

<sup>22</sup> And hyenas will cry in their palaces  
and jackals in their palaces of pleasure.

Her {Babylon's} time is about to come,  
and its days will not be prolonged.

[For I will destroy her speedily;  
yea, for I will be merciful unto My people,  
but the wicked will perish.]<sup>88</sup>

### ISRAEL WILL BE GATHERED AND CHOSEN OF GOD AND WILL REST FROM SORROW (14:1-3)

**Isaiah**

**14** For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob  
and will again choose Israel  
and give them rest in their land;

and the stranger will be joined with them,  
and they will attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> And the people will take them and bring them to their place;  
[yea, from far unto the ends of the earth; and they will return  
to their lands of promise.]<sup>89</sup>

And the house of Israel will possess them  
[and the land of the LORD will be]<sup>90</sup> for servants and hand-  
maids;

and they will take them captives [unto whom]<sup>91</sup> they were  
captives;  
and they will rule over their oppressors.

<sup>3</sup> And it will come to pass in [that]<sup>92</sup> day, the LORD will give  
you<sup>93</sup> rest  
from your pain,  
and from your turmoil,  
and from the difficult labor you were made to serve.

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88. JST, 2 Nephi 23:22.

89. JST, 2 Nephi 24:2.

90. From JST and 2 Nephi 24:2.

91. From 2 Nephi 24:2.

92. From JST and 2 Nephi 24:3.

93. Evident in Hebrew but not in the translation is Isaiah's use of the personal, singular pronouns "you" and "your," meaning that the Lord's promise is personalized to each individual, male and female.

## FALL OF THE KING OF BABYLON (14:4–11)

**Isaiah**     <sup>4</sup>[And it will come to pass in that day]<sup>94</sup> that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon and say,

**Unnamed individual**   “How has the oppressor ceased, the onslaught<sup>95</sup> ceased!”

**Isaiah**     <sup>5</sup>The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the [scepters]<sup>96</sup> of rulers.

<sup>6</sup>He who smote peoples in wrath with unceasing blows, he that ruled nations in anger with relentless persecution.

<sup>7</sup>The whole earth is at rest, quiet; they break forth into singing.

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, the cypresses rejoice at you and also, the cedars of Lebanon:

**Trees**       “Since you were laid down, no woodsman comes up against us.”

**Isaiah**     <sup>9</sup>Sheol from beneath trembles to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead spirits for you, even all the rulers of the earth; it has raised up all the kings of the nations from their thrones.

<sup>10</sup>All of them will answer and say unto you,

**Dead spirits**   “*You also have become weak like us? You have become like us?*”

**Isaiah**     <sup>11</sup>Your pomp is brought down to Sheol; the sound of your harps [is not heard]<sup>97</sup>.

Maggots are spread under you, and worms<sup>98</sup> are your covers.

## FALL OF LUCIFER (14:12–23)

**Isaiah**     <sup>12</sup>How you are fallen from heaven, O shining one<sup>99</sup>, son of the morning!  
You are cut down to the ground, you who did weaken the nations!

94. From JST, 2 Nephi 24:4.

95. From DSS Isaiah.

96. From JST and 2 Nephi 24:9.

97. From 2 Nephi 24:11.

98. Isaiah sets forth a wordplay—the Hebrew *tole'ah* means both “worm” and “crimson cloth.” The king once used luxurious crimson cloth for this covering, but now worms cover him.

99. The Hebrew word is *helel*, which means “morning-star” or “shining one.” Some transla-

- <sup>13</sup> You have said in your heart,
- Lucifer** “I will ascend into heaven;  
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;  
I will sit upon the mountain of the divine council in the far reaches of the north;
- <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.”
- Isaiah** <sup>15</sup> But to Sheol you will be brought down,  
to the depths of the pit.
- <sup>16</sup> Those who see you will stare at you  
and consider you [and will say:]<sup>100</sup>
- People** “Is this the man who made the earth tremble,  
who shook kingdoms,  
<sup>17</sup> [and]<sup>101</sup> who made the world as a wilderness,  
and destroyed its cities, [and] who did not allow his prisoners  
to go home?”
- Isaiah** <sup>18</sup> All the kings of the nations—all of them—  
lie in glory, each in his own house.
- <sup>19</sup> But you, you are cast out of your grave like an abominable,  
aborted fetus,<sup>102</sup>  
and the [remnant]<sup>103</sup> of those that are slain, those pierced by  
a sword,  
who go down to the stones of the pit, like a trampled corpse.  
<sup>20</sup> You will not be united with them in burial!
- Because you have destroyed your land,  
and you have slain your people,  
the offspring of evildoers will never be named.

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tions render *helel* as “Lucifer,” which comes from the Latin (which literally means “morning star,” “light bearer,” or similar). Note that Doctrine and Covenants 76:26 also calls Lucifer “a son of the morning.” Presumably, Lucifer had prominence and light in the premortal world, but now he is “cut down” and “fallen from heaven.”

100. JST, 2 Nephi 24:16.

101. Bracketed words in verse 17 are from JST and 2 Nephi 24:17.

102. For this reading, consult the lexicons and the commentators. Symbolically, Lucifer is like an “aborted fetus” (or the Hebrew *netzer/nfl* may refer to a “miscarriage”).

103. From JST and 2 Nephi 24:19.

<sup>21</sup> Prepare slaughter for his children, for their fathers' [iniquities]<sup>104</sup>, lest they possess the earth and fill the face of the world with cities.

**The LORD** <sup>22</sup> "For I will rise up against them,"

**Isaiah** declares the LORD of Hosts,

**The LORD** "and I will cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, offspring and posterity,"

**Isaiah** declares the LORD.

**The LORD** <sup>23</sup> "I will make it [Babylon] a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,"

**Isaiah** declares the LORD of Hosts.

#### GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL NATIONS (14:24–27)

**Isaiah** <sup>24</sup> The LORD of Hosts has sworn, saying,

**The LORD** "Surely as I have thought, so has it come to pass; and as I have decided, so will it stand.

<sup>25</sup> [I will bring]<sup>105</sup> the Assyrian in My land, and on My mountains, I will trample him; then his yoke will be removed from them, and his burden will be removed from their shoulders.

**Isaiah** <sup>26</sup> This is the plan that was planned for the whole earth; and this is the hand outstretched upon all nations.

<sup>27</sup> For the LORD of Hosts has decided, and who will make it invalid?

And His hand is outstretched, and who will turn it back?

#### JUDGMENT AGAINST PHILISTINA (14:28–32)

**Isaiah** <sup>28</sup> This prophecy {against Philistina} came in the year of King Ahaz's death.

**The LORD** <sup>29</sup> Do not rejoice, Philistina, all of you, because the rod that smote you is broken;

for out of the serpent's root will come forth an adder, and its fruit {its offspring} a fiery flying serpent.

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104. From 2 Nephi 24:21.

105. From 2 Nephi 24:25.

<sup>30</sup> And the firstborn of poor people will find pasture,  
and the needy will lie down in safety;

but I will kill your root with famine,  
and your remnant it<sup>106</sup> will slay.

<sup>31</sup> Wail, O gate;  
cry, O city;

be melted, Philistina, all of you, for smoke comes from the  
north, and there is not a straggler in its ranks.

<sup>32</sup> What will one say to the envoys of the nations?

“That the LORD has founded Zion,  
and in her {Zion} the afflicted of His people will take refuge.”

#### A PROPHECY OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST MOAB (15:1-9)

**Isaiah**     **15** A prophecy against Moab:

Because in the night Ar of Moab is devastated, destroyed,  
Because in the night Kir of Moab is devastated, destroyed,

<sup>2</sup> he has gone up to the house {Moab's temple}, and Dibon,  
the high places to weep.

Moab wails over Nebo  
and over Medeba.

On all their heads is baldness;  
every beard is cut off.

<sup>3</sup> In their streets they are girded with sackcloth;  
on their roofs, and in their open plazas, everyone wails, going  
down in tears.

<sup>4</sup> And Heshbon will cry out, and Elealeh;  
their voices will be heard as far as Jahaz.

Therefore, the armed soldiers of Moab will cry aloud;  
the soul of each man trembles.

<sup>5</sup> My heart cries out for Moab; its fugitives flee as far as Zoar  
and Eglath-Shalishiyah,

for at the slope of Luhith, in weeping they go up;  
on the way to Horonaim they will lament their destruction.

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106. DSS Isaiah reads, “I will slay.”