

Discussion Questions for Isaiah 13 and 14

Note: Isaiah 13:1–23:18 is a collection of woes against the pagan nations around Judah. Chapters 13 and 14 center on Babylon.

- How is 13:19–22 a warning for modern nations?
- What is the fate of one who tries to gain power by oppressing others (see 14:3–11)? See especially verses 10–11.
- What happens to one who aspires to have the most beauty and the highest status (see 14:12–21)? See especially verses 15, 19.
- Isaiah 14:1–2 contains the seed of chapters 40–66. How will Israel's restoration to authority be possible (see 14:1)?
- The words *planned* and *purposed* recur in 14:24–27. What point is the Lord making by repeating these words?
- What do you notice about the Lord in 14:24–27?
- To what hope did Isaiah want Hezekiah to cling in the face of temptation to make alliances with men (see 14:32)?
- What relevance do you see in these chapters for your life in Christ today?