

**LORD *of the* NATIONS: A SERIES IN ISAIAH 13-27
AGAINST BABYLON (ISAIAH 13:1-14:27)**

A. Introduction to This Series

B. Introduction to This Passage

C. Babylon's Crimes

D. God's Judgement

E. Judah's Salvation

F. Assyria's Destruction

G. Conclusion:

1. God Is In _____

2. God Hates _____

3. Jesus Has _____ _____

1. Share how you've seen God at work in this previous week (perhaps in answer to prayer requests), or other ways you've seen his goodness.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
3. We were warned on Sunday that this section of Isaiah, which will last almost all summer, contains mostly judgment.
 - a. How may we be preparing our hearts for God to speak to us in this?
 - b. What may we expect Him to teach us from this?
4. How may some of Sunday's big truths about God's control over the nations help shape:
 - a. your prayer life?
 - b. how you process the federal election & it's results?
 - c. how you think about current global events?
 - d. how we minister to a world that's so overwhelmed by things outside of their control?
5. We were reminded on Sunday of God's hatred for sin. His wrath against sin is so intense, that it causes the world to fall apart.
 - a. We often hear that God "loves the sinner, but hates the sin". Consider this statement in light of Isaiah 13:9.
 - Is there any truth to this statement? If so, how could it be meant correctly? How could it be meant falsely?
 - b. How can we grow to share God's hatred of sin within us? Consider the following: Romans 12:9, 1 John 1:8, Luke 6:42, Proverbs 8:13, Psalm 139:23-24
 - c. How do we hate our own sin, while realizing what God has done for us in Christ? How do we avoid getting into a rut of self loathing/pity?
 - Consider what Paul instructs after his command to hate sin in Romans 12:9-13 (consider up to verse 21 if you have time).
6. Pray together, thanking Christ, who loves us & bore the hatred for our sin.

NEXT WEEK: ISAIAH 14:28-32