

Discussion Questions for Isaiah 21-23

Note: Isaiah 13:1–23:18 is a collection of woes against the pagan nations around Judah. This study also includes prophecies concerning Jerusalem.

Babylon (21:1–10)

- What does this prophecy show about the Lord's control over history?
- What does Isaiah's reaction to this vision of the deaths of Israel's persecutors (see 21:3–4) tell you about Isaiah himself?

Edom (21:11–12)

- Why would Isaiah say to a pagan nation, "If you would seek, then turn and come"?

Arabia (21:13–17)

- The Dedanites were an Arabian merchant tribe. Their caravans had to hide in thickets when Assyria and later Babylon attacked Arabia. What do you think the Lord was wanting to convey to Dedanites through this prophecy?

Jerusalem (22:1–25)

- How did Isaiah respond, and how did the Lord want all of Jerusalem to respond to the vision of Jerusalem being under siege? (see 22:4, 11–12)
- The Lord was furious at Shebna's plans (see 22:17–19); He called the high official "this steward" (see 22:15). Why was He angry?
- What does 22:1–25 reveal about God?

Tyre (23:1–18)

- What can we observe about Tyre's values and morals from 23:6–9, 12, 16–17?
- What might the Lord mean by calling Tyre a "prostitute" city (23:15–17)?
- What lessons does this prophecy offer us today about materialism?