

God's Promises and Power Prevail over Man's Pride

Text: Isaiah 14

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Proverbs 15:25 says, The Lord will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow. Prov. 15:33: The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.

God's gracious promises bring _____ for those who believe and hell to those who oppose Him. God's precious promises and sovereign power will always prevail in the battle over man's pride.

I. The people could be _____ in God's promises (Isa. 14:1-11).

Babylon had fallen because of their sin, specifically the sin of _____.

A second reason that Babylon must and would fall is because God has a divine purpose for _____ Israel.

The promise by God is that the Babylonian king and nation will fall and God's people will be restored to their rightful place of honor and blessing. God's decision to choose this nation was purely out of His love and grace and the promise of return to their land. Babylon then must perish so that God can raise and exalt His people. God's use of Babylon was but an instrument in His divine plan to sovereignly redeem His people.

Look at the blessings on the nation:

Canaan is their homeland and the place of God's _____.

The people will celebrate their _____ from the wicked nation and the rest that has now come from being released from bondage.

God would divinely _____ on behalf of His people and orchestrate the events of Babylon's fall.

While rest and praise exist on the earth, *Hell* or *Sheol* are disturbed.

The king of Babylon has met the same fate of others who have left God out of their lives.

This is a clear picture of haughtiness and pride being brought low to the grave.

II. God holds the fall of the king in His _____ (Isa. 14:12-21).

With the promise of God's future redemption of His people, Isaiah now displays evidence that the enemy of God will not triumph in the end. Those who align themselves against God will once again be brought low.

What were the characteristics of the fall of this king?

- _____ – Isa. 14:13-14

His desire was to ascend to the highest of lofty places and to make himself like the most High or like God (*el elyon*).

With unbounded arrogance the king would attempt to render God's work useless.

"Babylon had set herself in opposition to God; she would thwart His plans by means of self-exaltation against the true God" (Young 442).

- **Harsh _____ – Isa. 14:15**
- _____ – Isa. 14:16-17
- _____ – Isa. 14:18-20

III. The true God will make certain of Babylon's devastating _____ (Isa. 14:22-23).

Babylon, who wanted to possess the world, would become the world's possession.

Those who _____ God will not only find that He speaks, but He also acts. The defiant ones will become the demolished ones.

Conclusion

- **We would do well to ponder our pride in light of God's power and promises to His people.**
- **No matter how strong one may think them to be, no matter how invincible one may seem, they will pass from the scene.**
- **God's precious promises and sovereign power will always prevail in the battle over man's pride.**