

God Rules

- He Is Lord Of Heaven And Earth. Acts 17:22-31
- "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).
- "It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness" (Proverbs 16:12).

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- <u>God judged the world</u>. Genesis 6−9
- ▶ <u>Babel</u>. Genesis 11:1-9
- > Amorites. Genesis 15:16
- > Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 18-19; Note 19:23-25

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Israel warned: Deuteronomy 4, 8, 30; Joshua 23:16ff

- Would not listen. Isaiah 9:8ff "Prepare to meet thy God." cf. Amos 4:6-13
- Assyria to be the instrument of God's wrath. Isaiah 10:5ff

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<u>Israel taken captive by Assyria</u>. 722 B.C. 2 Kings 17:1–18

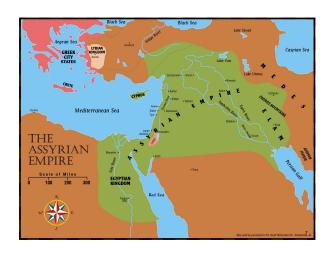
Stubborn:

- "Hardened their neck" (verse 14)
- "Rejected statutes ..." (verse 15)
- Idolatry. (verse 17)

Hezekiah's prayer. 19:19 Judah spared without weapons. 2 Kings 18-19; Hosea 1:7



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Assyria to be destroyed. Isaiah 10:12-19

- In 612 BC Nabopolassar united the Babylonian army with an army of Medes and Scythians ...
- Prophecies of Zephaniah (Zephaniah 2:13-15) and Nahum, fulfilled.
- Complete destruction of Assyria warning to the Egyptians. Ezekiel 31:1ff

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Judah to be destroyed by Babylon. Jeremiah 25:8-

- In 605 BC, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim's reign, Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, invaded Judah (Jeremiah 46:2), besieged Jerusalem, and carried away captives to Babylon.
- Jehoiakim destroyed the scroll. Jeremiah wrote again. Jeremiah 36:28-31
- > Zedekiah appointed King of Judah. Jerusalem falls (586 BC) Jeremiah 39:6-8



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<u>Babylon to be destroyed</u>. Isaiah 13:1, 17-22; Jeremiah 50-51

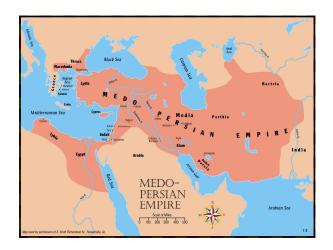
- Grandeur of Babylon, the capital of Chaldea, "the glory of kingdoms" and "the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride." (Isaiah 13:19)
- cf. Daniel 4:30 "I have built ..." cf. Isaiah 10
 Two walls about eleven miles long. Outer wall was 25-feet thick and the inner one was 23-feet thick. Population 500,000.
- Babylon, the "great city" has "become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals" Jeremiah 51:37.

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- In 539 BC, Babylon was conquered by Cyrus (cf. Isaiah 44:27ff), leader of the Medo-Persian alliance.
- Herodotus says that the army of Cyrus diverted the Euphrates River and then marched up the dry riverbed under the city walls. Babylon fell without a fight.

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- All the world should see, "the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Daniel 4:17; cf. Daniel 2
- All the world should see, "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." Habakkuk 2:20

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- The King of Assyria was in the hand of God,

 "... the rod of mine anger" against sinful
 nations "howbeit he meaneth not so, neither
- nations, "howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few" (Isaiah 10:5-7).
- The King of Babylon was in the hand of God, God said that after using Assyria to chastise and destroy sinful nations, "I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks" (verse 12).

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- Medes and Persians in the hand of God ... God saw the sins of Babylon and announced woes against it (Habakkuk 2:5-20). "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (verse 20). Habakkuk 3
- The prophet learned that we must "wait" for God to fulfill His purposes in His own time and way, for "the just shall live by his faith" (2:1-4).

 NOTE: ROMANS 1:16-17

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Conclusion: God Rules

- People should see our unshakeable faith in God! cf. Hebrews 12:28
- All the world should see in us the reverence expressed by Habakkuk,
- "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (2:20).

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- 2 Corinthians 5:11 "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" KJV
- Romans 11:22 "Behold then the goodness and severity of God: toward them that fell, severity; but toward thee, God's goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." ASV
- ▶ God has appointed a day. Acts 17:30-31
- Let the erring Christian confess his sins, repent, and pray God's forgiveness (Acts 8:22-24).
- Let those who have never obeyed the gospel put their faith in Christ, repent, confess his name, and be immersed in water for the remission of sins.

(Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:10).

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