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# The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

## Isaiah

Isaiah 13-23

Gentile Nations Judged

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# Isaiah

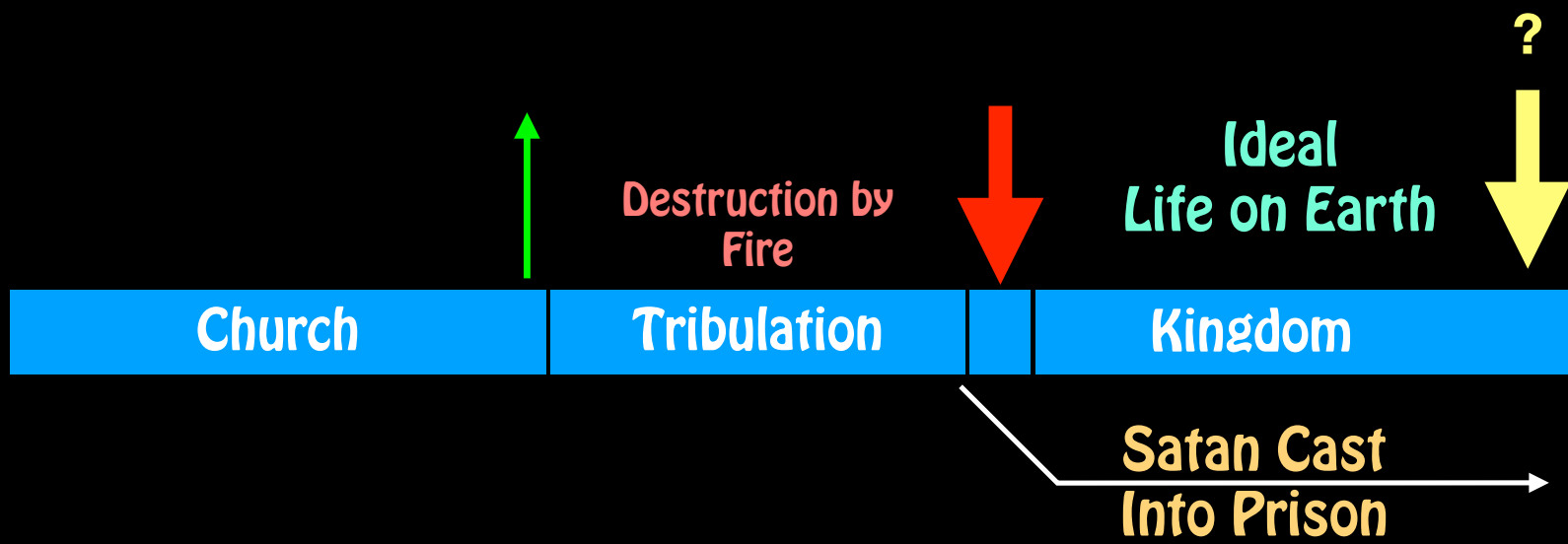
- Today we return to the text in Isaiah.
- We are on a mission about the misunderstanding of the ending of Revelation.
- The New Heavens and Earth (21:1) triggers the assumption that this event occurs after the 1000 year Kingdom. The rationale is, chapter 20 gives the 1000 yrs period six times, therefore the next chapter 21:1 is chronological and where the New Heavens and Earth event must happen.

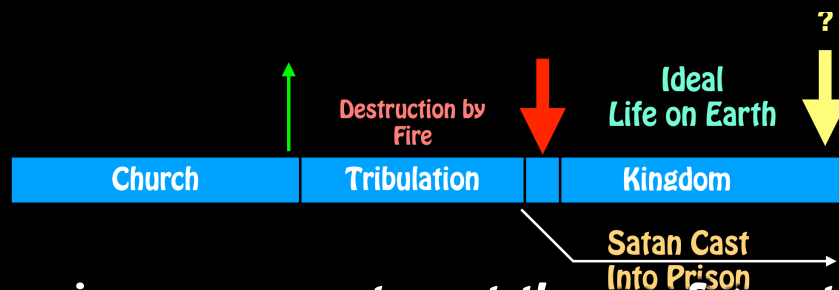
# Revelation 20 Pauses Time

- While this has been widely accepted it necessitates moving the order of some events that are apparently listed chronologically. 2 Peter 3:13, Isaiah 65:17.
- What we endeavor to do is to allow an “interpretation” that does not need to move any events in any passages.
- The key (one of them) is to see Rev 20 informative and does not move the point of view which remains at the end of the Tribulation. There are other time stops in Revelation. Again if 20 represents all the events of the Kingdom, Revelation says nothings about life IN THE KINGDOM. Indeed strange!

# Revelation 20 Pauses Time

- This corrected look puts the “conflagration” for setting up the Kingdom, after the earth is destroyed (Tribulation) it will need a new configured Heaven and Earth.
- The conditions in the Kingdom demands a change in the fundamentals of physics. Especially the Laws of Thermodynamics. The Second Law must be suspended. Disorder out of Order for example.





- Again, there is no reason to put the configuration at the end of 1000 years except that Rev. 21:1 follows Rev. 20.
- But is there support in Isaiah for such a choice?
- It should be there.
- The Kingdom is after all a Jewish one with a Jewish hope of Messianic rule—the Gentile do not “take over” the text and add Gentile ideas to it. It must be in the Old Testament.

# Isaiah

- The book is called a prophecy as a general class of literature.
- Not surprising then, the next section Chpts. 13-23 is devoted to prophecy.
- The difficulty is to determine if the prophecy is for the near time, that is, already fulfilled or prophecy that even for our day is yet unfulfilled.

# Isaiah

- Since these chapters deal with the ‘non-Jewish’ nations—
- We did a three week study of the Gentiles (4-11) to learn just where these nations came from.
- ➔ The first mention is Babylon—the text.
- 1 “The oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.”

Egypt

Assyria

Babylon

Medes/Persia

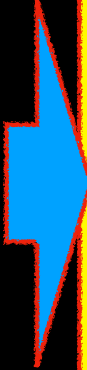
# General Claim to Judgment

- Isaiah 13:1 The oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.
- 2 **Lift up a standard** on the bare hill, **Raise your voice** to them, **Wave the hand** that they may enter the doors of the nobles.
- 3 **I have commanded My consecrated ones,** I have even called My mighty warriors, My proudly exulting ones, To execute My anger.



# Isaiah 13 Judgment on Babylon

- It is no surprise that the judgments begin with Babylon. **The nation that singularly has been the nemesis to God's plan since shortly after the Flood with the Tower incident.**
- The lands are that of Iran, Iraq Levant today. With Iran (Persia) the larger portion,



**In Land of Babylon  
Later—  
Nebuchadnezzar  
The Nation of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Captivity  
A Picture of Evil  
The Final  
Capitol**

# Neo-Babylon Empire 600

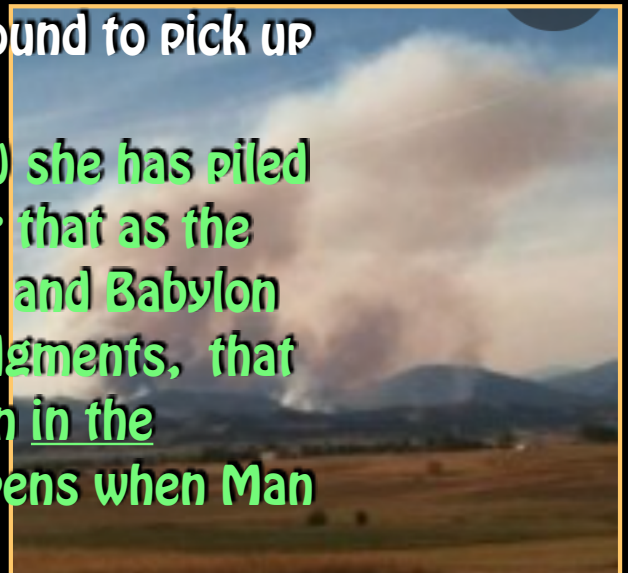


## Neo-Babylon Empire 600

- It must be pointed out that the Neo-Babylonian Empire will not take center stage for about 125 years. Say 730-605.
- This prophecy drives the skeptic to claim a later dating of the book and/or divide the book by two authors.
- So anti-supernatural is their assumptions that they will set aside its self attestation as given in verse one. “The oracle concerning Babylon which **Isaiah** the son of Amoz saw.”

# Evil at the Tower of Babel

- We are now ready with some background to pick up the curse of Babylon.
- By now (starting with Babel 2340 f, ) she has piled on sins upon sins and it is no wonder that as the judgments begin, Babylon is the first and Babylon will be the last in the earth bound judgments, that smoke will rise from her forever even in the Kingdom(!), a reminder of what happens when Man assume the divine prerogatives.



Revelation 17-18

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The Lord will call  
Persia to judge  
Babylon.  
He will call the  
birds to feed on the  
flesh of kings that  
have died in the  
Tribulation.  
All creatures  
respond to the call  
of God.

# General Claim to Judgment

- Isaiah 13:4 A sound of tumult on the mountains, Like that of many people! A sound of the uproar of kingdoms, Of nations gathered together! **The Lord of hosts is mustering the army for battle.** 5 They are coming from a far country, From the farthest horizons (Medes?), The Lord and His instruments of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

Here we are not sure how far to push the message. It could be local for Nebuchadnezzar or it could be pointing to the Tribulation.



# Segue to the Tribulation

The Great Example of Judgment

**Thus far—Babylon**