

A scenic view of a coastal town at sunset. In the foreground, a stone wall made of large, rough-hewn blocks runs along the edge of a cliff. The town below is built on a hillside, with buildings and a road visible. The sky is filled with soft, horizontal clouds, transitioning from a deep blue on the left to a vibrant orange and pink on the right. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.

“God is King.”  
Isaiah 13-17

## OUTLINE

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- I. Judgement on Babylon (Isaiah 13)
- II. Compassion on Jacob/Israel (Isaiah 14:1-2)
- III. “Lament” for King of Babylon (Isaiah 14:3-23)
- IV. Judgement on Assyria and Philistia (Isaiah 14:24-32)
- V. Judgement on Moab (Isaiah 15-16)
- VI. Judgement on Damascus (Isaiah 17)



EGYPT

PHILISTIA

ISRAEL

ARAM OF DAMASCUS

EDOM

KEDAR

ARABIA

ASSYRIA

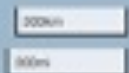
BABYLONIA

MEDIA

100km

50km





# BABYLON

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- Major city in central Mesopotamia along Euphrates River
- Ruins under suburbs of Baghdad, Iraq
- Genesis 11: Tower of Babel
- Chaldeans: astronomers

# BABYLON

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- 612 BC : Destroy Nineveh in Assyria
- 605/597BC: First wave of Southern Kingdom exiles to Babylon
- 586 BC: Destroyed Temple and Jerusalem, exiled Southern Kingdom
- 539BC: Babylon falls to Medes/Persia  
Daniel 5: writing on the wall

## BABYLON

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Matthew 2:1-2:

Wise men?

1 Peter 5:

Babylon metaphor for Rome and symbol of wickedness

Revelation 17:5:

Symbol of world under control of Satan

## ASSYRIA

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- Modern day northern Iraq and southeast Turkey
- Name derived from capital city, Asshur
- Descendants of Shem (Genesis 10:22)
- “Romans of the East”
- Nineveh (Jonah)



## ASSYRIA

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- Expanded under Kings Tiglath-pileser and Sargon II
- King Azariah (Uzziah) paid tribute and King Ahaz asked for help
- Sargon II besieged Israel for 3 years then carried away to exile (722 BC)
- 612BC Nineveh falls to Babylonians and Medes

“The Lord of hosts has sworn:  
As I have planned,  
so shall it be,  
and as I have purposed,  
so shall it stand...”

ISAIAH 14:24(ESV)

## PHILISTIA (PHILISTINES)

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- Possibly from Crete, Cyprus, Aegean basin
- Sea people
- Greek name “Palestine”
- Monopoly on iron and art of forging iron

## PHILISTIA (PHILISTINES)

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- Menace to Israel
  - Samson
  - Ark of the Covenant
  - Samuel
  - Saul, David (Goliath), Solomon
- Became vassal to Assyria
- Babylon exported them out of land
- Language and culture disappeared by time of Medes



## MOAB

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- Descendants of Lot and his daughter (Genesis 19)
- Usually had hostile relationship with Israel
  - Refused to let Israel pass through land
  - Hired Balaam to curse them
  - Excluded from Temple by God
  - God used them to defeat Israel during Judge period

## MOAB

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- Fell under Assyrian, Babylonian and Persians
- Disappeared as nation by time Israel returned from exile
- Ruth was a Moabite

## DAMASCUS (ARAM/SYRIA)

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- Major city in Aram/Syria
- Ancient Damascus is in ruins under modern city
- Fertile gateway from desert (known for wine)
- Sometimes rival, sometimes ally to Israel
  - Abraham (Lot and servant)
  - Controlled by David/defeated Solomon
  - Alliance with Judah against Israel (1 Kings 15)

## DAMASCUS (ARAM/SYRIA)

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- 735BC: King Rezin led anti-Assyrian coalition (with Israel)
  - King Tiglath-pileser swiftly captured and killed Rezin
- Became cultural city during Persian period
- Alexander (Greeks) made Antioch capital, not Damascus
- Under Roman rule (Antony gave it to Cleopatra)



## DAMASCUS (ARAM/SYRIA)

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- **NT:** Paul's conversion experience on way to Damascus + early preaching there (Acts 9)
- **634BC:** Passed out of Christian hands during Arabian Conquest and under Muslim rule



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