

## Isaiah – Chapters 13-16 Study Questions

1. **Isaiah 13:1— 14:23** What will the Babylonians, like the Assyrians before them, serve? What does Isaiah single out as the main reason for Babylon’s humiliation?

**Footnote p. 38, 13:1 – 14:23 An oracle of judgement against Babylon**

2. **Isaiah 13:6** How do the Lord’s enemies experience the “day of the LORD”? How do his friends?

How prepared are you in preparing for this day?

**Footnote p.23, 2:12 The Lord ... has a day**

3. **Isaiah 14:2** The toppling of the high and the exaltation of the low is a frequent theme in Scripture. In Mary’s Magnificat, how does she describe it?

**Luke 1:46-55** (NT p. 106) and **Footnote 1:46 The Magnificat**

4. **Isaiah 14:12** To what does the Day Star refer, and how does it apply to Isaiah’s prediction regarding Babylon?

Because the Latin Vulgate translates the epithet “Day Star” as Lucifer, meaning “light bearer”, how does Catholic tradition read this passage?

Have you ever been tempted by Satan in such a way that his lies seemed true?

**Footnote p. 40, 14:12 O Day Star**

**CCC 391** Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. Scripture and the Church’s Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called “Satan” or the “devil.” The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: “The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing.”

5. **Isaiah 14:12–17** When you hear of the downfall of a powerful political or media personage, what sympathy do you have for that person?

What do you think happens to such a one after the downfall and humiliation have occurred?

What (if anything) does it teach you about your own conduct?

6. **Isaiah 16:3–5** Refugees flee from danger, often to neighboring countries that are not happy to receive them. How should refugees be received and how should they be cared for?

How long should they be allowed to stay in your country?

Have you ever housed a family member or friend as a “refugee”?

**Footnote p. 41, 15:1-16:14 An oracle concerning Moab**

7. **Isaiah 16:5** Of what is the “tent of David” an image, and on what was it founded?

On what was Israel’s hope for a coming Messiah anchored?

**Footnote p. 42, 16:5 The tent of David**