

# ISAIAH

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Maranatha Church

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## Prayer

## Tags

Tags will be available  
before the beginning of service.

Write out & date your prayer request.

Tags will be COLLECTED at the  
beginning of the service.

The request will be READ OUTLOUD prior  
to hanging them on the board.

[For us to hear and write down the request so  
we can pray throughout the week.]

UNLESS you do not wish yours to be read,  
then please inform whomever  
is collecting the Tags.

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## Isaiah 13:1-6 An Oracle Against Babylon

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An oracle against Babylon that Isaiah son of Amoz **saw**:

<sup>2</sup> Lift up a banner on a barren mountain.

Call out to them. Wave your hand, and they will go through the gates of the nobles. <sup>3</sup> I have commanded My chosen ones; I have also called My warriors, who exult in My triumph, to execute My wrath.

<sup>4</sup> Listen, a tumult on the mountains, like that of a mighty people! Listen, an uproar among the kingdoms, like nations being gathered together! The Lord of Hosts is mobilizing an army for war.

<sup>5</sup> They are coming from a far land, from the distant horizon— the Lord and the weapons of His wrath— to destroy the whole country.

<sup>6</sup> Wail! For the day of the Lord is near. It will come like destruction from the Almighty.

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## Isaiah 13:7-11

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<sup>7</sup> Therefore everyone's hands will become weak,  
and every man's heart will melt.

<sup>8</sup> They will be horrified;  
pain and agony will seize them;  
they will be in anguish like a woman in labor.  
They will look at each other,  
their faces flushed with fear.

<sup>9</sup> Look, the day of the Lord is coming—  
cruel, with rage and burning anger—  
to make the earth a desolation  
and to destroy the sinners on it.

<sup>10</sup> Indeed, the stars of the sky and its constellations  
will not give their light.

The sun will be dark when it rises,  
and the moon will not shine.

<sup>11</sup> I will bring disaster on the world,  
and their own iniquity, on the wicked.  
I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant  
and humiliate the insolence of tyrants.

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## Isaiah 13:12-18 An Oracle Against Babylon

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I will make man scarcer than gold,  
and mankind more rare than the gold of Ophir.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,  
and the earth will shake from its foundations  
at the wrath of the Lord of Hosts,  
on the day of His burning anger.

<sup>14</sup> Like wandering gazelles  
and like sheep without a shepherd,  
each one will turn to his own people,  
each one will flee to his own land.

<sup>15</sup> Whoever is found will be stabbed,  
and whoever is caught will die by the sword.

<sup>16</sup> Their children will be smashed to death before their  
eyes; their houses will be looted, and their wives  
raped. <sup>17</sup> Look! I am stirring up the Medes against  
them, who cannot be bought off with silver  
and who have no desire for gold.

<sup>18</sup> Their bows will cut young men to pieces.  
They will have no compassion on little ones;  
they will not look with pity on children.

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## Isaiah 13:19-22

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And Babylon, the jewel of the kingdoms,  
the glory of the pride of the Chaldeans,  
will be like Sodom and Gomorrah  
when God overthrew them.

<sup>20</sup> It will never be inhabited  
or lived in from generation to generation;  
a nomad will not pitch his tent there,  
and shepherds will not let their flocks rest  
there.

<sup>21</sup> But desert creatures will lie down there,  
and owls will fill the houses.  
Ostriches will dwell there,  
and wild goats will leap about.

<sup>22</sup> Hyenas will howl in the fortresses,  
and jackals, in the luxurious palaces.  
Babylon's time is almost up;  
her days are almost over.

## BABYLONIAN RULERS

RULER	DATES OF RULE	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE
Merodach-Baladan II (Marduk-apal-iddin)	721–689 B.C.	2 Kgs 20:12; Isa 39:1
Nabopolassar	625–605 B.C.	
Nebuchadnezzar II (Nebuchadrezzar II)	605–562 B.C.	2 Kgs 24–25; Dan 1–4
Evil-Merodach (Amel-Marduk)	562–560 B.C.	2 Kgs 25:27–30; Jer 52:31–34
Nergal-Sharezer (Nergal-shar-usur, or Neriglissar)	560–556 B.C.	Jer 39:3, 13
Labashi-Marduk	556 B.C.	
Nabonidus (Nabu-na'id)	556–539 B.C.	
Belshazzar (Bel-shar-usur)	Co-regent w/ Nabonidus 556–539 B.C.	Dan 5; 7:1

ASSYRIAN RULERS		
RULER	DATES OF RULE	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE
Ashur-uballit I	1354–1318 B.C.	
Adad-nirari I	1318–1264 B.C.	
Shalmaneser I (Shulman-asharid)	1264–1234 B.C.	
Tukulti-Ninurta I	1234–1197 B.C.	
Ashur-dan I	1179–1133 B.C.	
Tiglath-pileser I (Tukulti-apil-Ešarra)	1115–1076 B.C.	
Ashur-rabi II	1012–972 B.C.	
Ashur-resh-ishi II	972–967 B.C.	
Tiglath-pileser II	967–935 B.C.	
Ashur-dan II	935–912 B.C.	
Adad-nirari II	912–889 B.C.	
Tukulti-Ninurta II	889–884 B.C.	
Ashurnasirpal II (Ashur-nasir-apli II)	884–858 B.C.	
Shalmaneser III (Shalman-Ashar-id II)	858–824 B.C.	
Shamsi-Adad V	824–810 B.C.	
Adad-nirari III	810–782 B.C.	
Shalmaneser IV	782–773 B.C.	
Ashur-dan III	773–754 B.C.	
Ashur-nirari V	754–745 B.C.	
Tiglath-pileser III or Pul(u))	745–727 B.C.	2 Kgs 15:19, 29; 16:7–10
Shalmaneser V (Ululai)	727–722 B.C.	2 Kgs 17:1–6
Sargon II	721–705 B.C.	
Sennacherib (Sin-abho-eriba)	704–681 B.C.	2 Kgs 18–19
Esarhaddon	681–669 B.C.	
Ashurbanipal	669–633 B.C.	
Ashur-etil-ilani	633–622 B.C.	
Sin-shur-ishkun	621–612 B.C.	
Ashur-uballit	612–608 B.C.	



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## Background

**BABYLON** (בבל, *bbl*; Βαβυλων, *Babylōn*; Akkadian: *Bab-iliu*; “the gate of god[s]”).

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**Genesis 15:6-8**

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*Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> He also said to him, "I am Yahweh who **brought you from Ur** of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."*

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*Replica of the **Stele of Hammurabi** (dating from 1765 B.C.) on which is inscribed the **Code of Hammurabi**—a Babylonian law code written during the reign of Hammurabi.*

Dockery, D. S., ed. (1992). [Holman Bible Handbook](#) (p. 183). Holman Bible Publishers.



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**Genesis 10:8-10**

**Genesis 11:9**

- Cush fathered Nimrod, who was the first powerful man on earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a powerful hunter in the sight of the Lord. That is why it is said, “Like Nimrod, a powerful hunter in the sight of the Lord.” <sup>10</sup> His kingdom started with Babylon, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
- Therefore its name is called Babylon, for there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

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## Babylon In the New Testament

- Matthew 1:6
- Matthew 1:11-12
- Matthew 1:17
- Acts 7:43
- 1 Peter 5:13
- Revelation 14:8
- Revelation 16:19
- Revelation 17:5
- Revelations 18:1-2
- Revelation 18:9
- Revelation 18:10
- Revelation 18:21

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## Babylon

**Joshua 7:21**

*When I saw among the spoils a beautiful cloak from Babylon, 200 silver shekels, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, I coveted them and took them. You can see for yourself. They are concealed in the ground inside my tent, with the money under the cloak.”).*

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## The Tower of Babel

**Genesis 11:1-9**

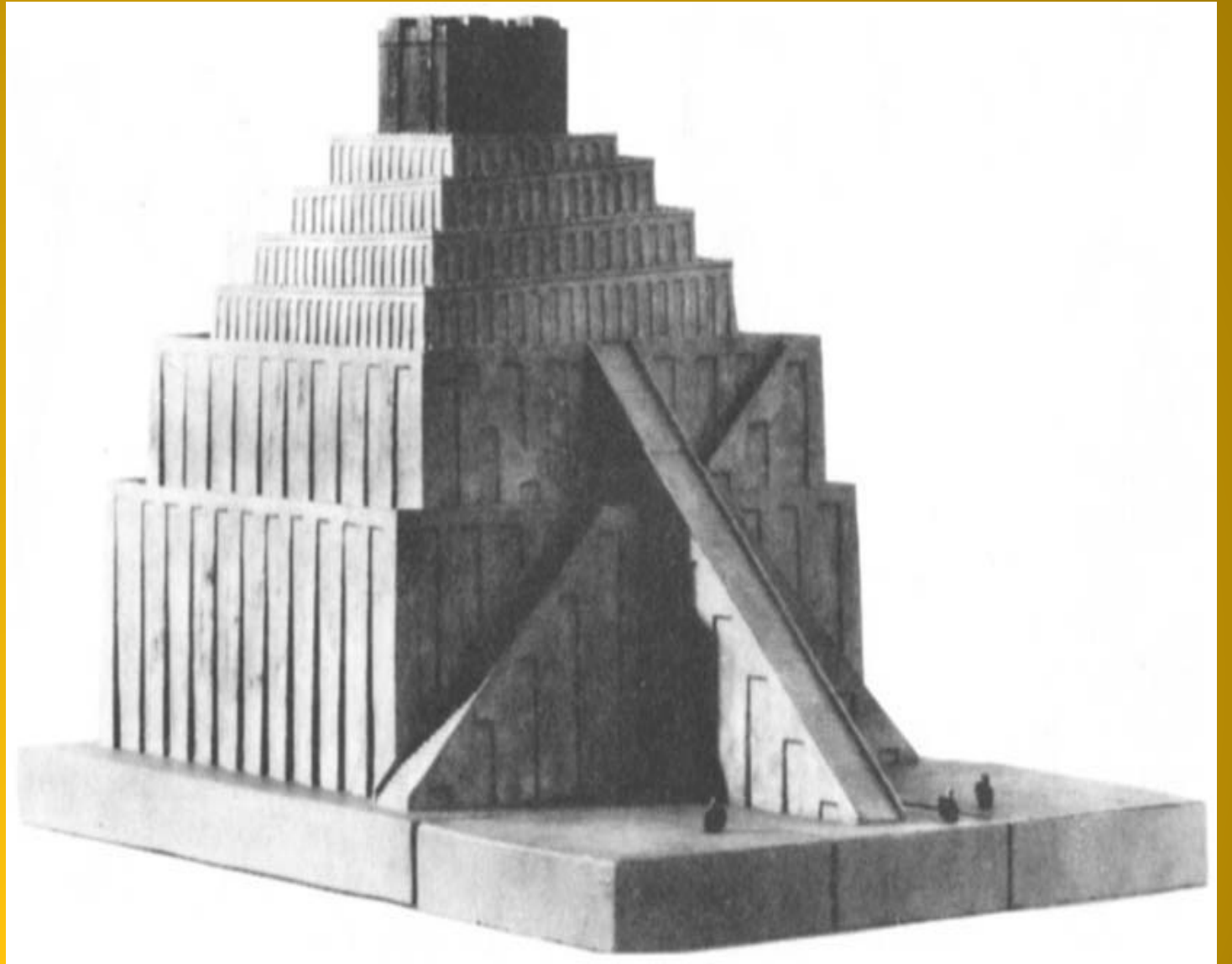
*At one time the whole earth had the same language and vocabulary. <sup>2</sup> As people migrated from the east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to each other, "Come, let us make oven-fired bricks." They used brick for stone and asphalt for mortar. <sup>4</sup> And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> Then the Lord came down to look over the city and the tower that the men were building. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said, "If they have begun to do this as one people all having the same language, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let Us go down there and confuse their language so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So from there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name is called Babylon, for there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.*

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Genesis 11:1-9





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## The Tower of Babel

Genesis 1:126-28

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth."*

*<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it.**"*

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## Applying Isaiah to My Today

**What beckons us to Babel?**

**Do not under estimate evil.**

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*We avoid the confrontation  
of the risen and living Christ  
because we want the beauty of His life  
without the implications of His death.*

Bell, L. N. (1959). [A Layman and His Faith](#). *Christianity Today*, 4(1), 19–20.