

**Isaiah 13:17-14:2**  
 Will You Live For "The Branch"  
 or Babylon?

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**Down Payment Verses**

Isaiah 13:1-16 – Future Day of The LORD  
 Isaiah 13:17-22 Down Payment  
 Isaiah 14:1-2 – Future Establishment of Israel

<u>Day of The Lord</u>	<u>Down Payments</u>
1. Babylon destroyed	1. 689, 539, 518 B.C.
2. Israel restored	2. 538 B.C.

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**God Uses The Medes**

Isaiah 13:17-18 Behold, I am going to stir up the Medes against them, who will not value silver or take pleasure in gold. And their bows will mow down the young men, they will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb, nor will their eye pity children.

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**Babylon Judged For Her Arrogance**

Isaiah 13:19 And Babylon, **the beauty** of kingdoms, **the glory** of the Chaldeans' pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isaiah 4:2 In that day the Branch of the LORD will be **beautiful** and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the **adornment** of the survivors of Israel.

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**Babylon Will Be Made Desolate**

Isaiah 13:20-22 It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; nor will the Arab pitch his tent there, nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. But desert creatures will lie down there, and their houses will be full of owls; ostriches also will live there, and shaggy goats will frolic there. Hyenas will howl in their fortified towers and jackals in their luxurious palaces. Her fateful time also will soon come and her days will not be prolonged.

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**God's Election of Israel Stands**

Isaiah 14:1 NKJV For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and **will still choose Israel**, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 7:6 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your **God has chosen you** to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

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**How Should We Think About Israel?**

Covenant Theology    Dispensational Theology

1. Election is true        1. Election is false

2. Israel is replaced    2. Israel's promises stand

Romans 11:28-29 NET In regard to the gospel **they are enemies** for your sake, but in regard to election they are dearly loved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

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**Israel Will Rule Over Their Enemies**

Isaiah 14:2 The peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance **in the land of the LORD** as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive and will rule over their oppressors.

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**These Promises Are For You!**

Genesis 13:15-16a ...for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

Galatians 3:29 And **if you belong to Christ**, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

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**These Promises Are For You!**

Acts 1:6b "Lord, is it at this time You are **restoring the kingdom to Israel?**"

Ephesians 2:12-13 ...remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, **excluded from the commonwealth of Israel**, and strangers to the covenants of (the) promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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**Stop Living Like "Gentiles!"**

1 Peter 2:11-12 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the **Gentiles**, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 5:13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings...

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**Every Generation Must Flee Babylon**

Isaiah 48:20 Leave Babylon! Flee from the Babylonians! Announce it with a shout of joy! Make this known! Proclaim it throughout the earth! Say, 'The LORD protects his servant Jacob.

Jeremiah 51:6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, And each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, For this is the LORD's time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her.

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Revelation 18:2-3 "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit... For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

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**For Whom Will You Live?**

Revelation 18:4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues;

Revelation 3:12 **'He who overcomes**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God...

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