

Isaiah
Chapter 13

v. 16-- These people are all judged individually. A man may fall to Satan, but his family has their own chance to turn to the Lord.

v. 17-- We are the Medes. We will fight Satan, and not with carnal weapons, but with the Spirit. For we cannot be bought off by the things of this world, and only delight in the Lord and His will to be done on earth!

v. 18-- Our bows (the Word of God) will dash them to pieces--they will show people for what they are, and their families will also be open to the Word of God.

v. 19-22-- Babylon in this verse represents the people who will not open their hearts to Jesus, and thus will fall deeper into the grips of Satan. These people will have every chance to come to Him. God gives His people every possible chance, and it will be by their own choice if they fall. In v. 20 He is saying that God will not inhabit these people, obviously, by their choice, and thus (v. 21) Satan can enter without obstruction and they will be occupied by the demons of Satan represented by the owls, dragons, and satyrs, which is a type of goat. (See Jeremiah 50:39)

Chapter 14

v. 1-- We are the strangers who will cleave to the house of Jacob. We have more of a kinship with the Jewish people than most of us realize. When their eyes are opened at the end of the Age of Gentiles, we will all totally share the house of Abraham.

v. 2-- The people who will "take them and bring them to their place" are the Gentiles whom the Lord will use to open the eyes of the Jewish people. The word for "possess" means also to give an inheritance--thus the Jewish people and the Gentiles who are chosen by God will share the inheritance of Abraham and Jacob, and will all, together, be servants and handmaids of the Lord. We all will "take them captives, whose captives we were"--We will, through the power of the Blood of Christ, put Satan under our feet, when in times past we were captives of his lies and illusions, and we will "rule over our oppressors".

v. 3-- And the Lord will give us rest from all the things that come from Satan and his bondage that he holds the world in. We have that rest now in Jesus Christ. We don't have to listen to him anymore.

v. 4-9-- These are some of the most beautiful words of the Bible. They speak of the total victory of Christ over Satan at Calvary. We are free from the bondage of Satan through Christ Jesus!