

Angelic Rebellion Series

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**The Divine
Council
Angelic
Rebellion, Part 8**

**The Rebellion
Begins
Isaiah 14:12–14;
Ezekiel 28:11–19**

Luke 10:18, “And He said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.’ ”

The Interpretation of Isa. 14:12–14/Ezek. 28:12–19

1. Satan

a. Satan directly

**b. Historical/typical of Satan or
Antichrist**

2. Historical only

3. Mythological

The Interpretation of Isa. 14:12–14/Ezek. 28:12–19

1. Satan

a. Satan directly

Septuagint (LXX)

Early: Pseudepigrapha: *The Life of Adam and Eve*, ca. AD 2nd century; *Slavonic Enoch*, ca. AD 2nd century

Origen (AD 185–254) 1st to tie to Ezek. 28;
Tertullian (AD 160–225);
Cyprian (AD 200–258); Gregory Thaumaturgus;
Gregory Nazianzen; Gregory of Nyssa; Jerome; the
majority from Augustine to Gregory the Great
(AD 590–604).

The Interpretation of Isa. 14:12–14/Ezek. 28:12–19

1. Satan

a. Satan directly

Middle Ages:

Peter Lombard
Albert the Great
Thomas Aquinas

Reformation–20th

John Milton, *Paradise Lost*
John Bunyan, *Holy War*
John Wesley

The Interpretation of Isa. 14:12–14/Ezek. 28:12–19

1. Satan

a. Satan directly

Modern:

**Chafer, Scofield, Barnhouse, Archer, Feinberg,
Fruchtenbaum, Ice**

The Interpretation of Isa. 14:12–14/Ezek. 28:12–19

1. Satan

b. Historical/typical of Satan

Hippolytus (ca. AD 170–236): Antichrist in the future.

William Kelly: the “Beast” of Revelation

Delitzsch: “antitype of the devil and the type of the antichrist.”

The Interpretation of Isa. 14:12–14/Ezek. 28:12–19

1. Satan

2. Historical only

Talmud (Nebuchadnezzar)

Midrash Rabbah

A couple of minor early church fathers (Aphrahat and Aquileiensis)

Chrysostom related it to Ezek. 28, but it was historical

Calvin

Luther

The Interpretation of Isa. 14:12–14/Ezek. 28:12–19

3. Mythological

Enters in with the rise of the historical critical method associated with advent of liberal theology. Cannot be supported by any known myths or legends.

1. Any view that interprets this on the basis of a Canaanite or other Ancient Near East (ANE) myth is incompatible with a view of divine inspiration and inerrancy.

2. What is said about these two goes far beyond any historical or human figure.

3. Isaiah says he fell from Heaven. No Babylonian or Assyrian king was ever in heaven.

4. Ezekiel addresses his lament to two individuals. He begins talking with the prince of Tyre. Then starting in Ezek. 28:14 he shifts to the king of Tyre. The king of Tyre is the power behind the human ruler.

5. In the New Testament, Paul identifies Satan's sin as pride or arrogance in 1 Timothy 3:6, 7. How did Paul know that Satan's original sin was pride or arrogance if there is no reference to it in the Old Testament?

6. The descriptions found in Isaiah and Ezekiel 28, though they are very grand, cannot apply to a human king and there is not contextual evidence that these are hyperbole or metaphor; they are viewed historically or prophetically.

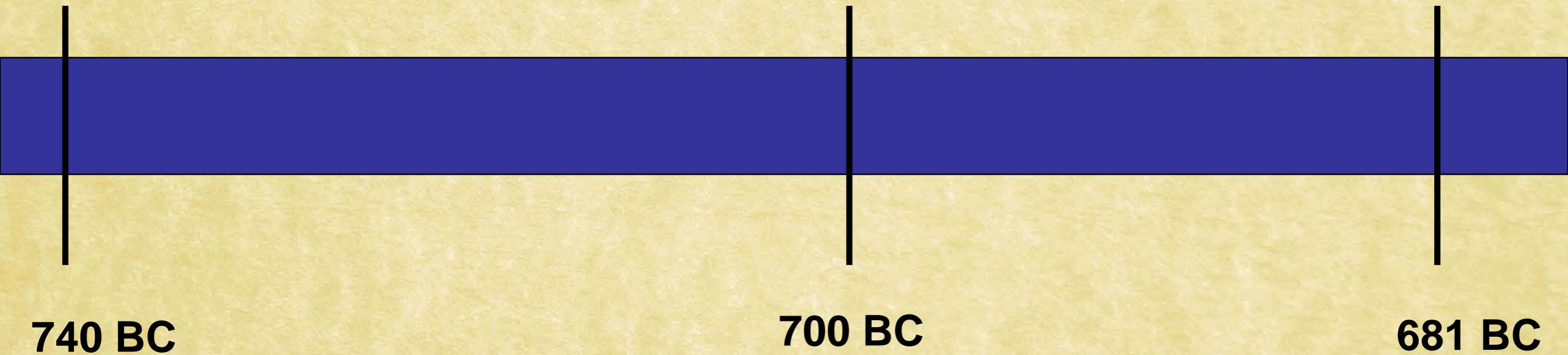
7. No human king could be said to be “blameless in your ways from the day you were created,” which is what is said of the king of Tyre in Ezekiel 28:15.

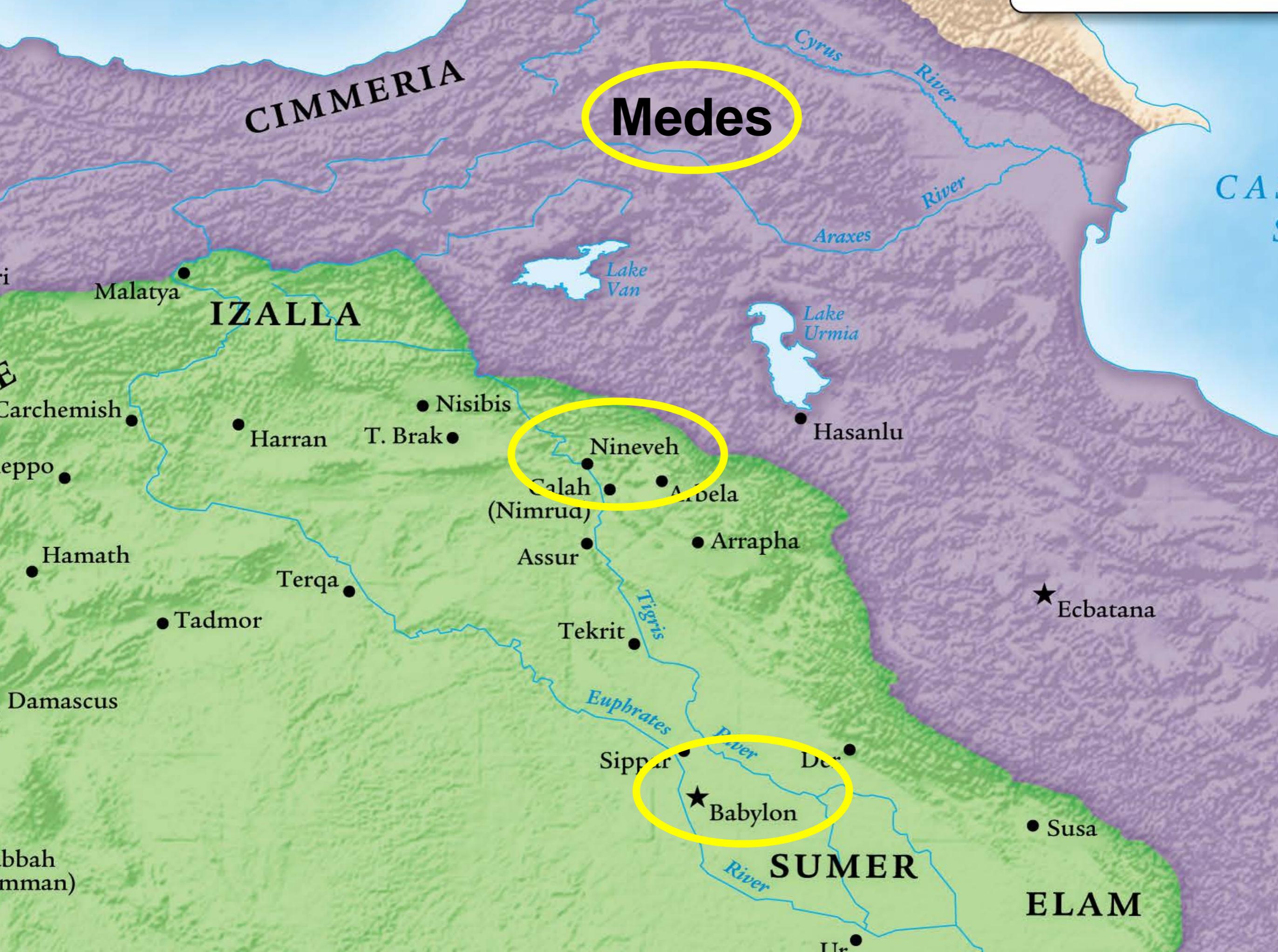
8. In Ezekiel 28 the king of Tyre is referred to as the anointed cherub who covers, and it says in this passage that he was created by God. This special word that is used for creation here is *bara* in the Hebrew, which always speaks of God's direct creative acts, not indirect acts.

9. In Ezekiel 28 there is the statement that the king in Ezekiel was in the garden of God. This cannot be reconciled with any temporal historical figure.

Isaiah is written during the reigns of four kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (Isa. 1:1).

Isaiah begins his ministry, 740–739 BC
Dies after 681 BC
Babylon doesn't invade until 605 BC





Medes

CIMMERIA

IZALLA

Nineveh

SUMER

ELAM

Babylon

Salah
(Nimrud)

Arbela

Arrapha

Assur

Tekrit

Sippur

De

★ Ecbatana

• Susa

Ur

Cyrus
River

River

Araxes

Lake
Van

Lake
Urmia

Hasanlu

Malatya

Harran

T. Brak

• Nisibis

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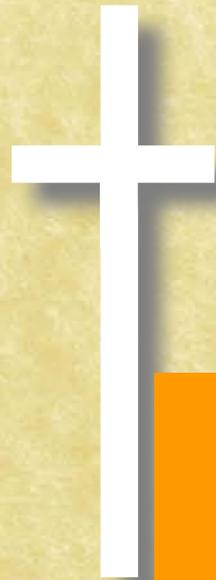
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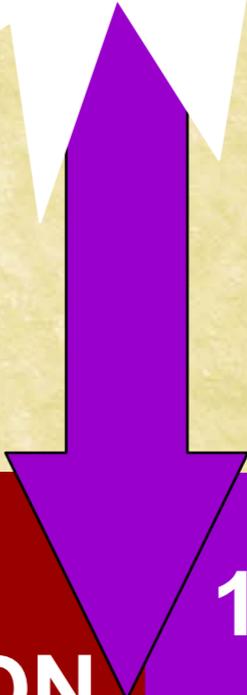
- 1. God is bringing an army against Babylon. Isa. 13:2–5**
- 2. This battle is described as “The Day of the Lord.” Isa. 13:5–16**
- 3. One enemy is the Medes, which causes some to think this is historical. The modern group that lives in their territory is the Kurds. Isa. 13:17–18**
- 4. The destruction is total, compared to Sodom and Gomorrah. Isa. 13:19–22**



**CHURCH
AGE**



**7-YEAR
TRIBULATION
(ISRAEL)**



**1,000-YEAR
KINGDOM
(MILLENNIUM)**

What the Bible Teaches About the Destruction of Babylon

**Key Question: Has this happened yet or is
it yet future?**

1. **Babylon will be destroyed quickly, suddenly, almost unexpectedly.**
 - **Jer. 51:8, “Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain; perhaps she may be healed.”**
 - **Rev. 18:8, “Therefore her plagues will come in one day – death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.”**

2. Destroyed by the Medes who will pillage, plunder, massacre the women and children.

- **Isa. 13:17, “Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not regard silver; and as for gold, they will not delight in it.”**
- **Isa. 21:2, “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.”**

Jer. 51:11, “Make the arrows bright! Gather the shields! The LORD has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan is against Babylon to destroy it, because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance for His temple.”

Jer. 51:28, “Prepare against her the nations, with the kings of the Medes, its governors and all its rulers, all the land of his dominion.”

3. Babylon will also be destroyed by nations from the North: Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz.

- **Jer. 50:3, “For out of the north a nation comes up against her, which shall make her land desolate, and no one shall dwell therein. They shall move, they shall depart, both man and beast.”**
- **Jer. 50:9, “For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country, and they shall array themselves against her; from there she shall be captured. Their arrows shall be like those of an expert warrior; none shall return in vain.”**

Jer. 51:27, “Set up a banner in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations! Prepare the nations against her, call the kingdoms together against her: Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a general against her; cause the horses to come up like the bristling locusts.”

5. Babylon will be destroyed by fire.

- **Jer. 51:30**, “The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting, they have remained in their strongholds; their might has failed, they became like women; they have burned her dwelling places, the bars of her gate are broken.”
- **Rev. 17:6**, “I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.”
- **Rev. 18:8**, “Therefore her plagues will come in one day – death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.”

6. Babylon will never, ever again be inhabited like Sodom and Gomorrah.

- **Isa. 13:19, “And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.**
- **Isa. 13:20, “It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation; nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.”**

Isa. 13:21, “But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of owls; ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will caper there.

Isa. 13:22, “The hyenas will howl in their citadels, and jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.”

Isa. 14:23, “ ‘I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

Jer. 50:13, “Because of the wrath of the LORD she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate. Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be horrified and hiss at all her plagues.”

Jer. 51:29, “And the land will tremble and sorrow; for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant.”

Jer. 51:37, “Babylon shall become a heap, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment and a hissing, without an inhabitant.”

Jer. 51:43, “Her cities are a desolation, a dry land and a wilderness, a land where no one dwells, through which no son of man passes.”

Jer. 51:62, “then you shall say, ‘O LORD, You have spoken against this place to cut it off, so that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but it shall be desolate forever’.”

Rev. 18:21, “Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, ‘Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore’.”

7. The whole of Babylon is destroyed.

- **Isa. 13:5, “They come from a far country, from the end of heaven – the LORD and His weapons of indignation, to destroy the whole land.”**

8. Babylon will be severely punished for her hostility to God and Israel.

- **Jer. 50:29, “Call together the archers against Babylon. All you who bend the bow, encamp against it all around; let none of them escape. Repay her according to her work; according to all she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.”**
- **Rev. 18:6, “Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.”**

9. This is described as the “day of the Lord” and the time of the Lord’s vengeance on Babylon using the imagery of the day of the Lord: birth pangs, darkening of the sun and moon, earthquakes.

- **Isa. 13:6, “Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.**
- **Isa. 13:7, “Therefore all hands will be limp, every man’s heart will melt,”**

Isa. 13:8, “And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; they will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames.

Isa. 13:9, “Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it.”

Isa. 21:3, “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.”

Jer. 51:6, “Flee from the midst of Babylon, and every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, for this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance; He shall recompense her.”

10. The final destruction of Babylon is depicted by the same imagery.

Jer. 51:63, “Now it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, that you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the Euphrates.

Jer. 51:64, “Then you shall say, ‘Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. And they shall be weary.’ Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.”

Rev. 18:21, “Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, ‘Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore’.”

11. The Destroyer is the Lord of Hosts, often a term describing the preincarnate Christ in the Old Testament.

Jer. 51:19, “The portion of Jacob is not like them, for He is the Maker of all things; and Israel is the tribe of His inheritance. The LORD of hosts is His name.

Jer. 51:20, “You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: for with you I will break the nation in pieces; with you I will destroy kingdoms;”

**Jer. 51:55, “Because the LORD is plundering
Babylon and silencing her loud voice, though
her waves roar like great waters, and the noise
of their voice is uttered,”**

Rev. 17:14, “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

12. God's people are told to flee.

Jer. 51:6, “Flee from the midst of Babylon, and every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, for this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance; He shall recompense her.”

Jer. 51:45, “My people, go out of the midst of her! And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD.”

Rev. 18:4, “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues’.”

13. Heaven rejoices at the final destruction of Babylon.

Jer. 51:48, “ ‘Then the heavens and the earth and all that is in them shall sing joyously over Babylon; for the plunderers shall come to her from the north,’ says the LORD.”

Rev. 18:20, “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”

14. Following the destruction there is peace on the whole earth.

Isa. 14:7, “The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.”

15. Following the destruction Israel is united and obedient to the Lord.

Isa. 14:1, “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.

Isa. 14:2, “Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the LORD; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.”

Isa. 14:3, “It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve,

Isa. 14:4, “that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: ‘How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased!’”

Have the prophecies of Isaiah 13 been fulfilled?

Isa. 14:5, “The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers;

Isa. 14:6, “He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke, He who ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted and no one hinders.

Isa. 14:7, “The whole earth is at rest and quiet; They break forth into singing.

Isa. 14:8, “Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, ‘Since you were cut down, no woodsman has come up against us.’ ”

Isa. 14:9, “Hell [Sheol] from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

Isa. 14:10, “They all shall speak and say to you: ‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?

Isa. 14:11, “ ‘Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.’ ”

**Isa. 14:12, “How you are fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are
cut down to the ground, you who weakened
the nations!**

**Isa. 14:13, “For you have said in your heart:
‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my
throne above the stars of God; I will also sit
on the mount of the congregation on the
farthest sides of the north;**

**Isa. 14:14, “ ‘I will ascend above the heights
of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’**

**Isa. 14:15, “Yet you shall be brought down
to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.”**

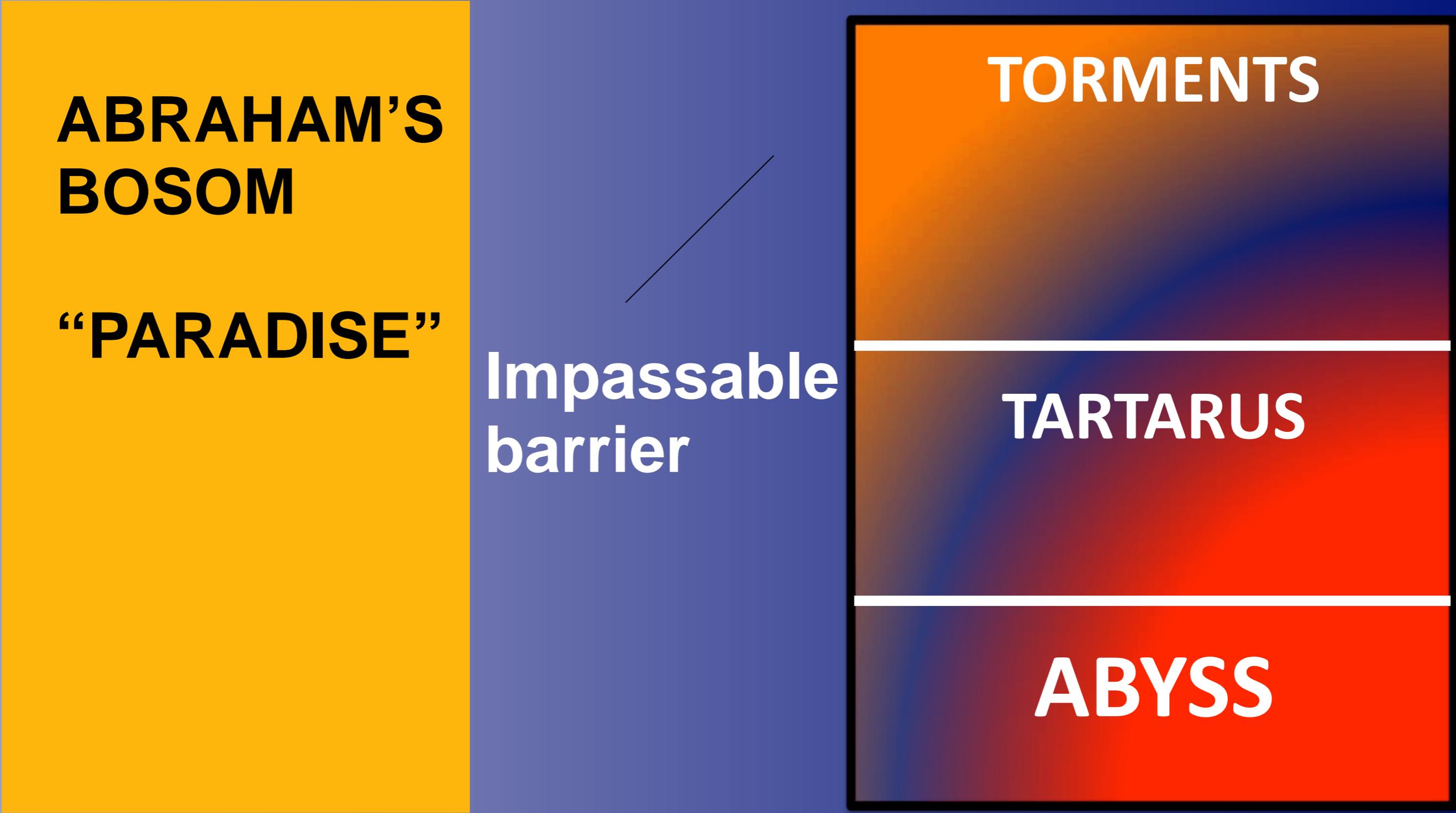
SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

**ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM**

“PARADISE”

**Impassable
barrier**



TORMENTS

TARTARUS

ABYSS