

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TROUBLED TIMES

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I. THE TROUBLE THAT THE WORLD IS IN

Isaiah 13:11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

- ❖ I want to begin commenting on this verse by saying that I understand clearly the context of the verse as it related to the Babylonian Empire of the time, but as with other prophecies by Isaiah, there can be other actions of God that are larger than just his dealings with one nation. I believe we have such a verse here and I believe we may take the liberty to use it just the way it is written. Taking it that way, it can...and I believe does apply to other periods of mans sojourn here on earth. I believe we are seeing a fulfillment of this threat from God right now.
- ❖ **Psalms 66:7** He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

II. THE RIGHT AND POWER OF GOD TO DEAL WITH THE WORLD

- ❖ **Isaiah 46:9** Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,
Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:
Isaiah 46:11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it.

III. THE SOLUTION FOR THE WORLD

- ❖ **Isaiah 46:12** Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that *are* far from righteousness:
Isaiah 46:13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

IV. THE ABSOLUTE INTENT OF GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE DESPITE THE CHAOS PRESENT AND DESPITE REJECTION BY THE WORLD

- ❖ **Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.
Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?
Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
Romans 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.