

The PROPHETS of JUDAH

Isaiah – Judgment on the Nations

Isaiah 46:8-11

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Last week we reviewed the prophecies of Isaiah concerning the future Redeemer – his mission and how that mission would be accomplished – through obedience and sacrifice.

Today, we will turn our attention to the prophecies concerning the Judgments Against the Nations.

BABYLON – 13:1-14:23; 21:1-10

Interestingly, in Isaiah's time, Babylon did not yet exist as an autonomous, independent, dominant nation. Assyria was the empire to fear and Babylon was under her control. As a matter of fact, Tiglath-Pileser III had declared himself both king of Assyria and Babylon. Isaiah was looking deep into the future.

Isaiah 13:1, 17-22 - *An oracle concerning Babylon that Isaiah son of Amoz saw: See, I will stir up against them the Medes, who do not care for silver and have no delight in gold. Their bows will strike down the young men; they will have no mercy on infants nor will they look with compassion on children. Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians' pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah. She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there, no shepherd will rest his flocks there. But desert creatures will lie there, jackals will fill her houses; there the owls will dwell, and there the wild goats will leap about. Hyenas will howl in her strongholds, jackals in her luxurious palaces. Her time is at hand, and her days will not be prolonged.*

Right in the middle of the judgment against the King of Babylon comes the Judgment against the "morning star, son of the dawn." = **Lucifer** (the name "Lucifer" comes from the Latin Vulgate and means "light bearer")

Isaiah 14:12-15 - *How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.*

Which reminds us of Ezekiel 28 when the Judgment against Tyre is combined with a judgment against Satan:

Ezekiel 28:11-19 - *The word of Yahweh came to me: "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Adonai says: "'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor....*

Returning to Babylon.....

Isaiah 14:22-23 - *"I will rise up against them," declares El Shaddai. "I will cut off from Babylon her name and survivors, her offspring and descendants," declares Yahweh. "I will turn her into a place for owls and into swampland; I will sweep her with the broom of destruction," declares El Shaddai.*

Isaiah 21:5-9 - *They set the tables, they spread the rugs, they eat, they drink! Get up, you officers, oil the shields! This is what Yahweh says to me: "Go, post a lookout and have him report what he sees. When he sees chariots with teams of horses, riders on donkeys or riders on camels, let him be alert, fully alert." And the lookout shouted, "Day after day, my lord, I stand on the watchtower; every night I stay at my post. Look, here comes a man in a chariot with a team of horses. And he gives back the answer: 'Babylon has fallen, has fallen! All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!'"* (see Revelation 14:8)

Babylon's destruction occurred in 539 BC, when the Medo-Persian Empire under Cyrus the Great conquered the city.

Babylon's destruction is also prophesied in Jeremiah 50–51 and in Revelation, Babylon is used as a symbol of corrupt religious systems opposed to God, depicting its fall as sudden and complete.

ASSYRIA – 10:5-19; 14:24-27; 31:8-9

Isaiah 10:5-19 - *"Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath! I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets. But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations..... When the Lord has finished all his work against Mount Zion and Jerusalem, he will say, "I will punish the king of Assyria for the willful pride of his heart and the haughty look in his eyes.... Therefore, El Shaddai will send a wasting disease upon his sturdy warriors; under his pomp a fire will be kindled like a blazing flame. The Light of Israel will become a fire, their Holy One a flame; in a single day it will burn and consume his thorns and his briers. The splendor of his forests and fertile fields it will completely destroy, as when a sick man wastes away. And the remaining trees of his forests will be so few that a child could write them down.*

Isaiah 14:24-27 – *El Shaddai has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand. I will crush the Assyrian in my land; on my mountains I will trample him down. His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders." This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations. For El Shaddai has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?*

Isaiah 31:8-9 - *Assyria will fall by a sword that is not of man; a sword, not of mortals, will devour them. They will flee before the sword and their young men will be put to forced labor. Their stronghold will fall because of terror; at sight of the battle standard their commanders will panic," declares Yahweh, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem.*

In 612 BC, the Medo-Babylonian coalition—led by the Median king Cyaxares and the Babylonian king Nabopolassar—besieged Nineveh. After a prolonged siege, the city fell in 609 BC.

PHILISTIA (the Philistines) – 14:28-32

Isaiah 14:28-32 - *This oracle came in the year King Ahaz died: "Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, that the rod that struck you is broken; from the root of that snake will spring up a viper, its fruit will be a darting, venomous serpent. The poorest of the poor will find pasture, and the needy will lie down in safety. But your root I will destroy by famine; it will slay your survivors. Wail, O gate! Howl, O city! Melt away, all you Philistines! A cloud of smoke comes from the north, and there is not a straggler in its ranks. What answer shall be given to the envoys of that nation? Yahweh has established Zion, and in her his afflicted people will find refuge."*

In addition to Isaiah:

- Jeremiah spoke of a flood coming from the north that will destroy the Philistines.
- Ezekiel declared that God would *"cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant along the coast,"*
- Amos specifically names Gaza, Ashdod, and Ashkelon, promising fire will consume their walls and their rulers will be removed, and Ekron will also be destroyed.
- Zephaniah prophesied of the abandonment of Gaza, the ruin of Ashkelon, the emptying of Ashdod, and the uprooting of Ekron, with the land eventually being restored to Judah.

The historical destruction of Philistia occurred gradually. Over centuries, they faced military defeats, political instability, and eventual absorption into other powers. The Babylonian conquest in 604 BC marked the end of Philistia as an independent entity.

MOAB – 15:1-16:14

Isaiah 15:1-3 - *An oracle concerning Moab: Ar in Moab is ruined, destroyed in a night! Kir in Moab is ruined, destroyed in a night! Dibon goes up to its temple, to its high places to weep; Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba. Every head is shaved and every beard cut off. In the streets they wear sackcloth; on the roofs and in the public squares they all wail, prostrate with weeping.*

Isaiah 16:6-7 - *We have heard of Moab's pride – her overweening pride and conceit, her pride and her insolence – but her boasts are empty. Therefore the Moabites wail, they wail together for Moab. Lament and grieve for the men of Kir Hareseth.*

- Jeremiah also described the desolation of Moab's cities, the destruction of her people, and the exile of their god, Chemosh
- Ezekiel condemned Moab for mocking Judah and prophesied its destruction at the hands of the nations.

The prophecies were partially fulfilled through Tiglath Pileser III (Assyria) and Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon). These invasions led to the collapse of Moab's political power and by around 400 BC, Moab was no more.

SYRIA and ISRAEL are dealt with together in 17:1-14

Isaiah 17:1-4 - *An oracle concerning Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. The cities of Aroer will be deserted and left to flocks, which will lie down, with no one to make them afraid. The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, and royal power from Damascus; the remnant of Aram will be like the glory of the Israelites," declares El Shaddai. "In that day the glory of Jacob will fade; the fat of his body will waste away.*

In 732 BC, Tiglath-Pileser III of Assyria captured and deported the population of Damascus. That was not the last time Damascus was reduced to rubble:

- The Babylonians (605 BC)..
- The Greeks under Alexander the Great (333 BC).
- The Romans (64 BC).
- The Timurid onslaught (1400 AD).
- Modern civil war (2011–present).

Some interpreters see Isaiah 17 as having two fulfillments:

1. The Assyrian destruction of Damascus in 732 BC.
2. An ultimate (end of time) destruction – which is consistent with Jeremiah 49:23–27 and Amos 1:3–5, which also warn of future devastation, linking Damascus to broader global judgment.

ISRAEL is mentioned again in chapter 28:1-13

Isaiah 28:1-7 - *Woe to that wreath, the pride of Ephraim's drunkards, to the fading flower, his glorious beauty, set on the head of a fertile valley – to that city, the pride of those laid low by wine! See, Yahweh has one who is powerful and strong. Like a hailstorm and a destructive wind, like a driving rain and a flooding downpour, he will throw it forcefully to the ground. That wreath, the pride of Ephraim's drunkards, will be trampled underfoot.... And these also stagger from wine and reel from beer: Priests and prophets stagger from beer and are befuddled with wine; they reel from beer, they stagger when seeing visions, they stumble when rendering decisions.*

Israel was destroyed by Assyria in 722 BC – the 10 tribes were dispersed and remain so to this day.

CUSH – 18; 20

Isaiah 18:1-2 - *Woe to the land of whirring wings along the rivers of Cush, which sends envoys by sea in papyrus boats over the water. Go, swift messengers, to a people tall and smooth-skinned, to a people feared far and wide, an aggressive nation of strange speech, whose land is divided by rivers.*

EGYPT – 19-20

Isaiah 19:1-4 - *An oracle concerning Egypt: "See, Yahweh rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt within them. I will stir up Egyptian against Egyptian – brother will fight against brother, neighbor against neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom. The Egyptians will lose heart, and I will bring their plans to nothing; they will consult the idols and the spirits of the dead, the mediums and the spiritists. I will hand the Egyptians over to the power of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them," declares El Shaddai.*

EGYPT and CUSH

Isaiah 20:1-6 - *In the year that the supreme commander, sent by Sargon king of Assyria, came to Ashdod and attacked and captured it – at that time Yahweh spoke through Isaiah, son of Amoz. He said to him, "Take off the sackcloth from your body and the sandals from your feet." And he did so, going around stripped and barefoot. Then Yahweh said, "Just as my servant Isaiah has gone stripped and barefoot for three years, as a sign and portent against Egypt and Cush, so the king of Assyria will lead away stripped and barefoot the Egyptian captives and Cushite exiles, young and old, with buttocks bared – to Egypt's shame. Those who trusted in Cush and boasted in Egypt will be afraid and put to shame. In that day the people who live on this coast will say, 'See what has happened to those we relied on, those we fled to for help and deliverance from the king of Assyria! How then can we escape?'"*

In Zephaniah 2, Cush is part of a vision that included Assyria. The imagery is vivid — a ruined city, abandoned buildings, and nature reclaiming the land.

Cush, centered along the Nile Valley, was a powerful nation during the time of Isaiah. Cush emerged after Egypt's New Kingdom collapsed, around 780 BC. The Cushite King, Piye, became the 1st Pharaoh of the 25th Dynasty in Egypt – also known as the Dynasty of the Black Pharaohs, which lasted for over a century.

Cush's collapse began when Assyrian kings, Esarhaddon and Ashurbanipal, defeated the Cushite rulers, ending their control over Egypt. The final destruction of Cush came in 330 AD at the hand of the Axumite Kingdom in Ethiopia.

Ancient Egypt was one of the longest running empires in history, spanning over 3,000 years.

Beginning around 1100 BC the nation began to decline. But after the collapse of the new kingdom and the dividing of the nation by Cush, Egypt became vulnerable to further invasions, which came from the Assyrians in 671 BC, the Persians in 525 BC, the Greeks in 332 BC and the Romans in 30 BC.

EDOM – 11:14; 21:11-12; 34:1-17

Isaiah 21:11-12 - *An oracle concerning Dumah: Someone calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night?" The watchman replies, "Morning is coming, but also the night. If you would ask, then ask; and come back yet again."*

Isaiah 34:5-10 - *My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; see, it descends in judgment on Edom, the people I have totally destroyed. The sword of Yahweh is bathed in blood, it is covered with fat – the blood of lambs and goats, fat from the kidneys of rams. For Yahweh has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in Edom. And the wild oxen will fall with them, the bull calves and the great bulls. Their land will be drenched with blood, and the dust will be soaked with fat. For Yahweh has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause. Edom's streams will be turned into pitch, her dust into burning sulfur; her land will become blazing pitch! It will not be quenched night and day; its smoke will rise forever. From generation to generation it will lie desolate; no one will ever pass through it again.*

Along with Isaiah:

- Jeremiah prophesied that Edom would become an object of horror and that no man would live there.
- Ezekiel declared that Yahweh would lay waste to Edom.
- Obadiah warned that Edom's pride, refusal to repent and hostility toward Israel would lead to humiliation

In 587/586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar conquered Edom. Not many decades later, they were driven out of their capital by the Nabataeans and by the 4th century AD, the Edomites had disappeared as a distinct people.

ARABIA (Kedar) – 21:13-17

Isaiah 21:13-17 - *An oracle concerning Arabia: You caravans of Dedanites, who camp in the thickets of Arabia, bring water for the thirsty; you who live in Tema, bring food for the fugitives. They flee from the sword, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow and from the heat of battle. This is what Yahweh says to me: "Within one year, as a servant bound by contract would count it, all the pomp of Kedar will come to an end. The survivors of the bowmen, the warriors of Kedar, will be few." Yahweh, the God of Israel, has spoken.*

Jeremiah also prophesied concerning the destruction of Kedar by Nebuchadnezzar.

In the Bible, Kedar is both a person (Ishmael's son, Genesis 25:13) and the name of an Arabian tribal territory,

Ancient inscriptions from Assyria and Babylon mention campaigns against Arabian tribes that could be linked to Kedar, showing they were once significant enough to draw imperial attention.

Archaeological evidence shows that while some nomadic groups continued to inhabit the general region, the political and economic power of Kedar as a kingdom was effectively ended by the Babylonians.

JERUSALEM – 22; 28:14-18; 29:13-30:18

Isaiah 22:7-13 - *Your choicest valleys are full of chariots, and horsemen are posted at the city gates; the defenses of Judah are stripped away. And you looked in that day to the weapons in the Palace of the Forest; you saw that the City of David had many breaches in its defenses; you stored up water in the Lower Pool. You counted the buildings in Jerusalem and tore down houses to strengthen the wall. You built a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the Old Pool, but you did not look to the One who made it, or have regard for the One who planned it long ago. El Shaddai called you on that day to weep and to wail, to tear out your hair and put on sackcloth. But see, there is joy and revelry, slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine! "Let us eat and drink," you say, "for tomorrow we die!"*

Isaiah 28:14-18 - *Therefore hear the word of Yahweh, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. You boast, "We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place...." ¹⁷ I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled; your agreement with the grave will not stand. When the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, you will be beaten down by it.*

Isaiah 29:13-15 - *Yahweh says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."*

Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from Yahweh, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?"

Woe to you who do not seek my counsel, but place your trust in Egypt – placing your trust in human abilities instead of the power of God to save:

Isaiah 30:3 - *But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame, Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace.*

Isaiah 30:8-14 - *Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness. These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to Yahweh's instruction. They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!" Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says: "Because you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit, this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant. It will break in pieces like pottery, shattered so mercilessly that among its pieces not a fragment will be found for taking coals from a hearth or scooping water out of a cistern."*

In 586 BC, Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed. However..... (Isaiah 44:24-45:13)

"This is what Yahweh says – your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am Yahweh, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense, who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited,' of the towns of Judah, 'They shall be built,' and of their ruins, 'I will restore them,' who says to the watery deep, 'Be dry, and I will dry up your streams,' who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid."' "This is what Yahweh says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am Yahweh, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.

Jeremiah 25:11-12 - *This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares Yahweh, "and will make it desolate forever.*

Jeremiah 29:10-14 - *This is what Yahweh says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares Yahweh, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares Yahweh, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares Yahweh, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."*

2 Chronicles 36:21-23 - *The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of Yahweh spoken by Jeremiah. In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of Yahweh spoken by Jeremiah, Yahweh moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing: "This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: "'Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of his people among you – may Yahweh his God be with him, and let him go up.'"*

TYRE – 23

Isaiah 23:1-3, 8-14 - *An oracle concerning Tyre: Wail, O ships of Tarshish! For Tyre is destroyed and left without house or harbor. From the land of Cyprus word has come to them. Be silent, you people of the island and you merchants of Sidon, whom the seafarers have enriched. On the great waters came the grain of the Shihor; the harvest of the Nile was the revenue of Tyre, and she became the marketplace of the nations....⁸ Who planned this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are renowned in the earth? El Shaddai planned it, to bring low the pride of all glory and to humble all who are renowned on the earth. Till your land as along the Nile, O Daughter of Tarshish, for you no longer have a harbor. Yahweh has stretched out his hand over the sea and made its kingdoms tremble. He has given an order concerning Phoenicia that her fortresses be destroyed.... Look at the land of the Babylonians, this people that is now of no account! The Assyrians have made it a place for desert creatures; they raised up their siege towers, they stripped its fortresses bare and turned it into a ruin. Wail, you ships of Tarshish; your fortress is destroyed!*

Ezekiel also gave a detailed prophecy regarding Tyre:

- Many nations would come against Tyre
- The city's walls and towers would be broken down
- The stones, timber, and debris would be scraped away and thrown into the water
- The city would become a bare rock where fishermen would spread their nets
- It would never be rebuilt to its former glory

The city was composed of two parts: the city on the mainland and an island fortress located about half a mile offshore. This unique geography made Tyre nearly impregnable, as enemies could attack the mainland but struggled to reach the heavily fortified island city.

Shortly after Ezekiel's prophecy in 585 BC-ish, Nebuchadnezzar showed up and laid siege to the mainland city. The siege lasted 12/13 years. When the city was finally conquered in 572 BC-ish, The Babylonians discovered that many of the inhabitants and much of the wealth had been moved to the island fortress.

The destruction of Tyre was incomplete—until Alexander the Great arrived. In 332 BC, the island fortress still stood defiant. In one of the most remarkable engineering feats of the ancient world, Alexander built a causeway from the mainland to the island using the very stones, timber and debris from the ruined mainland city.

After a seven-month siege, Alexander conquered the island fortress, destroyed ½ the city, killed thousands of people and enslaved 10's of thousands more. Tyre's prominence as a maritime and commercial power came to an end.

THE WHOLE EARTH – from destruction to restoration – 24-27 and 34-35

Isaiah 24:3-6 - *The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. Yahweh has spoken this word. The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore, earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left.*

Isaiah 25:6-9 - *On this mountain El Shaddai will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. Yahweh has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is Yahweh, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."*

The Prophecies against the Nations have a dual purpose.

Both Israel and Judah were guilty of abandoning the Covenant. They were also guilty of turning to other nations when threatened – instead of to Yahweh. The above prophecies let both nations know, in no uncertain terms, that their dependence on foreign kings was misguided BECAUSE they were dust in the wind. Nations would come and go, only Yahweh's kingdom is eternal.

These prophecies are a powerful demonstration of God's sovereignty over all the earth and his right, as God of the universe, to judge even those who do not acknowledge Him. And whether His judgment included direct involvement or just simply not interfering – God knew that these nations would come to an end.

Both are important reminders for us. Our security is not found in national identity. Nations still rise and fall. Our only safety, our only sure foundation is God.

Daniel 2:44 - *In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.*

2 Peter 1:5-11 - *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness;*

and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.... For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Until Next Time.....