

Isaiah
Chapter 13

v. 1-3-- The Lord has called His chosen people, His sanctified ones, to lift up the banner upon the high mountain. We are the ones that are called for His anger. It is through His people that He carries out all His plans. From the beginning of the earth it has always been through His people, and He never changes.

v.4-6-- He is gathering a multitude now to put down the kingdoms of nations ruled through people by Satan. Satan rules peoples' lives many times totally without their knowledge and consent. They don't realize that not fighting him with the Name and Power of Jesus is actually worshipping Satan in a sense, because they are letting him have his way with them, their lives, and their little corner of the world.

v. 7-- When we truly give ourselves to the Lord, we must let our hands be faint, and our hearts melt--in other words, give Him our mind, will and body to use in conjunction with our spirit and His. It is His work, and we are the instruments.

v. 8-- As we get further along in our walk with the Lord, we become more and more aware of our own weakness, sinfulness, and inadequacy, and in that way are sorrowful, but we know we are forgiven always, and that He is making us grow in Him and perfecting us into His image every day. This is why He refers to the pain of a woman in childbirth because although we are pained at our weaknesses and sinfulness, we rejoice when we see the new birth of His image in us each time we overcome through Him!

v. 9-11-- Again, this is referring to the crucifying and utter destroying of our former selves--the making ourselves desolate, and being filled only with Him.

v. 12-- Then are we more precious than fine gold, when we are free of ourselves and living only for Him. We have been tested in fire and come out pure!

v. 13-- In the end, God will shake the earth, and make ready for the New Heaven and the New Earth with no iniquity in it!!

v. 14-- There will be no middle ground at the end. Everyone will be truly God's or truly Satan's--"every man will turn to his own people..."

v. 15-- Every one "shall be thrust through". We all must answer for what we did with what the Lord gave us, and we must open ourselves totally to Him. But those who are joined to Satan shall fall by the sword (to hell).