

## Lesson 9: Isaiah 21-23

### Questions

1. What nation does Isaiah speak judgment against (21:1; see 21:9)?
2. What nation does the Lord use to destroy Babylon (21:2)?
3. How does Isaiah describe his feelings concerning the coming judgment upon Babylon (21:3-4)?
4. Who is set up, what does he see, and what does he say (21:5-9)?
5. What are the people (Judah or Babylon) compared to (21:10)?
6. What nation does Isaiah speak judgment against (21:11)?
7. What question is asked the watchman and what answer does he give (21:11-12)?
8. What nation does Isaiah speak judgment against (21:13)?
9. How are the people of this place described and how long does it take for their glory to fail (21:14-17)?
10. What nation does Isaiah speak judgment against (22:1; see 22:4, 8-10)?

11. How are the people of Judah and Jerusalem described (22:2-3)?
12. How does Isaiah describe his feelings concerning the coming judgment upon the Lord's people (22:4)?
13. What happens to Jerusalem in the coming day of judgment (22:5-11)?
14. What is the attitude of the people concerning their coming judgment (22:12-14)?
15. What does the Lord do to Shebna and why (22:15-19)?
16. Who replaces Shebna and how is he described (22:20-25)?
17. What nation does Isaiah speak judgment against and how do others feel about their destruction (23:1-7)?
18. Who purposes judgment against Tyre and what does he do (23:8-12)?
19. Who brings judgment upon Tyre and what happens for 70 years (23:13-16)?
20. What happens at the end of 70 years (23:17-18)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Why is Babylon described as the wilderness or "desert of the sea" (21:1)? What can be learned from Jeremiah 50-51 about Babylon's destruction?

2. Who were the Medes and when did they come to Babylon and conquer it (21:2)? Where in the Bible is this event recorded and where else in the Bible do we read about the Medes?
3. What can be learned from Jeremiah 49, Ezekiel 25, and Amos 1 about Edom's destruction?
4. What can be learned from Ezekiel 26-28 and Amos 1 about Tyre's destruction?
5. Where are nations of Elam and Media located on a map (21:2; compare with 13:17)? Where are Dumah and Seir located on a map (21:11) and where are Arabia, Tema, Dedan, and Kedar located (21:13-17)?
6. Why are Judah and Jerusalem described as "the valley of vision" (22:1, 5)?
7. Where are the words "Fallen, fallen is Babylon" found in the NT and who does it apply to there (21:9).
8. Where in the NT is wording similar to Isaiah 22:13 and 22:22 found?
9. Who is the king in Judah at the time of Shebna and Hilkiyah and what other place in the book of Isaiah are these two men mentioned (22:15, 20)?
10. Where are Tyre, Sidon, Tarshish, and Kittim located on a map (23:1-2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17)? What OT prophet attempted to flee to Tarshish?
11. What is "the Shihor" mentioned in Isaiah 23:3 (see Josh. 13:3)?

## **Applications for Today**

1. We need to be hurt and horrified concerning the Lord's coming judgment (21:3-4; 22:4; Isa. 15:5; 16:9-11; Lk. 19:41; Heb. 10:31; 12:29).
2. People are often happy in their life of sin but they do not consider their coming judgment day (22:2; Lk. 17:26-32).
3. When people are punished by the Lord, they need to turn to the Lord (22:11; Isa. 5:12; 9:13; Jer. 5:3; Hos. 7:10; Heb. 12:5-13).
4. We do not need to have a frivolous and care-free attitude toward our sin or the Lord's coming judgment on our sin (22:13; 1 Cor. 15:32; Jas. 4:9).
5. Don't spend more time on preparing for your burial than on preparing for your afterlife (22:16; Lk. 16:19-31).