

The Certainty of Babylon's Fall: Proof that God Keeps His Word

Text: Isaiah 21

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Truth: The degree of confidence we have in God's Word is equivalent to the degree of trust we have in God Himself. Regarding the judgment against Babylon, Isaiah promised that Babylon would fall to enemy nations. God's word was fulfilled and this should bolster our trust in God Himself.

I. Isaiah introduces Babylon's destruction (Isa. 21:1).

***The simplicity of God's word regarding Babylon.**

II. Isaiah sympathizes with the horrors of God's judgment upon Babylon (Isa. 21:2-4).

***Isaiah trusted God's word and had compassion on God's enemies.**

Isaiah reacts with compassion even amidst the destruction and violence against Israel's enemies.

The earth will rest because God's powerful judgment will sweep the strongest nation into nothingness.

Isaiah cared for his people, but he also cared for the enemies of God's people.

How much anguish do we have over God's judgment on a nation, or are we excited at the thought that God will get the final say and give just due to His enemies?

III. The Babylonians continue to live with no knowledge of the coming judgment (Isa. 21:5).

***The world doesn't trust God.**

The Babylonians were living life unaware of the impending judgment. Those who trust in power and money will live a life unprepared for the judgment that will overtake them.

IV. Isaiah prophesies the fall of Babylon (Isa. 21:6-10).

***The proof that God's word will be fulfilled.**

Isaiah, the faithful prophet, views the coming events with steadfastness and keenness. He stands there day and night giving a faithful warning about what the Lord shows to him.

God's watchmen are faithful people who uphold God's righteousness and truth. Despite the difficult details contained in the vision, the watchman is resolute to tell the specific details of truth.

The gods of the nation were no match to the unfolding judgment hand of the Lord.

The representatives of evil can't hold a candle to the omnipotent power of God Himself. Psalm 115:3ff, "But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them. O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their help and their shield."

Babylon would thresh Judah and be used by God as an instrument of the threshing anger of God. Yet, in the blackest of nights comes deliverance.

V. God pours out judgment upon Edom and Arabia (Isa. 21:11-17).

***The destiny of all peoples is in God's hands and whatever God says will come to pass.**

This "is the cry of mankind in the midst of a nightmare of mutually inflicted torment and endless horror. The prophetic answer given to the Edomites and to every passing generation is still the same. If you seek a solution to your problems, you must come back to God" (Buksbazen 224).

Conclusion

God has given ample time for the Jews to trust Him. Israel had opportunity to see this come to pass as He judged other nations. In these judgments the nation could see God's word was just, true, and certain.