

# A Trek Through Isaiah 31 - Ch 13 - 27 Review 1

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Prayer

## Introduction

For today

- Review 13-27 one-world government, Davidic monarchy

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## 13 - 27 Review

- In the first part of the book (Is 6-37)
  - Portrait of the coming King
  - Who is the Lord of History?
- Setting: Kingdom panorama
  - The nations reviewed.
    - The great powers: Babylon (13:1, 21:9), Assyria (14:25), Egypt (19:1)
    - The smaller states: Philistia (14:29), Moab (15:1), Aram (17:1), Edom (21:11), Arabia (21:13), Tyre (23:1)
  - Over all God is sovereign
  - He is working to bring the whole world together. All will be one people gathered to Himself.
  - God's professing people are condemned for their failures
  - Yet they are central to the glory of the day when the Lord reigns in Zion
  - Zion will be the city of peace whose people are believing and righteous.

- Theme
  - Single question: Where is security?
  - Five answers
  - Answer 1: One-world empire.
    - Security through a central government.
    - The spirit of Babylon. First appeared at Babel.
      - Gen 11:2-4 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.... Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."
    - Continues through history
      - Dan 2 Nebuchadnezzar's dream: the great statue
        - Head of gold (Babylon), chest and arms of silver (Medes and Persians), middle and thighs of bronze (Greece), feet of iron and clay (Rome)
        - Represented successive kingdoms on the earth.
    - Brought down in the end times.
      - Rev 18:8 ...Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
  - Answer 2: Davidic monarchy.
    - Security under the throne of David.
      - God promised David an eternal throne
        - 2Sa 7:11, 16 ...the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ...And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."
    - In Isaiah's day, it seemed that the Davidic monarchy was broken forever.
    - But one day the coming King will reign from Zion.
  - Answer 3: Collective security and self-sufficiency
    - Self-sufficient. Security through power and alliances. Rejecting the LORD's salvation.
      - Isa 7:12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test."
      - Isa 9:9-10 ...Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart: (10) "The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place."
  - Answer 4: The people of God.
    - They seem to be caught up in the things of the world and in self-sufficiency
    - But one day they will see salvation and peace.

- Answer 5: Triumphant end
  - One world, one people, one God.

Structure

- Isaiah's "cantata"
- Three sections: 13-20, 21-23, 24-27.
- Each with five parts to address the five answers

	<b>One-world Empire</b>	<b>Davidic Monarchy</b>	<b>Collective Security and Self-sufficiency</b>	<b>The People of God</b>	<b>Triumphant End</b>
1	13:1 – 14:27 Oracle of Babylon	14:28-32 Oracle of Philistia	15:1 - 16:13 Oracle of Moab	17:1 – 18:7 Oracle of Damascus	19:1 – 20:6 Oracle of Egypt
2	21:1-10 Oracle of the wilderness of the sea	21:11-12 Oracle of silence	21:13-17 Oracle of Arabia	22:1-25 Oracle of the valley of vision	23:1-18 Oracle of Tyre
3	24:1-20 The city of chaos	24:21-23 The King of glory	25:1-12 Salvation for all	26:1-21 The strong city	27:1-13 Universal Israel

- One-world government
  - 13:1 – 14:27 Oracle of Babylon
    - 13:1 Isaiah looks beyond Assyria to the greater Babylon
    - A1 13:2-16 Hand beckoning: God's purpose toward the world government given.
      - 13:2-8 God is gathering an army of nations.
      - 13:9-16 The day of the LORD. A day is coming when the great city will be destroyed.
    - B1 13:17-22 Overthrow of Babylon
    - C 14:1-2 God's purpose regarding His people
      - Israel will be restored.
    - B2 14:3-23 Overthrow of the king of Babylon
      - Israel's taunt against the king of Babylon.
      - V12-15: the power behind the throne: Satan
    - A2 13:23-27 Hand outstretched: God's purpose toward the world government fulfilled
      - Assyria is cited as a short-term example.
  - 21:1-10 Oracle of the wilderness of the sea
    - A1 v1-2a A stern vision, like a storm sweeping across the wilderness
    - B1 v2b Babylonian envoys boasting of victory over Assyria
    - C v3-5 The prophet's anguish
      - Sees the results of Judah trusting in Babylon rather than the LORD.
    - B2 v6-9 A watchman posted. Babylon has fallen.
    - A2 v10 What I have heard from the LORD of hosts I declare to you.
  - 24:1-20 The city of chaos
    - 24:1-12 The world city destroyed
      - The Earth Devastated 24:1-3
      - The World Withered 24:4-5
      - The World Cursed 24:6
      - The World City Destroyed 24:7-12
    - 24:13-15 The Believing Remnant
    - 24:16-18b Warning to unbelievers
    - 24:18c-20 The Earth Broken 24:18c-20
  - Summary
    - True security does not reside in the one-world city apart from God.
    - God will overthrow it.
    - God will preserve His people.
    - Trust in the world brings anguish.

- The Davidic monarchy
  - 14:28-32 Oracle of Philistia
    - 14:28-31 Contrasting outcomes
      - The Philistines rejoice at the fall of the house of David.
      - But the house of David will be restored and its people will dwell in safety, while the Philistines will be destroyed.
    - 14:32 Answer to the Philistine envoys
      - Judah should refuse an alliance with the Philistine states against Assyria. Rather they should trust in the LORD.
  - 21:11-12 Oracle of silence
    - 21:11 The question
      - One calls from Seir (Edom): “How long is the night?”
      - Seeking an answer from the prophet in Judah
    - 21:12 The answer
      - Morning comes after night.
      - Seek the true God and repent.
  - 24:21-23 The King of glory
    - 24:21-22 The LORD’s victory
    - 24:23 The LORD’s reign
  - Summary
    - True security rests in the coming Davidic King
    - God’s people should trust in Him
    - Unbelievers should come to Him.
    - He will be victorious and reign forever.

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## **Discussion**

We will break into three groups to discuss today's passage. Each group will discuss the same topic:

### **Where is true security?**

- 1. One-world empire**
- 2. Davidic monarchy**

In your group, please discuss

- **See:** Something about God that you see in the passage
- **Know:** The effect that this view of God has upon you.
- **Respond:** A way to respond to what you have seen and come to know.

For next week: Ch 13 - 27 collective security and self-sufficiency, people of God, triumphant end

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