### Isaiah

## Chapter 14

1This will all happen quite quickly…  
 It won’t take very much time  
 And the days [‘til it comes] won’t drag on.  
  
But, [God] will show mercy on Jacob,  
 For IsraEl will still be His chosen,  
 And they will find rest in His land.  
  
To them, foreign peoples will come  
 (To the house of Jacob, they’ll come),  
 2And they’ll accept the gentiles among them…  
 As an inheritance, they’ll all then be welcomed.  
  
At that time, within the land of our God,  
 There’ll be many servants (both women and men).  
 For, those who once took them as captives  
 Will, in turn, be their [slaves]…  
 They’ll dominate those who once ruled them.  
  
3In that day, the Lord will send rest  
 And an end to your anger and grief,  
 As well as to the hard labor  
 Under which you had once slaved.  
  
4Then you’ll take up this wail against Babylon’s king…  
 In that day, you’ll say this about him:  
  
 ‘O how much rest [we now can enjoy]  
 From this one who once demanded so much…  
 How much rest [we now have from] our masters!  
  
 5‘For, Jehovah broke the yoke of those sinners,  
 As well as the yoke of their rulers.  
 6In His rage, He struck down a nation…  
 He brought calamity upon them…  
 He didn’t spare any and He didn’t hold back!  
  
 7‘So now, our land is shouting in joy…  
 8The trees of Lebanon are happy and say:  
  
 From the time that you were laid low,  
 No one has come here to cut us!  
  
 9‘From below, the grave has arisen to meet them;  
 And all the giants that once ruled the earth  
 (Those who stood and opposed you)  
 Have now been gathered down there.’  
  
Then the kings of those nations will rise from their thrones,  
 10And they will say [to those giants]:  
  
 ‘Now, you have been captured as we were…  
 So, are you now considered to be one of us?  
 11For your glories and joys have gone down to the grave,  
 And beneath you, they’ll make a bed of decay  
 Where you will be covered with worms!’  
  
12O how the bright one has fallen  
 (The [star] that arises at dawn);  
 For this one who [once conquered] nations,  
 Has been broken down to the ground.  
  
  
[Editor Note:  
  
The previous verse could also be translated as:  
  
 ‘O how you have fallen from the sky;  
 So, howl, O one who arises at dawn;  
 For, you who [once conquered] nations,  
 Have now been broken to the ground.’]  
  
  
13You’re the one who once said in his heart:  
  
 ‘I will ascend to the heavens  
 And I’ll put my throne above all the stars.  
 Then I’ll sit upon a high mountain…  
 On the highest one in the north.  
 14Yes, I will ascend above all the clouds,  
 And I will be like the Most High!’  
  
15But now, you’ll go down to the grave…  
 Down to the foundations of the earth.  
 16Then, those who see you will wonder and ask:  
  
 ‘Isn’t he the one who provoked the whole earth?  
 Isn’t he the one who once shook its kings?  
 17Isn’t he the one who brought desolation  
 Upon mankind’s habitation…  
 The one who demolished its cities  
 And the one who set no slaves free?’  
  
18So, while all the kings of the nations  
 Will go to sleep in full honor  
 (As will every man within his own house);  
 19You’ll be tossed in the mountains along with the slain.  
  
Yes, you’ll be abhorred the same as the rest  
 Who have been run through with swords  
 And gone down to the place of the dead.  
  
 20‘Like clothes that are dirtied by blood,  
 You won’t be pure or clean anymore;  
 For, to My land, you brought desolation,  
 And you have murdered My people.  
 So, no way will you last throughout the age,  
 O you offspring of all that’s evil!  
  
 21‘Prepare your young to be slaughtered  
 Because of the sins of their fathers!  
 So, they won’t arise and inherit the land,  
 Nor again fill the whole earth with wars!  
  
 22‘For, I will rise up against them,’  
 Says Jehovah of Armies;  
 ‘I’ll destroy their names, their remains, and their offspring.’  
  
  
And Jehovah said:  
  
 23‘The land of Babylon, I will destroy…  
 I’ll make it a place where hedgehogs will dwell.  
 I will bring it to nothing…  
 It’ll be just a pit of destruction.’  
  
  
24Then Jehovah of Armies said:  
  
 ‘This is how it will happen…  
 Yes, this is the way it will be;  
 For this is what I’ve decided:  
  
 ‘I’ll allow [Babylon] to remain  
 For just a little while longer,  
 25So that it can wipe the Assyrians away  
 From My land and My Holy Mountain.  
 They’ll be trampled and their yoke will then be removed,  
 As their dignity is cut from their shoulders.’  
  
26Yes, this is the plan that Jehovah laid out  
 For the rest of man’s habitation,  
 As His hand is raised over the gentiles.  
 27For, who can erase the Holy One’s plans,  
 Or hold back His hand once it’s been raised?  
  
  
28In the year that King Ahaz died, these words came [to IsaiAh]:  
  
29O Philistines; do not be joyful,  
 For He’s breaking the yoke of those you’ve attacked.  
 And from the snake’s offspring, young asps will arrive,  
 Which will then become flying serpents.  
  
30While God will feed all the poor  
 And peace will rest on the paupers;  
 Your offspring will starve and be wiped away…  
 Yes, those who are left will be gone.  
  
31So, shriek, O you city of gates,  
 And may your towns start crying aloud!  
 For the Philistines will all be disturbed  
 As they see smoke arise in the north…  
 And no one there, will be left alive.  
  
Now, what answer can the kings of the nations supply?  
 For although the Lord will destroy the foundations of Zion;  
 He’ll still bring salvation to His people!