will those who are "unclean."

² Get up, Jerusalem! Shake off your dust.

Take your place on your throne.

Captured people of Zion,

remove the chains from your neck.

³ Yah says,
"When you were sold as slaves, no one paid anything for you.
Now no one will pay any money to set you free."

⁴ Yah and King continues,
"Long ago my people went down to Egypt.
They lived there for a while.
Later, Assyria crushed them without any reason."

⁵ "Now look at what has happened to them," announces Yah.
"Once again my people have been taken away.
And no one paid anything for them.
Those who rule over them brag about it,"

announces Yah.

"All day long without stopping,
people speak evil things against my name."

⁶ So the day will come when my people will really know the meaning of my name.

They will know what kind of God I am.

They will know that I told them ahead of time they would return to their land.

They will know that it was I."

⁷ What a beautiful sight it is
to see messengers coming with good news!
How beautiful to see them coming down from the mountains
with a message about peace!
How wonderful it is when they bring the good news
that we are saved!
How wonderful when they say to Zion,
"Your God rules!"

⁸ Listen! Those on guard duty are shouting out the message.
With their own eyes
they see Yah returning to Zion.
So they shout with joy.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
you broken-down buildings in Jerusalem.
Yah has comforted his people.
He has set Jerusalem free.

¹⁰ Yah will use the power of his holy arm to save his people.
All of the nations will see him do it.
Everyone from one end of the earth to the other will see it.

¹¹ You who carry the articles that belong to Yah's temple, leave Babylon!
Leave it! Get out of there!

Don't touch anything that isn't pure and clean.

Come out of Babylon and be pure.

¹² But this time you won't have to leave in a hurry.

You won't have to rush away.

Yah will go ahead of you and lead you.

The God of Israel will follow behind you and guard you.

The Suffering and Glory of Yah's Servant

¹³ Yah says, "My servant will act wisely and accomplish his task.

He will be highly honored. He will be greatly respected.

¹⁴ Many people were shocked when they saw him.

He was so scarred that he did not look like a man at all.

His body was so twisted that he did not look like a human being anymore.

¹⁵ But many nations will be surprised when they see what he has done.

Kings will be so amazed that they will not be able to say anything.

They will understand things they were never told about.

They will know the meaning of things they never heard about."

New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

Isaiah 9

¹BUT [in the midst of judgment there is the promise and the certainty of Yah's deliverance and] there shall be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time [Yah] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He will make it glorious, by the way of the Sea [of Galilee, the land] beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in the land of intense darkness and the shadow of death, upon them has the Light shined. ^(A)

³You [O Yah] have multiplied the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You like the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil [of battle].

⁴For the yoke of [Israel's] burden, and the staff or rod for [goading] their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, You have broken as in the day of [Gideon with] Midian. ^(B)

⁵For every [tramping] warrior's war boots and all his armor in the battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace. ^(C)

⁷Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from the [latter] time forth, even forevermore. The zeal of Yah of hosts will perform this. ^(D)

⁸Yah has sent a word against Jacob [the ten tribes], and it has lighted upon Israel [the ten tribes, the kingdom of Ephraim].

⁹And all the people shall know it--even Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria [its capital]--who said in pride and stoutness of heart,

¹⁰The bricks have fallen, but we will build [all the better] with hewn stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put [costlier] cedars in their place.

¹¹Therefore Yah has stirred up the adversaries [the Assyrians] of Rezin [king of Syria] against [Ephraim], and He will stir up their enemies and arm and join them together,

¹²The Syrians [compelled to fight with their enemies, going] before [on the east] and the Philistines behind [on the west]; and they will devour Israel with open mouth. For all this, [God's] anger is not [then] turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].

¹³Yet the people turn not to Him Who smote them, neither do they seek [inquire for or require as their vital need] Yah of hosts.

¹⁴Therefore Yah will cut off from Israel head and tail [the highest and the lowest]--[high] palm branch and [low] rush in one day;

¹⁵The elderly and honored man, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

¹⁶For they who lead this people cause them to err, and they who are led [astray] by them are swallowed up (destroyed).

¹⁷Therefore Yah will not rejoice over their young men, neither will He have compassion on their fatherless and widows, for everyone is profane and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this, [God's] anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].

¹⁸For wickedness burns like a fire; it devours the briars and thorns, and it kindles in the thickets of the forest; they roll upward in a column of smoke.

¹⁹Through the wrath of Yah of hosts the land is darkened and burned up, and the people are like fuel for the fire; no man spares his brother.

²⁰They snatch in discord on the right hand, but are still hungry [their cruelty not diminished]; and they devour and destroy on the left hand, but are not satisfied. Each devours and destroys his own flesh [and blood] or his neighbor's.

²¹Manasseh [thirsts for the blood of his brother] Ephraim, and Ephraim [for that of] Manasseh; but together they are against Judah. For all this, [Yah's] anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 9:2](#) : [Isa 42:6](#); [Matt 4:15, 16](#)
- B. [Isaiah 9:4](#) : [Judg 7:8-22](#)
- C. [Isaiah 9:6](#) : [Isa 25:1](#); [40:9-11](#); [Matt 28:18](#); [Luke 2:11](#)
- D. [Isaiah 9:7](#) : [Dan 2:44](#); [I Cor 15:25-28](#); [Heb 1:8](#)

Isaiah 9

Birth of the Prince of Peace

¹ (A) Nevertheless, the gloom of the distressed land will not be like that of the former times when He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali. (B) But

in the future He will bring honor to the Way of the Sea, to the land east of the Jordan, and to Galilee of the nations.

² (C) The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light; (D)
on those living in the land of darkness, (E)
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased its joy. (E) [a]
[The people] have rejoiced before You
as they rejoice at harvest time
and as they rejoice when dividing spoils. (G)

⁴ For You have shattered their burdensome yoke (H)
and the rod on their shoulders,
the staff of their oppressor,
just as [You did] on the day of Midian. (I)

⁵ For the trampling boot of battle
and the bloodied garments of war
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child will be born for us,
a son will be given to us, (J)
and the government will be on His shoulders. (K)
He will be named
Wonderful Counselor, (L) Mighty God, (M)
Eternal Father, (N) Prince of Peace. (O)

⁷ The dominion will be vast,
and its prosperity will never end. (P)
He will reign on the throne of David
and over his kingdom,
to establish and sustain it
with justice and righteousness from now on and forever.
The zeal of Yah of Hosts will accomplish this. (Q)

The Hand Raised against Israel

⁸ Yah sent a message against Jacob;
it came against Israel.

⁹ All the people—
Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria ^(R) —will know it.
They will say with pride and arrogance:

¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen,
but we will rebuild with cut stones;
the sycamores have been cut down,
but we will replace them with cedars."

¹¹ Yah has raised up Rezin's (Syria's) adversaries against him
and stirred up his enemies.

Rezin

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Jump to: [navigation](#), [search](#)

King Rezin of Aram (/ˈriː.zɪn/^[1]) or **Rasin of Syria** in **DRB** (**Hebrew**: רִזְן, **Modern** {{{2}}} **Tiberian** *rāzin*; **Latin**: *Rasin*) ruled from **Damascus** during the 8th century BC. During his reign he was a tributary of King **Tiglath-pileser III** of **Assyria**.^[2]

Rezin's reign ended around 732 BC when Tiglath-pileser sacked Damascus and annexed Aram.^[2] According to the **Bible**, the sack of Damascus was instigated by King **Ahaz** of **Judah** and ended in Rezin's execution (**2 Kings 16:7-9**). The execution of Rezin is neither confirmed nor disconfirmed by independent evidence.^[3]

According to **2 Kings** Rezin allied with **Pekah**, son of Remaliah, against **Ahaz**. The defeat of both kings is promised to Ahaz in the **Immanuel** prophecy **Isaiah 7:14**, linked to the birth of a child who will be an infant, possibly Ahaz' royal heir **Hezekiah**, when this takes place.^[4]

¹² Aram from the east and Philistia from the west
have consumed Israel with open mouths.
In all this, His anger is not removed,
and His hand is still raised [to strike]. ^(S)

¹³ The people did not turn to Him who struck them;
they did not seek Yah of Hosts.

¹⁴ So Yah cut off Israel's head and tail, ^(I)
palm branch and reed in a single day.

¹⁵ The **head is the elder**, the honored one; ^(U)
the tail is the prophet, the lying teacher. ^(V)

¹⁶ The leaders of the people mislead [them],
and those they mislead are swallowed up. ^[b]

¹⁷ Therefore Yah does not rejoice over ^[c]
Israel's ^[d] young men
and has no compassion
on its fatherless and widows,
for everyone is a godless evildoer, ^(W)
and every mouth speaks folly.

In all this, His anger is not removed,
and His hand is still raised [to strike].

¹⁸ For wickedness burns like a fire ^(X)
that consumes thorns and briars
and kindles the forest thickets
so that they go up in a column of smoke.

¹⁹ The land is scorched
by the wrath of Yah of Hosts,
and the people are like fuel for the fire. ^(Y)
No one has compassion on his brother. ^(Z)

²⁰ They carve [meat] on the right,
but they are [still] hungry; ^(AA)
they have eaten on the left,
but they are [still] not satisfied.
Each one eats the flesh of his own arm. ^(AB)

²¹ Manasseh is with Ephraim,
and Ephraim with Manasseh;
together, both are against Judah. ^(AC)

In all this, His anger is not removed,
and His hand is still raised [to strike]. ^(AD)

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 9:3](#) Alt Hb tradition reads *have not increased joy*
- b. [Isaiah 9:16](#) Or *are confused*
- c. [Isaiah 9:17](#) DSS read *not spare*
- d. [Isaiah 9:17](#) Lit *its*

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 9:1](#) : [Is 8:23](#);
- B. [Isaiah 9:1](#) : [Mt 4:15](#);
- C. [Isaiah 9:2](#) : [Is 9:1](#);
- D. [Isaiah 9:2](#) : [Mt 4:16](#); [Eph 5:8](#);
- E. [Isaiah 9:2](#) : [Lk 1:79](#);
- F. [Isaiah 9:3](#) : [Is 26:15](#);
- G. [Isaiah 9:3](#) : [1Sm 30:16](#);
- H. [Isaiah 9:4](#) : [Is 10:27](#); [14:25](#);
- I. [Isaiah 9:4](#) : [Jdg 7:25](#); [Is 10:26](#);
- J. [Isaiah 9:6](#) : [Is 7:14](#); [11:1-2](#); [53:2](#); [Lk 2:11](#); [Jn 3:16](#);
- K. [Isaiah 9:6](#) : [Is 22:22](#); [Mt 28:18](#); [1Co 15:25](#);
- L. [Isaiah 9:6](#) : [Is 28:29](#);
- M. [Isaiah 9:6](#) : [Dt 10:17](#); [Neh 9:32](#); [Is 10:21](#);
- N. [Isaiah 9:6](#) : [Is 63:16](#); [64:8](#);
- O. [Isaiah 9:6](#) : [Is 26:3](#); [12](#); [54:10](#); [66:12](#);
- P. [Isaiah 9:7](#) : [Ps 89:4](#); [Dn 2:44](#); [Lk 1:32-33](#);
- Q. [Isaiah 9:7](#) : [Is 37:32](#); [59:17](#);
- R. [Isaiah 9:9](#) : [Ac 1:8](#);
- S. [Isaiah 9:12](#) : [Is 5:25](#);
- T. [Isaiah 9:14](#) : [Is 19:15](#);
- U. [Isaiah 9:15](#) : [Is 3:2-3](#);
- V. [Isaiah 9:15](#) : [Is 28:15](#); [59:3-4](#); [Jr 23:14](#); [32](#); [Mt 24:24](#);
- W. [Isaiah 9:17](#) : [Is 1:4](#); [10:6](#); [14:20](#); [31:2](#); [32:6](#);
- X. [Isaiah 9:18](#) : [Ps 83:14](#); [Is 1:7](#); [Nah 1:10](#); [Mal 4:1](#);
- Y. [Isaiah 9:19](#) : [Is 1:31](#); [24:6](#);
- Z. [Isaiah 9:19](#) : [Mic 7:2](#), [6](#);
- AA. [Isaiah 9:20](#) : [Is 8:21-22](#);
- BB. [Isaiah 9:20](#) : [Dt 28:53-57](#); [Is 49:26](#);
- CC. [Isaiah 9:21](#) : [2Ch 28:6](#); [8](#); [Is 11:13](#);
- DD. [Isaiah 9:21](#) : [Is 5:25](#);

[Holman Christian Standard Bible \(HCSB\)](#)

What or where is the DRY GROUND?

Isaiah 53:2

² He grew up before Him like a young plant ^(A)
and like a root out of **dry ground**.
He had no form or splendor that we should look at Him,
no appearance that we should desire Him. ^(B)

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 53:2](#) : [Is 11:1](#);
- B. [Isaiah 53:2](#) : [Is 52:14](#);

[Judges 6:37](#)

I will put a fleece of wool here on the threshing floor. If dew is only on the fleece, and all the **ground** is **dry**, I will know that You will deliver Israel by my strength, as You said."

[Judges 6:39](#)

Gideon then said to Yah, "Don't be angry with me; let me speak one more time. Please allow me to make one more test with the fleece. Let it remain **dry**, and the dew be all over the **ground**."

[2 Kings 2:8](#)

Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the waters, which parted to the right and left. Then the two of them crossed over on **dry ground**.

[Isaiah 44:3](#)

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the **dry ground**; I will pour out My Spirit on your descendants and My blessing on your offspring.

[Isaiah 53:2](#)

He grew up before Him like a young plant and like a root out of **dry ground**. He had no form or splendor that we should look at Him, no appearance that we should desire Him.

Isaiah 11

Reign of the Davidic King

¹ Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse, ^(A)
and a branch ^(B) from his roots will bear fruit.

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 11:1](#) : [Is 9:7](#); [11:10](#); [Ac 13:23](#);
- B. [Isaiah 11:1](#) : [Is 14:19](#); [60:21](#); [Jr 23:5](#); [33:15](#); [Dn 11:7](#); [Zch 3:8](#); [6:12](#);

Isaiah 9:7

⁷ The dominion will be vast,
and its prosperity will never end. ^(A)
He will reign on the throne of David
and over his kingdom,
to establish and sustain it
with justice and righteousness from now on and forever.
The zeal of Yah of Hosts will accomplish this. ^(B)

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 9:7](#) : [Ps 89:4](#); [Dn 2:44](#); [Lk 1:32-33](#);
- B. [Isaiah 9:7](#) : [Is 37:32](#); [59:17](#);

[Holman Christian Standard Bible \(HCSB\)](#)

Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 by [Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee](#). All rights reserved.

Isaiah 11:10

Israel Regathered

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse ^(A)
will stand as a banner for the peoples. ^(B)
The nations will seek Him, ^(C)
and His resting place will be glorious. ^(D)

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 11:10](#) : [Is 11:1](#);
- B. [Isaiah 11:10](#) : [Is 49:22](#); [62:10](#); [Jn 3:14-15](#); [12:32](#);
- C. [Isaiah 11:10](#) : [Rm 15:12](#); [Rv 5:5](#);
- D. [Isaiah 11:10](#) : [Is 14:3](#); [28:12](#); [32:17-18](#);

Isaiah 60:21

²¹ Then all your people will be righteous; ^(A)
they will possess the land forever; ^(B)
they are the branch I planted,
the work of My ^[a] hands,
so that I may be glorified. ^(C)

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 60:21](#) LXX, DSS read *His*

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 60:21](#) : [Is 52:1](#);
- B. [Isaiah 60:21](#) : [Ps 37:9](#); [Ezk 37:25](#);
- C. [Isaiah 60:21](#) : [Is 61:3](#);

[Holman Christian Standard Bible \(HCSB\)](#)

Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 by [Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee](#). All rights reserved.

Jeremiah 23:5

The Righteous Branch of David

⁵ "The days are coming" ^(A) —[this is] Yah's declaration—"when I will raise up a righteous Branch of David. ^(B) He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land. ^(C)

Cross references:

- A. [Jeremiah 23:5](#) : [Jr 33:14-16](#);
- B. [Jeremiah 23:5](#) : [Zch 3:8](#); [6:12](#);

C. [Jeremiah 23:5](#) : [Is 11:1-9](#);

[Holman Christian Standard Bible \(HCSB\)](#)

Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 by [Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee. All rights reserved.](#)

Jeremiah 33:15

¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a Branch of righteousness ^(A) to sprout up for David, and He will administer justice and righteousness in the land.

Cross references:

A. [Jeremiah 33:15](#) : [Is 4:2](#); [Zch 3:8](#);

Zechariah 6:12

¹² You are to tell him: This is what Yah of Hosts says: **Here is a man whose name is Branch;** ^(A) He will branch out from His place and build Yah's temple.

Cross references:

A. [Zechariah 6:12](#) : [Zch 3:8](#);

Zechariah 3:8 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

⁸ "Listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your colleagues sitting before you; indeed, these men are a sign that I am about to bring My servant, the Branch. ^(A)

Cross references:

A. [Zechariah 3:8](#) : [Is 4:2](#); [11:1](#); [Jr 23:5](#); [33:15](#); [Ezk 17:22-24](#); [Zch 6:12](#);

Isaiah 4:2

Zion's Future Glory

² On that day the branch of Yah will be beautiful and glorious, ^(A) and the fruit of the land ^(B) will be the pride and glory ^(C) of Israel's survivors. ^(D)

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 4:2](#) : [2Sm 23:4-5](#); [Ps 132:17](#); [Jr 23:5](#); [33:15](#); [Zch 3:8](#); [6:12](#);
- B. [Isaiah 4:2](#) : [Ps 72:16](#); [Is 27:6](#);
- C. [Isaiah 4:2](#) : [Is 3:18](#);
- D. [Isaiah 4:2](#) : [Gn 45:7](#); [Jdg 21:17](#); [2Kg 19:30-31](#); [Is 10:20](#); [37:31-32](#); [Jl 2:32](#); [Ob 17](#);

[Holman Christian Standard Bible \(HCSB\)](#)

Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 by [Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee. All rights reserved.](#)

Isaiah 11:1

Isaiah 11

Reign of the Davidic King

- ¹ Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse, ^(A)
and a branch ^(B) from his roots will bear fruit.

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 11:1](#) : [Is 9:7](#); [11:10](#); [Ac 13:23](#);
- B. [Isaiah 11:1](#) : [Is 14:19](#); [60:21](#); [Jr 23:5](#); [33:15](#); [Dn 11:7](#); [Zch 3:8](#); [6:12](#);

[Holman Christian Standard Bible \(HCSB\)](#)

Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 by [Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee. All rights reserved.](#)

Jeremiah 23:5

The Righteous Branch of David

- ⁵ "The days are coming" ^(A) —[this is] Yah's declaration—"when I will raise up a righteous Branch of David. ^(B) He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land. ^(C)

Cross references:

- A. [Jeremiah 23:5](#) : [Jr 33:14-16](#);
- B. [Jeremiah 23:5](#) : [Zch 3:8](#); [6:12](#);
- C. [Jeremiah 23:5](#) : [Is 11:1-9](#);

Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 by [Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee. All rights reserved.](#)

Jeremiah 33:15

¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a Branch of righteousness ^(A) to sprout up for David, and He will administer justice and righteousness in the land.

Cross references:

A. [Jeremiah 33:15](#) : [Is 4:2](#); [Zch 3:8](#);

Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 by [Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee. All rights reserved.](#)

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² This is what Yah GOD says:
I will take [a sprig]
from the lofty top of the cedar and plant [it]. ^(A)
I will pluck a tender sprig
from its topmost shoots,
and I will plant [it]
on a high towering mountain.

²³ I will plant it on Israel's high mountain ^(B)
so that it may bear branches, produce fruit,
and become a majestic cedar.
Birds of every kind will nest under it, ^(C)
taking shelter in the shade of its branches.

²⁴ Then all the trees of the field will know
that I am Yah.
I bring down the tall tree,
and make the low tree tall. ^(D)
I cause the green tree to wither
and make the withered tree thrive. ^(E)
I, Yahweh, have spoken
and I will do [it]. ^(E)

Cross references:

- A. [Ezekiel 17:22](#) : [Ps 2:6](#);
- B. [Ezekiel 17:23](#) : [Ezk 20:40](#);
- C. [Ezekiel 17:23](#) : [Dn 4:12](#);
- D. [Ezekiel 17:24](#) : [Is 40:4](#);
- E. [Ezekiel 17:24](#) : [Am 9:11](#);
- F. [Ezekiel 17:24](#) : [Num 14:35](#); [Ps 33:9](#); [Is 46:11](#); [55:11](#); [Ezk 17:24](#); [22:14](#);

[24:14; 36:36; 37:14;](#)

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Yah's Covenant with David

¹⁴ "Look, the days are coming"—[this is] Yah's declaration—"when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ^(A) ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a Branch of righteousness ^(B) to sprout up for David, and He will administer justice and righteousness in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely, ^(C) and this is what she will be named: Yah Is Our Righteousness.

Cross references:

- A. [Jeremiah 33:14](#) : [Jos 21:45; Jr 23:5-6;](#)
- B. [Jeremiah 33:15](#) : [Is 4:2; Zch 3:8;](#)
- C. [Jeremiah 33:16](#) : [Dt 33:12;](#)

[Psalm 68:6](#)

Yah sets the solitary in families: he brings out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious **dwelt** in a **dry** land.

[Jeremiah 51](#)

[Yah's Judgment on Babylon](#)

¹ This is what Yah says:

I am about to stir up a destructive wind ^[a] against Babylon ^(A) and against the population of Lebqamai. ^[b]

² I will send strangers to Babylon who will scatter her and strip her land bare, ^(B) for they will come against her from every side in the day of disaster.

³ Don't let the archer string his bow; don't let him put on ^[c] his armor. ^(C) Don't spare her young men; completely destroy her entire army!

⁴ Those who were slain will fall in the land of the Chaldeans,
those who were pierced through, in her streets. ^(D)

⁵ For Israel and Judah are not left widowed
by their God, Yah of Hosts,
though their land is full of guilt
against the Holy One of Israel. ^(E)

⁶ Leave Babylon; ^(F)
save your lives, each of you! ^(G)
Don't be silenced by her guilt.
For this is the time of Yah's vengeance—
He will pay her what she deserves. ^(H)

⁷ Babylon was a golden cup in Yah's hand ^(I)
making the whole earth drunk.
The nations drank her wine; ^(J)
therefore, the nations go mad. ^(K)

⁸ Suddenly Babylon fell and was shattered.
Wail for her;
get balm ^(L) for her wound—
perhaps she can be healed.

⁹ We tried to heal Babylon,
but she could not be healed.
Abandon her!
Let each of us go to his own land, ^(M)
for her judgment extends to the sky
and reaches as far as the clouds. ^(N)

¹⁰ Yah has brought about our vindication; ^(O)
come, let's tell in Zion
what Yah our God has accomplished. ^(P)

¹¹ Sharpen the arrows!
Fill the quivers!
Yah has put it into the mind
of the kings of the Medes
because His plan is aimed at Babylon
to destroy her,
for it is Yah's vengeance,
vengeance for His temple. ^(Q)

12 Raise up a signal flag ^(R)
against the walls of Babylon;
fortify the watch post;
set the watchmen in place;
prepare the ambush.
For Yah has both planned and accomplished
what He has threatened
against those who live in Babylon.

13 You who reside by many waters, ^(S)
rich in treasures,
your end has come,
your life thread is cut. **(Could the waters be a nation mostly surrounded by oceans?)**

14 Yah of Hosts has sworn by Himself:
I will fill you up with men as with locusts,
and they will sing the victory song over you.

15 He made the earth by His power,
established the world ^(I) by His wisdom, ^(U)
and spread out the heavens by His understanding. ^(V)

16 When He thunders, ^[d]
the waters in the heavens are in turmoil, ^(W)
and He causes the clouds
to rise from the ends of the earth.
He makes lightning for the rain
and brings the wind from His storehouses. ^(X)

17 Everyone is stupid and ignorant.
Every goldsmith is put to shame by [his] carved image, ^(Y)
for his cast images are a lie; ^(Z)
there is no breath in them. ^(AA)

18 They are worthless, ^(AB) a work to be mocked.
At the time of their punishment they will be destroyed. ^(AC)

19 Jacob's Portion ^[e] is not like these
because He is the One who formed all things. ^(AD)
[Israel is] the tribe of His inheritance; ^(AE)
Yah of Hosts is His name. ^(AF)

²⁰ You are My battle club,
My weapons of war.
With you I will smash nations;
with you I will bring kingdoms to ruin.

²¹ With you I will smash the horse and its rider;
with you I will smash the chariot and its rider.

²² With you I will smash man and woman; ^(AG)
with you I will smash the old man and the youth;
with you I will smash the young man and the virgin.

²³ With you I will smash the shepherd and his flock;
with you I will smash the farmer and his oxteam. ^[f]
With you I will smash governors and officials.

²⁴ "I will repay Babylon and all the residents of Chaldea for all their evil
they have done in Zion before your very eyes." ^(AH)
[This is] Yah's declaration.

²⁵ Look, I am against you, devastating mountain—
[this is] Yah's declaration—
you devastate the whole earth.
I will stretch out My hand against you, ^(AI)
roll you down from the cliffs,
and turn you into a burned out mountain.

²⁶ No one will be able to retrieve a cornerstone
or a foundation stone from you,
because you will become desolate forever.
[This is] Yah's declaration.

²⁷ Raise a signal flag ^(AJ) in the land;
blow a ram's horn among the nations;
set apart the nations against her. ^(AK)
Summon kingdoms against her—
Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz.
Appoint a marshal against her;
bring up horses like a swarm ^[g] of locusts.

²⁸ Set apart the nations for battle against her—
the kings of Media,
her governors and all her officials,
and all the lands they rule.

²⁹ The earth quakes ^(AL) and trembles,
because Yah's purposes against Babylon stand:
to make the land of Babylon an uninhabited desolation.

³⁰ Babylon's warriors have stopped fighting; ^(AM)
they sit in their strongholds.
Their might is exhausted;
they have become like women.
Babylon's homes have been set ablaze,
her gate bars are shattered. ^(AN)

³¹ Messenger races to meet messenger, ^(AO)
and herald to meet herald,
to announce to the king of Babylon
that his city has been captured
from end [to end].

³² The fords have been seized, ^(AP)
the marshes set on fire,
and the soldiers are terrified.

³³ For this is what Yah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says:
The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor
at the time it is trampled. ^(AQ)
In just a little while her harvest time will come. ^(AR)

³⁴ "Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon has devoured me;
he has crushed me.
He has set me aside like an empty dish;
he has swallowed me like a sea monster; ^(AS)
he filled his belly with my delicacies;
he has vomited me out," ^[h]

³⁵ says the inhabitant of Zion;
"Let the violence [done] to me and my family [be done] to Babylon.
Let my blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea,"
says Jerusalem.

³⁶ Therefore, this is what Yah says:
I am about to plead your case ^(AT)
and take vengeance on your behalf;
I will dry up her sea ^(AU)
and make her fountain run dry.

³⁷ Babylon will become a heap of rubble,
a jackals' den,
a desolation and an object of scorn, ^(AV)
without inhabitant.

³⁸ They will roar together like young lions;
they will growl like lion cubs.

³⁹ While they **are flushed with heat**, I will serve them a feast,
and I will make them drunk so that they revel. ^(AW) [i]
Then they will fall asleep forever
and never wake up.
[This is] Yah's declaration.

⁴⁰ I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter,
like rams together with male goats. ^(AX)

⁴¹ How Sheshach has been captured,
the praise ^(AY) of the whole earth seized.
What a horror Babylon has become
among the nations! ^(AZ)

⁴² The sea has risen over Babylon; ^(BA)
she is covered with its turbulent waves.

⁴³ Her cities have become a desolation, ^(BB)
a dry and arid land,
a land where no one lives,
where no human being passes through.

⁴⁴ I will punish Bel ^(BC) in Babylon.
I will make him vomit what he swallowed.
The nations will no longer stream to him;
even Babylon's wall will fall.

⁴⁵ Come out from among her, My people! ^(BD)
Save your lives, each of you,
from Yah's burning anger.

⁴⁶ May you not become faint hearted and fearful
when the report is proclaimed in the land,
for the report will come one year,
and then another the next year.

There will be violence in the land
with ruler against ruler.

⁴⁷ Therefore, look, the days are coming
when I will punish Babylon's carved images. [\(BE\)](#)
Her entire land will suffer shame,
and all her slain will lie fallen within her. [\(BF\)](#)

⁴⁸ Heaven and earth and everything in them
will shout for joy [\(BG\)](#) over Babylon
because the destroyers from the north
will come against her.
[This is] Yah's declaration.

⁴⁹ Babylon must fall [[because of](#)] **the slain of Israel**,
even as the slain of all the earth fell
because of Babylon.

⁵⁰ You who have escaped the sword, [\(BH\)](#)
go and do not stand still!
Remember Yah from far away,
and let Jerusalem come to your mind.

⁵¹ We are ashamed
because we have heard insults. [\(BI\)](#)
Humiliation covers our faces
because foreigners have entered
the holy places of Yah's temple. [\(BJ\)](#)

⁵² Therefore, look, the days are coming—
[this is] Yah's declaration—
when I will punish her carved images,
and the wounded will groan
throughout her land.

⁵³ Even if Babylon should ascend to the heavens [\(BK\)](#)
and fortify her tall fortresses,
destroyers will come against her from Me.
[This is] Yah's declaration.

⁵⁴ The sound of a cry from Babylon! [\(BL\)](#)
The sound of great destruction
from the land of the Chaldeans!

⁵⁵ For Yah is going to devastate Babylon;
He will silence her mighty voice.
Their waves roar like abundant waters;
the tumult of their voice resounds,

⁵⁶ for a destroyer is coming against her,
against Babylon.
Her warriors will be captured,
their bows shattered,
for Yah is a God of retribution;
He will certainly repay.

⁵⁷ I will make her princes and sages drunk,
along with her governors, officials, and warriors.
Then they will fall asleep forever
and never wake up. ^(BM)
[This is] the King's declaration;
Yah of Hosts is His name. ^(BN)

⁵⁸ This is what Yah of Hosts says:
Babylon's thick walls will be totally demolished,
and her high gates consumed by fire.
The peoples will have labored for nothing; ^(BO)
the nations will exhaust themselves [only to feed] the fire.

⁵⁹ [This is] what Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, ^(BP) the quartermaster, when he went to Babylon with Zedekiah king of Judah in the fourth year of Zedekiah's reign. ⁶⁰ Jeremiah wrote on one scroll about all the disaster that would come to Babylon; ^(BQ) all these words were written against Babylon.

⁶¹ Jeremiah told Seraiah, "When you get to Babylon, see that you read all these words aloud. ⁶² You must say, 'YAH, You have threatened to cut off ^(BR) this place so that no one will live in it—man or beast. Indeed, it will remain desolate forever.' ⁶³ When you have finished reading this scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates River. ^(BS) ⁶⁴ Then say, 'In the same way, Babylon will sink and never rise again because of the disaster I am bringing on her. They will grow weary.' "

The words of Jeremiah end here.

Footnotes:

- a. [Jeremiah 51:1](#) Or *stir up the spirit of a destroyer*

- b. [Jeremiah 51:1](#) = a name for Chaldeans
- c. [Jeremiah 51:3](#) Hb obscure
- d. [Jeremiah 51:16](#) Lit *At His giving of the voice*
- e. [Jeremiah 51:19](#) = Yah
- f. [Jeremiah 51:23](#) Lit *yoke*
- g. [Jeremiah 51:27](#) Hb obscure
- h. [Jeremiah 51:34](#) Lit *has rinsed me off*
- i. [Jeremiah 51:39](#) LXX reads *pass out*

Cross references:

- A. [Jeremiah 51:1](#) : [Jr 4:11-12](#);
- B. [Jeremiah 51:2](#) : [Jr 15:7](#); [Mt 3:12](#);
- C. [Jeremiah 51:3](#) : [Jb 41:13](#); [Jr 46:4](#);
- D. [Jeremiah 51:4](#) : [Jr 51:47](#);; [52](#);
- E. [Jeremiah 51:5](#) : [Ps 78:41](#); [Is 37:23](#); [Jr 50:29](#);
- F. [Jeremiah 51:6](#) : [Jr 50:8](#); [Rv 18:4](#);
- G. [Jeremiah 51:6](#) : [Jr 48:6](#); [51:45](#);
- H. [Jeremiah 51:6](#) : [Ps 28:4](#); [137:8](#); [Is 66:6](#);
- I. [Jeremiah 51:7](#) : [Rv 17:4](#);
- J. [Jeremiah 51:7](#) : [Rv 14:8](#); [18:3](#);
- K. [Jeremiah 51:7](#) : [Jr 25:16](#);
- L. [Jeremiah 51:8](#) : [Jr 8:22](#); [46:11](#);
- M. [Jeremiah 51:9](#) : [Is 13:14](#);
- N. [Jeremiah 51:9](#) : [Rv 18:5](#);
- O. [Jeremiah 51:10](#) : [Ps 37:6](#);
- P. [Jeremiah 51:10](#) : [Jr 50:28](#);
- Q. [Jeremiah 51:11](#) : [Jr 50:28](#);
- R. [Jeremiah 51:12](#) : [Ps 60:4](#); [Is 5:26](#); [18:3](#);
- S. [Jeremiah 51:13](#) : [Rv 17:1](#);
- T. [Jeremiah 51:15](#) : [Jb 38:4](#); [Ps 93:1](#); [96:10](#);
- U. [Jeremiah 51:15](#) : [Pr 3:19-20](#); [8:22-29](#);
- V. [Jeremiah 51:15](#) : [Jb 9:8](#); [Ps 104:2](#); [Is 45:12](#);
- W. [Jeremiah 51:16](#) : [Jr 5:22](#); [31:35](#);
- X. [Jeremiah 51:16](#) : [Jb 38:25-30](#);; [34-38](#); [Ps 135:7](#);
- Y. [Jeremiah 51:17](#) : [Is 40:18-31](#); [46:1-7](#);
- Z. [Jeremiah 51:17](#) : [Is 41:29](#);
- AA. [Jeremiah 51:17](#) : [Hab 2:19](#);
- BB. [Jeremiah 51:18](#) : [Jr 10:3](#);; [8](#);
- CC. [Jeremiah 51:18](#) : [Jr 6:15](#); [10:15](#); [49:8](#);
- DD. [Jeremiah 51:19](#) : [Gn 2:7-8](#);; [19](#); [Ps 95:5](#); [Is 43:1](#);
- EE. [Jeremiah 51:19](#) : [Dt 32:8-9](#); [Ps 74:2](#); [Is 63:17](#);
- FF. [Jeremiah 51:19](#) : [Jr 10:12-16](#);
- GG. [Jeremiah 51:22](#) : [2Ch 36:17](#); [Is 13:15-18](#);
- HH. [Jeremiah 51:24](#) : [Jr 50:15](#);; [29](#);
- II. [Jeremiah 51:25](#) : [Jr 15:6](#); [Ezk 6:14](#); [25:7](#);
- JJ. [Jeremiah 51:27](#) : [Ps 60:4](#); [Is 5:26](#); [18:3](#);
- KK. [Jeremiah 51:27](#) : [Jr 6:4](#); [22:7](#); [50:9](#);

LL. [Jeremiah 51:29](#) : [Ps 18:7](#); [Is 13:13](#); [Jr 50:46](#);
MM. [Jeremiah 51:30](#) : [Jr 50:37](#);
NN. [Jeremiah 51:30](#) : [Lm 2:9](#); [Nah 3:13](#);
OO. [Jeremiah 51:31](#) : [2Ch 30:6](#);
PP. [Jeremiah 51:32](#) : [Jdg 12:5](#);
QQ. [Jeremiah 51:33](#) : [Is 21:10](#);
RR. [Jeremiah 51:33](#) : [Is 17:5](#); [Jl 3:13](#); [Rv 14:15](#);
SS. [Jeremiah 51:34](#) : [Ps 74:13](#); [Is 27:1](#); [Ezk 29:3](#);
TT. [Jeremiah 51:36](#) : [1Sm 24:15](#); [Pr 23:11](#); [Jr 50:34](#);
UU. [Jeremiah 51:36](#) : [Ex 14:16-15:21](#);
VV. [Jeremiah 51:37](#) : [2Ch 29:8](#); [Jr 18:16](#); [19:8](#);
WW. [Jeremiah 51:39](#) : [Jr 51:57](#);
XX. [Jeremiah 51:40](#) : [Is 34:6](#); [Ezk 39:18](#);
YY. [Jeremiah 51:41](#) : [Jr 33:9](#); [49:25](#);
ZZ. [Jeremiah 51:41](#) : [Jr 50:23](#);
AAA. [Jeremiah 51:42](#) : [Is 8:7-8](#);
BBB. [Jeremiah 51:43](#) : [Jr 50:12](#);
CCC. [Jeremiah 51:44](#) : [Is 46:1](#); [Jr 50:2](#);
DDD. [Jeremiah 51:45](#) : [Jr 51:6](#);
EEE. [Jeremiah 51:47](#) : [Jr 50:2](#);
FFF. [Jeremiah 51:47](#) : [Jr 50:12](#);
GGG. [Jeremiah 51:48](#) : [Is 44:23](#); [49:13](#);
HHH. [Jeremiah 51:50](#) : [Jr 44:28](#);
III. [Jeremiah 51:51](#) : [Ps 44:15](#);
JJJ. [Jeremiah 51:51](#) : [Lm 1:10](#);
KKK. [Jeremiah 51:53](#) : [Is 14:12-14](#); [Jr 49:16](#);
LLL. [Jeremiah 51:54](#) : [Jr 50:22](#);
MMM. [Jeremiah 51:57](#) : [Jr 51:39](#);
NNN. [Jeremiah 51:57](#) : [Jr 46:18](#); [48:15](#);
OOO. [Jeremiah 51:58](#) : [Hab 2:13](#);
PPP. [Jeremiah 51:59](#) : [Jr 32:12](#);
QQQ. [Jeremiah 51:60](#) : [Jr 36:2](#);
RRR. [Jeremiah 51:62](#) : [Jr 50:3](#);
SSS. [Jeremiah 51:63](#) : [Jr 19:10-11](#); [Rv 18:21](#);

Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

Revelation 18

¹THEN I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendor.

²And he shouted with a mighty voice, **She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen!** She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird.

³For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers and leaders of the earth have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury and wantonness.^(A)

⁴I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues.^(B)

⁵For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up as high as heaven, and Yah has remembered her wickedness and [her] crimes [and calls them up for settlement].^(C)

⁶Repay to her what she herself has paid [to others] and double [her doom] in accordance with what she has done. Mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed [for others].^(D)

⁷To the degree that she glorified herself and reveled in her wantonness [**living deliciously and luxuriously**], to that measure impose on her torment and anguish and tears and mourning. Since in her heart she boasts, **I am not a widow; as a queen [on a throne] I sit, and I shall never see suffering or experience sorrow**--^(E)

⁸So shall her plagues (afflictions, calamities) come thick upon her in a single day, pestilence and anguish and sorrow and famine; and she shall be utterly consumed (burned up with fire), for mighty is Yah God Who judges her.

⁹And the rulers and leaders of the earth who joined her in her immorality (idolatry) and luxuriated with her will weep and beat their breasts and lament over her when they see the smoke of her conflagration.^(E)

¹⁰They will stand a long way off, in terror of her torment, and they will cry, Woe and alas, the great city, the mighty city, Babylon! In one single hour how your doom (judgment) has overtaken you!

¹¹And earth's businessmen will weep and grieve over her because no one buys their freight (cargo) any more.^(G)

¹²Their merchandise is of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; of fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet [stuffs]; all kinds of scented wood, all sorts of articles of ivory, all varieties of objects of costly woods, bronze, iron, and marble;^(H)

¹³Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment and perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) and souls of men!

¹⁴The ripe fruits and delicacies for which your soul longed have gone from you, and all your luxuries and dainties, your elegance and splendor are lost to you, never again to be recovered or experienced!

¹⁵The dealers who handled these articles, who grew wealthy through their business with her, will stand a long way off, in terror of her doom and torment, weeping and grieving aloud, and saying,

¹⁶Alas, alas for the great city that was robed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, bedecked and glittering with gold, with precious stones, and with pearls!^(I)

¹⁷Because in one [single] hour all the vast wealth has been destroyed (wiped out). And all ship captains and pilots, navigators and all who live by seafaring, the crews and all who ply their trade on the sea, stood a long way off,^(J)

¹⁸And exclaimed as they watched the smoke of her burning, What city could be compared to the great city!

¹⁹And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and grieved, exclaiming, Woe and alas, for the great city, where all who had ships on the sea grew rich [through her extravagance] from her great wealth! In one single hour she has been destroyed and has become a desert!^(K)

²⁰Rejoice (celebrate) over her, O heaven! O saints (people of Yah) and prophets, because Yah has executed vengeance for you upon her!^(L)

²¹Then a single powerful angel took up a boulder like a great millstone and flung it into the sea, crying, With such violence shall Babylon the great city be hurled down to destruction and shall never again be found.^(M)

²²And the sound of harpists and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you, and no skilled artisan of any craft shall ever again be found in you, and the sound of the millstone shall never again be heard in you.^(N)

²³And never again shall the light of a lamp shine in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall never be heard in you again; for your businessmen were the great and prominent men of the earth, and by your

magic spells and poisonous charm all nations were led astray (seduced and deluded).

²⁴And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all those who have been slain (slaughtered) on earth.^(Q)

Cross references:

- A. [Revelation 18:3](#) : [Jer 25:15, 27](#)
- B. [Revelation 18:4](#) : [Isa 48:20](#); [Jer 50:8](#)
- C. [Revelation 18:5](#) : [Jer 51:9](#)
- D. [Revelation 18:6](#) : [Ps 137:8](#)
- E. [Revelation 18:7](#) : [Isa 47:8, 9](#)
- F. [Revelation 18:9](#) : [Ezek 26:16, 17](#)
- G. [Revelation 18:11](#) : [Ezek 27:36](#)
- H. [Revelation 18:12](#) : [Ezek 27:12, 13, 22](#)
- I. [Revelation 18:16](#) : [Ezek 27:31, 36](#)
- J. [Revelation 18:17](#) : [Isa 23:14](#); [Ezek 27:26-30](#)
- K. [Revelation 18:19](#) : [Ezek 27:30-34](#)
- L. [Revelation 18:20](#) : [Isa 44:23](#); [Jer 51:48](#)
- M. [Revelation 18:21](#) : [Jer 51:63, 64](#); [Ezek 26:21](#)
- N. [Revelation 18:22](#) : [Isa 24:8](#); [Ezek 26:13](#)
- O. [Revelation 18:24](#) : [Jer 51:49](#)

Amplified Bible (AMP)

Hosea 14

Repentance to Bring Blessing

¹ ^[a]Return, Israel, to Yah your God.

Your sins have been your downfall!

² Take words with you
and return to Yah.

Say to him:

“Forgive all our sins
and receive us graciously,
that we may offer the fruit of our lips.”^[b]

³ Assyria cannot save us;
we will not mount warhorses.
We will never again say ‘Our gods’

to what our own hands have made,
for in you the fatherless find compassion.”

⁴ “I will heal their waywardness
and love them freely,
for my anger has turned away from them.

⁵ I will be like the dew to Israel;
he will blossom like a lily.

Like a cedar of Lebanon
he will send down his roots;

⁶ his young shoots will grow.

His splendor will be like an olive tree,
his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon.

⁷ People will dwell again in his shade;
they will flourish like the grain,

they will blossom like the vine—

Israel’s fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.

⁸ Ephraim, what more have I^[c] to do with idols?

I will answer him and care for him.

I am like a flourishing juniper;
your fruitfulness comes from me.”

⁹ Who is wise? Let them realize these things.

Who is discerning? Let them understand.

The ways of Yah are right;
the righteous walk in them,
but the rebellious stumble in them.

Footnotes:

- a. [Hosea 14:1](#) In Hebrew texts 14:1-9 is numbered 14:2-10.
- b. [Hosea 14:2](#) Or *offer our lips as sacrifices of bulls*
- c. [Hosea 14:8](#) Or Hebrew; Septuagint *What more has Ephraim*

Isaiah 14

¹FOR Yah will have mercy on Jacob [the captive Jews in Babylon] and will again choose Israel and set them in their own land; and foreigners [who are proselytes] will join them and will cleave to the house of Jacob (Israel).^(A)

²And the peoples [of Babylonia] shall ^[a]take them and bring them to their own country [of Judea] and help restore them. And the house of Israel will possess [the foreigners who prefer to stay with] them in the land of Yah as male and female servants; and they will take captive [not by physical but by

moral might] those whose captives they have been, and they will rule over their [former] oppressors.^(B)

³When Yah has given you rest from your sorrow and pain and from your trouble and unrest and from the hard service with which you were made to serve,

⁴**You shall take up this [taunting] parable against the king of Babylon** and say, How the oppressor has stilled [the restless insolence]! The golden and exacting city has ceased!

⁵Yah has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the [tyrant] rulers,

⁶Who smote the peoples in anger with incessant blows and trod down the nations in wrath with unrelenting persecution--[until] he who smote is persecuted and no one hinders any more.

⁷**The whole earth is at rest and is quiet**; they break forth into singing.

⁸Yes, the fir trees and cypresses rejoice at you [O kings of Babylon], even the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since you have been laid low, no woodcutter comes up against us.

⁹Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead) below is stirred up to meet you at your coming [O tyrant Babylonian rulers]; it stirs up the shades of the dead to greet you--even all the chief ones of the earth; it raises from their thrones [in astonishment at your humbled condition] all the kings of the nations.

¹⁰**All of them will [tauntingly] say to you, Have you also become weak as we are? Have you become like us?**

¹¹Your pomp and magnificence are brought down to Sheol (the underworld), along with the sound of your harps; the maggots [which prey upon dead bodies] are spread out under you and worms cover you [O Babylonian rulers].

¹²How have you **fallen from heaven**, O [b]**light-bringer and daystar, son of the morning**! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who weakened and laid low the nations [O blasphemous, satanic king of Babylon!]

¹³And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of Yah; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north.

¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

¹⁵Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (grave), to the innermost recesses of the pit (the region of the dead).

¹⁶Those who see you will gaze at you and consider you, saying, **Is this the man who made the earth tremble**, who shook kingdoms?--

¹⁷Who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who would not permit his prisoners to return home?

¹⁸All the kings of the nations, all of them lie sleeping in glorious array, each one in his own sepulcher.

¹⁹But you are cast away from your tomb like a loathed growth or premature birth or an abominable branch [of the family] and like the raiment of the slain; and you are clothed with the slain, those thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit [into which carcasses are thrown], like a dead body trodden underfoot.

²⁰You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land and have slain your people. May the descendants of evildoers nevermore be named!

²¹Prepare a slaughtering place for his sons because of the guilt and iniquity of their fathers, so that they may not rise, possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities.

²²And I will rise up against them, says Yah of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son, says Yah.

²³I will also make it a possession of the hedgehog and porcupine, and of [c]marshes and pools of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, says Yah of hosts.

²⁴Yah of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely, as I have thought and planned, so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand--

²⁵That I will break the Assyrian in My land, and upon My mountains I will tread him underfoot. Then shall the [Assyrian's] ^[d]yoke depart from [the people of Judah], and his burden depart from their shoulders.

²⁶This is [Yah's] purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth [regarded as conquered and put under tribute by Assyria]; and this is [His omnipotent] hand that is stretched out over all the nations.

²⁷For Yah of hosts has purposed, and who can annul it? And His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?

²⁸In the year that King Ahaz [of Judah] died there came this mournful, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up):

²⁹Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod [of Judah] that smote you is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth an adder [King Hezekiah of Judah], and its [the serpent's] offspring will be a fiery, flying serpent. ^(c)

³⁰And the firstborn of the poor and the poorest of the poor [of Judah] shall feed on My meadows, and the needy will lie down in safety; but I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant shall be slain.

³¹Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! Melt away, O Philistia, all of you! For there is coming a smoke out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks and none stands aloof [in Hezekiah's battalions].

³²What then shall one answer the messengers of the [Philistine] nation? That Yah has founded Zion, and in her shall the poor and afflicted of His people trust and find refuge.

You MUST REMEMBER!!!! Ecclesiastes 1:9 (Amplified Bible)

⁹The thing that has been--it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.

Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 14:23](#) The city of Babylon was in the midst of a very fertile area, and it would have seemed reasonable to suppose that, regardless of what happened to the population, the region would always furnish pasturage for flocks. But Isaiah said it would become the possession of wild animals and would be covered with "marshes and pools of water." This is how that prophecy was literally fulfilled: after Babylon was taken, the whole area

around the city was put under water from neglect of the canals and dikes of the Euphrates River. It became stagnant "marshes and pools of water" among ruins haunted by wild animals, proclaiming to any who might see it that "surely, as [Yah has] thought and planned, so shall it come to pass" (Isa. 14:24).

- b. [Isaiah 14:25](#) The prophecy against Assyria had actually by this time already been fulfilled, but Isaiah attached it to the as yet unfulfilled prophecy against Babylon as a pledge or guarantee of the fulfillment of (*the latter days also.*)

Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 14:2](#) : [Ezra 1](#)