

The Pride and Punishment of the Nations

Isaiah 13-23

Because of the pride of these nations,

God purposed to punish them.

- Babylon (13:1-14:27)
- Philistia (14:28-32)
- Moab (15-16)
- Syria Alliance (17-18)
- Egypt (19-20)
- Babylon (21:1-10)
- Edom (21:11-12)
- Arabia (21:13-17)
- Jerusalem (22)
- Tyre (23)

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

- Abraham Lincoln, March 30, 1863

I. God will _____ the _____ of the world (Prov 6:16-19; 1 Pet 5:5-6; James 4:6-7).

II. God will _____ the _____ of the nations (Is 23:8-9; Jer 18:5-10).