



Isaiah

21:1-17

A Vision
of Judgment
that Exposes
the World

When
Hardships
Come

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Isaiah 21:1-4

The burden against the Wilderness of the Sea.

As whirlwinds in the South pass through,
So it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

A distressing vision is declared to me;
The treacherous dealer deals treacherously,
And the plunderer plunders.

Go up, O Elam!

Besiege, O Media!

All its sighing I have made to cease.

Therefore, my loins are filled with pain;
Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor.

I was distressed when *I heard it*;

I was dismayed when *I saw it*.

My heart wavered, fearfulness frightened me;

The night for which I longed He turned into fear for me.



● **Babylon**

● **Jerusalem (Isaiah)**

● **Mt Seir (Dumah/Edom)**

● **Tema**

● **Dedan**

Arabia

● **Kedar**

Isaiah 21:5-10

Prepare the table,
Set a watchman in the tower,
Eat and drink.
Arise, you princes,
Anoint the shield!

For thus has the Lord said to me:
“Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he sees.”
And he saw a chariot *with* a pair of horsemen,
A chariot of donkeys, *and* a chariot of camels,
And he listened earnestly with great care.

Isaiah 21:5-10

Then he cried, “A lion, my Lord!
I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime;
I have sat at my post every night.
And look, here comes a chariot of men *with* a pair of horsemen!”
Then he answered and said,
“Babylon is fallen, is fallen!
And all the carved images of her gods
He has broken to the ground.”

Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor!
That which I have heard from the LORD of hosts,
The God of Israel,
I have declared to you.

Isaiah 21:10

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Isaiah 21:11-12

The burden against Dumah.

He calls to me out of Seir,
“Watchman, what of the night?
Watchman, what of the night?”

The watchman said,
“The morning comes, and also the night.
If you will inquire, inquire;
Return! Come back!”

Isaiah 21:13-17

The burden against Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge,
O you traveling companies of Dedanites.

O inhabitants of the land of Tema,
Bring water to him who is thirsty;

With their bread they met him who fled.

For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword,
From the bent bow, and from the distress of war.

For thus the LORD has said to me: “Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the glory of Kedar will fail; and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, will be diminished; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken *it*.”



Esau, father of Edom



Ishmael, father of Arabia



Two peoples: One refuge

Revelation 18:1-2a

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen...”

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.