

Isaiah 14**7-8-04****“King of Babylon & Lucifer!”****1. Intro:**

- 1.1. Next Week **The Kry** will join us for Worship.
- 1.2. “It is easy to bid the devil to be your guest, but difficult to get rid of him.” Danish Proverb
 - 1.2.1. “Satan rocks the cradle when we sleep at our devotions.” Joseph Hall (1574-1656)
 - 1.2.2. “Satan's friendship reaches to the prison door.” Turkish Proverb
- 1.3. Again Babylon is a picture of the world in opposition to God!
 - 1.3.1. **Jerusalem & Zion** is a picture of God's people.
 - 1.3.2. The **king of Babylon** a picture of Satan, the prince of this world.
 - 1.3.3. **Historically** - Babylon was destroyed by Medo-Persians in 539bc.
 - 1.3.4. **Prophetically** – It will occur toward the end of the tribulation (Rev.17,18)

2. BABYLON! (1-23)

- 2.1. **GOD WILL CHOOSE AGAIN ISRAEL!** (1-3)
- 2.2. In the future day God will “again choose Israel”!
 - 2.2.1. He will bring them back into the land, giving them **rest & peace**.
- 2.3. **THE KING OF BABYLON'S FALL!** (4-11)
- 2.4. Here we read a “*taunting song*” from God to the king of Babylon.
 - 2.4.1. He also speaks to **Satan** who motivated & energized him.
- 2.5. (9-11) The underworld is seen as eagerly awaiting its new inhabitants.
 - 2.5.1. Kind of creepy!
- 2.6. (10,11) **Death is the great leveler** and the world marvels that **high & low** suffer the **same fate**.¹
 - 2.6.1. What a bed for a king & what a bed spread!²
- 2.7. **LUCIFER'S FALL!** (12-15)
- 2.8. **Differing views:** [1] it refers to **the king** of Babylon [2] it refers to Satan, the real **power** behind the king [3] it refers to **Satan's** fall from his position of preeminence before God. [I believe it is 1, 2, & 3!]

¹ Philip Hacking; pg.57

² Isaiah; Motyer; pg.120

- 2.9. Behind the evil Babylonian system was Lucifer the enemy of God.
- 2.10. He was once the highest of all created intelligences, standing as the “*anointed cherub*”(Ezek.28:14)
- 2.10.1. Driven by ambition he thought he could lead a coup against the throne of God...and great was his fall!
- 2.11. Listen to the **contrast** in Jesus’ ministry!
- 2.11.1. I will ascend into heaven - I will **descend** from heaven.
- 2.11.2. I will exalt my throne - I will **leave** my throne.
- 2.11.3. I will sit on the mount - I will **kneel & wash feet**.
- 2.11.4. I will ascend above the clouds - I will **descend** below the clouds
- 2.11.5. I will be like the Most High - I will **become man**.
- 2.11.6. Which of these is closer to **your approach**?
- 2.11.6.1. To getting ahead at work? To excelling in your ministry? In regards to dealing with marriage issues? To your overall leadership? – Is it by being demanding, pushy, usurping, climbing over people...or is it the humble servant path?
- 2.11.7. When man worships & serves himself, he plays right into the hands of the evil one.
- 2.12. **Lucifer!** (Lightbearer, shining one) 22 names & titles!
- 2.12.1. **Other Names?** {Devil(Gk.diablos/slanderer)[35x’s]; Prince of the power of the air; god of this age; prince of this world; ruler of darkness; dragon; deceiver; Abaddon[Heb.]or, Apollyon[Gk.] (destroyer)[Rev.9:11]; Beelzebub(-bul)(prince of demons); Belial(ruthless); Wicked one; Tempter; Accuser of the brethren; Angel of light; A liar; A murderer; the enemy; a roaring lion}
- 2.12.2. **His activities? Originator** of sin; he **blinds** men to the truth(2 Cor.4:4); he **steals** the word of God from men’s hearts(parable of sower); he accuses Christians before God; he lay snares for men; he **tempts**; he **afflicts**; he **deceives**; he **lies**.
- 2.12.3. **His limitations?** He can only **move by permission** of God(Job 1); Chains (Jude 6); Resisted by Christians (James 4:7 “**Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**”)
- 2.12.4. **Is he still active today in our world?**
- 2.12.4.1. Not all evil & sin is from Satan...but some of it is!
- 2.12.4.2. He captures people! (see 2 tim.2:23-26)
- 2.12.4.3. 1 Jn.5:19 “**We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.**”
- 2.12.4.4. Rev.12:9 “**So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;**”

- 2.12.4.5. Sinning gives a foothold into our lives Eph.4:26,27, “**Be angry, and do not sin**”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor **give place** to the devil.”
- 2.12.4.6. They are subject to Christians in Jesus name! – Lk.10:17 “**Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."**”
- 2.12.4.7. They are withstood by elect angels, Dan.10:13.
- 2.12.4.8. They are limited in knowledge, strength, & geographically. (i.e. He/they are not omnipresent, omnipotent, nor omniscient) Thus they can't know our **minds**, know the **future**, nor know our **thoughts**.
- 2.12.4.8.1. **What about psychics?** They can **observe!**...What I had for breakfast, or listen to a phone call.
- 2.12.5. **But he doesn't seem as active like the NT times (i.e. demon possessions)?**
- 2.12.5.1. Bible shows all the way through till the end of the Millennium (of course temp out of commission for most the mill. itself)
- 2.12.5.2. Our failure to perceive it w/our 5 senses simply shows **we have deficiency's**, not that they don't exist! [no reason to think **demonic activity** is any less than bible days...perhaps they are simply **better deceivers** in our day – isn't it true the **more you lie the better you get at it?**]
- 2.12.6. **What is the balanced approach to this topic?**
- 2.12.6.1. Our focus? - Lk.10:17-20 (esp.20b)
- 2.12.6.2. What is “giving place”? in Eph.4:26 (i.e. “no opportunity”, “no foothold”) (in this case wrongful anger)
- 2.12.7. **Is the Christian already Victorious over Satan?**
- 2.12.8. **nikao** is found 28 times in the NT.³ (almost always translated “overcome”)
- 2.12.9. 1 Jn.4:4,5 “**You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**”
- 2.12.10. **We have been promised victory, but how do we experience this promised victory?**
- 2.12.11. The **spiritual** battlefield is the same as a **physical** battlefield!
- 2.12.11.1.[1] **You must know your own weakness!**
- 2.12.11.2.[2] **You must know your own strengths!**
- 2.12.11.3.[3] **You must know your enemies weakness!**
- 2.12.11.4.[4] **You must know your enemies strengths!**
- 2.12.12. To either **over** or **under-estimate** any of these 4, could prove **fatal**.

³ Willmington's; pg.769

2.12.12.1.[1] You must know your own weakness!

2.12.12.2. Paul admitted, “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.” Rom.7:18

2.12.12.3. Also, *w/o Jesus we can do nothing!*

2.12.12.4.[2] You must know your own strengths!

2.12.12.5. Paul also stated, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Phil.4:13

2.12.12.6.[3] You must know your enemies weakness!

2.12.12.7. We talked about his limitations above.

2.12.12.8.1 Cor.10:13 “God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

2.12.12.9.[4] You must know your enemies strengths!

2.12.12.10. Willmington calls this the **16 deadly “D’s”** of the Devil.

- 2.13. [Disappointment(*dis-appointments* are when we forget that situations are “*just-appointments*”...God’s!); Discouragement; Despair; Doubt; Disbelief(the final form of doubt. “**Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;**”Heb.3:12); Distractions(any!); Double-mindedness(i.e. having 2 masters. Or depicted by the neutral observer during the American Civil War who put on a conf pants & a Yankee coat only to be shot by both sides!); Dishonesty(this might be as simple as being less than we should be: as pastors, husbands, wives, workers); Deceit; Dullness(dull of hearing); Deadness(unchecked dullness); Delay(putting off salvation, or working for Him); Discord; Defilement(Vance Havner, addressing a group of youth that came forward to give their lives to full-time service to God...he said, “Don’t pray “**Lord, use me.**” He’ll do that alright. In fact, He’ll wear you out, for there’s not enough of you to go around as it is! What you should pray is “**Lord, make me useable!**”); Defame(criticize, or belittle other believers); & Disobedience]

2.13.1. **Q:** How **specifically** has he been working around **you** lately?

2.13.2. **Q:** How much was he **behind your last fight** w/someone you love?

2.13.3. **Q:** How will you change your **defense strategy** this week?

- 2.14. **THE KING OF BABYLON’S FALL, CONT’D!** (16-21)

2.15. (18, 19) Not a state funeral, but a trampled corpse.

2.15.1. Not like Former President Ronald Regan’s pageantry.

- 2.16. In ancient times an **unburied corpse** was a calamity & a curse...the greatest of insults. (i.e. Saul’s body/men of Jabesh Gilead)

- 2.16.1. **Cast out of your grave** – Russia (leaders body exhumed & burnt)
- 2.16.2. **Garments of those who are slain** – reminds me of the holocaust museum mound/warehouse of discarded clothes, hair, eye glasses.
- 2.17. (20, 21) **His children** would not succeed him on the throne.
- 2.18. (23) **And the land** would become desolate.
- 2.19. **BABYLON's(The City) FALL!** (22-23)
- 2.20. Discussed all ch.13.

3. ASSYRIA DESTROYED! (24-27)

- 3.1. Here God's Sovereignty over the nations.

4. PHILISTIA DESTROYED! (28-32)

- 4.1. The Philistines, who had just recently seized 4 Judean cities(2 Chron.28:18), rejoiced over king Ahaz's death.⁴
 - 4.1.1. Their joy, however, would be short-lived.

⁴ Shepherd's Notes; pg.25