

C. Eliakim—the ideal leader (22:20-25)

D. Christ—the final servant leader king of God's people

- Revelation 3:7

LIVE THE STORY

We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.

- What is the “one-world government” of Isaiah 13—23?
- Contrast Isaiah 13:19 with 14:22-23. What might we learn from this about God's governance of the world?
- In Isaiah 16:12, where was Moab going with her fears? In what was she trusting? What can we learn?
- Do you find it unusual that God deals with the nations of the world in much the same way in these chapters as he does the nation of Israel, including gathering a remnant?
- What did Jerry mean when he said, “Christ's kingdom is a truth kingdom—it is recalibrating everything according to reality”?
- Do you see any connection between Isaiah 14:1-2 and the story of Paul and the Philippian jailer of Acts 16:23ff. Or Isaiah 18:7 and Acts 8:27?
- In Isaiah 22, what is the difference between Shebna's leadership and Eliakim's? Is Eliakim a foreshadow of Christ? How?
- What might this teach us about leadership in the church? What emphasis does Paul put on character in leadership? What emphasis does he put on a person's own sense of call? What does Christ teach about leadership in the kingdom?
- How do all these accounts point to our need of salvation in Christ through faith?

The Kingdoms of this World Become...

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Text: Isaiah 13—23

Introduction: One World Government

A. *The day of the Lord* (13:6, 9) *“is a day on which Yahweh acts in a special way. He intervenes in the course of history.”* WBC

i. Isaiah 9:7

ii. Isaiah 11:11-12

B. 10 oracles

i. The 1st five [13:1; 14:28; 15:1; 17:1; 19:1] Ephraim

ii. The 2nd five [21:1, 11, 13; 22:1; 23:1] Judah

Just as God deals with Israel in judgment to save a remnant by faith, He deals with each of those surrounding nations in judgment to save remnant by faith. Collectively this remnant makes up the future people of Israel.

iii. God's Kingdom is always bigger than we think it is!

C. God's reign will bring about a city of God—an assembled people from every nation of the world—through faith.

- Isaiah 17:12-13

I. The Kingdom of God and Bringing Down the Proud

A. Pride is a world-wide problem... not just an Israel problem.

i. **Babylon:** Isaiah 13:19

a) Isaiah 14:22-23 Pride is no problem for God

b) Isaiah 14:10-11 Babylon's final condition

ii. **Moab:** Isaiah 16:6

a) Isaiah 16:4 Pride's expression

➤ Pride is not only an internal condition of the heart; it is expressed outwardly.

b) Isaiah 16:11 God's grief

c) Isaiah 16:12 Moab trusts in the wrong thing

d) Isaiah 16:14 God will destroy the proud

➤ The weak of Moab would have seen the goodness of God's action.

iii. Damascus/Israel

a) Isaiah 17:10-11 Forgetting God

iv. Isaiah 19:1 The Lord Rides on the Clouds

B. The Kingdom of God is the Reign of Truth

i. John 18:36-37

C. *Pride is not only inside and outside of Israel, It is inside and outside of us.*

II. The Kingdom of God and Lifting Up the Humble

A. A Worldwide Remnant

i. Babylon: Isaiah 14:1-2

ii. Philistia: Isaiah 14:30, 32

iii. Isaiah 16:4-5 A Throne will be Established

iv. Damascus/Israel/Ethiopia: Isaiah 18:7

➤ Acts 8:27ff

➤ Romans 15:25-27

v. Isaiah 19:19-25 A Vast, Inclusive In-gathering

III. The Kingdom of God and the Right Trust

A. Isaiah 22:1-14 Jerusalem the City of Misplaced Trust

➤ Isaiah 22:10-11

B. Shebna—the self-centered leader (22:15-19)