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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text;

Isaiah 13:1-22

HE WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE

1.) The Unfathomable ways of God

vs. 1-22

Romans 11:33b

How unsearchable His judgments, and His ways beyond finding out!

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord God does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

God’s “Intent” for giving us Bible prophecy (advanced history)

1a.) God will ultimately judge Babylon

vs. 1

The burden (Judgment) against **Babylon** which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

Isaiah is Shown an Event 100 years Ahead - Amazing!

The prophecy here recorded by Isaiah regarding Babylon is given **100 years in advance of Babylon being a regional power**. At the time of the prophecy, Babylon wasn't a city or an empire, it was an insignificant village on the Euphrates river.

In just 100 years Babylon will become the first and greatest world empire of ancient times.

Babylon, the World's First Great Empire Is Illustrated by Nebuchadnezzar's Head of Gold

What makes this exciting for the 21st Century Christian
is to realize just where we are on the Time-Line of Last Days Events.

Daniel 2:31-46

“You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. 32 This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces :35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. :36 “This is the dream.

Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. 37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; 38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold. 39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. 41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44 **And in**

the days of these kings (the ten) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” :46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face,

HE WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE THE UNFATHOMABLE WAYS OF GOD

1b.) God will ultimately rule over the nations vs. 2-5

2 “Lift up a banner on the high mountain, Raise your voice to them; Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles. 3 I have commanded My **sanctified** ones; I have also called My **mighty ones** for My anger— Those who rejoice in My exaltation.” 4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! **The LORD of hosts** musters The army for battle. 5 They come from a far country, From the end of heaven— The LORD and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

God will allow the evil plans of the **Assyrians** and the **Babylonians** to be successful **against his people Israel.**

Daniel 5 Also describes, in amazing detail the event of Babylon's demise as Daniel reveals to Nebuchadnezzar that **his kingdom will not last forever** but would in fact would be invaded by the Medo-Persian empire.

Daniel's Image

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Does God Love America?

What if today, because of **America's godlessness and disobedience**, God would do the same thing to us as He did Israel? What if God has allowed our nation to be attacked and to be under the threat of constant terrorism by the very religion that is at war with Judaism & Christianity & Atheism, you name it?

Historically, Most Often, God uses events to judge a people.

There have been times when God Himself by direct action judges!

Tribulation / Second Coming Events

Revelation 9:13-15

Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

HE WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE THE UNFATHOMABLE WAYS OF GOD

1c.) God will ultimately punish His enemies vs. 6-8

6 Wail, for **the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.** 7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, 8 And they will be afraid. **Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth;** They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

Here is a "Must Stop" if we're going to understand this chapter

Isaiah 13:6,9,13

(:6) Wail, for **the day of the LORD** is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. (:9) Behold, **the day of the LORD** comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it., (:13) Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In (because) **the wrath of the LORD of hosts** And in **the day of His fierce anger.**

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Psalm 2:1-5

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

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Mark 13:7-8

But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings (of birth pains) of sorrows.

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1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

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**Let's Take a Drive Back to The Future;
Let's Turn in our Bible to Matthew 24:1- (4-5) 31**

**Here's Our Next Stop;
Mark 13:14-20**

**Next;
Luke 21:22,34-36**

Joel 2:30-31 KJV

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Revelation 17-18

Deals with the future and ultimate destruction of a (1) New Babylon. Babylon is a geographic location. (2) Babylon will become a center for spirituality. And (3) Babylon will again become a commercial center.

Verse 9-11

9 Behold, **the day of the LORD** comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. 10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. 11 "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Here is the wonderful point to this chapter, YHWH

will destroy all **false worship** systems and punish the inhabitants of the earth for their sins.

Jeremiah 50:1-2

The word that the LORD spoke against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet. 2 "Declare among the nations, Proclaim, and set up a standard; Proclaim - do not conceal it - Say, 'Babylon is taken, **Bel** is shamed. Merodach is broken in pieces; Her idols are humiliated, Her images are broken in pieces.'

Bel also known as **Enlil** and **Nebo (Nabu)** were two of the primary gods that were worshipped in ancient times by the Babylonians.

Isaiah 46:1-2

Bel bows down, Nabu stoops; Their idols were on the beasts and on the cattle. Your carriages were heavily loaded, A burden to the weary beast. 2 They stoop, they bow down together; They could not deliver the burden, But have themselves gone into captivity.

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Luke 21:20-22, 25-27

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.... **Luke 21:25** "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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Matthew 24:29-30

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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Revelation 6:12-17

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Verse 12-16

12 I will make a mortal (human) more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.
13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In **the wrath of the LORD of hosts** And **in the day of His fierce anger**. 14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up; Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land. 15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. 16 Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.

Verse 17-22

17 "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it. 18 Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children. 19 ***And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*** 20 ***It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.*** 21 ***But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of owls; Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there.*** 22 ***The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, And her days will not be prolonged."***

Babylon was conquered in a series of invasions

and for a time had some "glory days" but never again was it re-built after the death of Alexander The Great in 323 BC.

It is interesting to note that the exact location of ancient Babylon is a matter of archeological facts.

The Ancient City was divided by the Euphrates River that flowed through the center of the city.

What Saddam Hussein Built & Called "Babylon" was actually several miles from the Euphrates.

The Ruins of Babylon Today

Babylon Today 1

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Babylon Today 2

http://globalheritagefund.org/images/uploads/blogs/hotw_babylon1.jpg

Babylon Today 3

<https://thesovereign.files.wordpress.com/2007/08/babylon2.jpg?w=470>

With the first invasion of Jerusalem by Then General Nebuchadnezzar in 606BC. it begins the **"Time of The Gentiles"** and that time continues to this moment..."

Sir Isaac Newton's Commentary

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As Bible Prophecy relates to the Christian Church today;
What is the next prophetic event for the church?

**It is the Glorious Appearing of our Great God
and Savoir Jesus Christ.**

As Bible Prophecy relates to the Nations today;
What is the next prophetic event for this world?

**It is the well-documented, series of events that ushers in mankind's final
attempt to govern himself without God.**

**It's true, all of this is fascinating for sure, but where does tonight leave you
personally? - - are you one who knows this
God of the future?**

End of Study

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