**Four Questions as We Read Isaiah**

1. Do we see *Jesus* ***revealed*** in these verses?
2. Does a *thread* ***connect*** any of these verses to New Testament verses?
3. Do these *words* ***speak*** to us (personally, nationally, as the church)??
4. Are there verses that might have *given* ***revelation*** to Jesus about Himself?

**Chapter** **13**

The oracle concerning Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

**2**On a bare hill raise a signal,
    cry aloud to them;
wave the hand for them to enter
    the gates of the nobles.
**3**I myself have commanded my consecrated ones,
    have summoned my mighty men to execute my anger,
    my proudly exulting ones.

**4**Hark, a tumult on the mountains
    as of a great multitude!
Hark, an uproar of kingdoms,
    of nations gathering together!
The Lord of hosts is mustering
    a host for battle.
**5**They come from a distant land,
    from the end of the heavens,
the Lord and the weapons of his indignation,
    to destroy the whole earth.

**6**Wail, for the day of the Lord is near;
    as destruction from the Almighty it will come!
**7**Therefore all hands will be feeble,
    and every man’s heart will melt,
**8**    and they will be dismayed.
Pangs and agony will seize them;
    they will be in anguish like a woman in travail.
They will look aghast at one another;
    their faces will be aflame.

**9**Behold, the day of the Lord comes,
    cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,
to make the earth a desolation
    and to destroy its sinners from it.
**10**For the stars of the heavens and their constellations
    will not give their light;
the sun will be dark at its rising
    and the moon will not shed its light.
**11**I will punish the world for its evil,
    and the wicked for their iniquity;
I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant,
    and lay low the haughtiness of the ruthless.
**12**I will make men more rare than fine gold,
    and mankind than the gold of Ophir.
**13**Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,
    and the earth will be shaken out of its place,
at the wrath of the Lord of hosts
    in the day of his fierce anger.
**14**And like a hunted gazelle,
    or like sheep with none to gather them,
every man will turn to his own people,
    and every man will flee to his own land.
**15**Whoever is found will be thrust through,
    and whoever is caught will fall by the sword.
**16**Their infants will be dashed in pieces
    before their eyes;
their houses will be plundered
    and their wives ravished.

**17**Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against them,
    who have no regard for silver
    and do not delight in gold.
**18**Their bows will slaughter the young men;
    they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb;
    their eyes will not pity children.
**19**And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
    the splendor and pride of the Chalde′ans,
will be like Sodom and Gomor′rah
    when God overthrew them.
**20**It will never be inhabited
    or dwelt in for all generations;
no Arab will pitch his tent there,
    no shepherds will make their flocks lie down there.
**21**But wild beasts will lie down there,
    and its houses will be full of howling creatures;
there ostriches will dwell,
    and there satyrs will dance.
**22**Hyenas will cry in its towers,
    and jackals in the pleasant palaces;
its time is close at hand
    and its days will not be prolonged.

**Chapter 14**

The Lord will have compassion on Jacob and will again choose Israel, and will set them in their own land, and aliens will join them and will cleave to the house of Jacob. **2**And the peoples will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them in the Lord’s land as male and female slaves; they will take captive those who were their captors, and rule over those who oppressed them.

**Downfall of the King of Babylon**

**3**When the Lord has given you rest from your pain and turmoil and the hard service with which you were made to serve, **4**you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon:

“How the oppressor has ceased,
    the insolent fury[[u](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17932u)] ceased!
**5**The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked,
    the scepter of rulers,
**6**that smote the peoples in wrath
    with unceasing blows,
that ruled the nations in anger
    with unrelenting persecution.
**7**The whole earth is at rest and quiet;
    they break forth into singing.
**8**The cypresses rejoice at you,
    the cedars of Lebanon, saying,
‘Since you were laid low,
    no hewer comes up against us.’
**9**Sheol beneath is stirred up
    to meet you when you come,
it rouses the shades to greet you,
    all who were leaders of the earth;
it raises from their thrones
    all who were kings of the nations.
**10**All of them will speak
    and say to you:
‘You too have become as weak as we!
    You have become like us!’
**11**Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,
    the sound of your harps;
maggots are the bed beneath you,
    and worms are your covering.

**12**“How you are fallen from heaven,
    O Day Star, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the ground,
    you who laid the nations low!
**13**You said in your heart,
    ‘I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God
    I will set my throne on high;
I will sit on the mount of assembly
    in the far north;
**14**I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
    I will make myself like the Most High.’
**15**But you are brought down to Sheol,
    to the depths of the Pit.
**16**Those who see you will stare at you,
    and ponder over you:
‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
    who shook kingdoms,
**17**who made the world like a desert
    and overthrew its cities,
    who did not let his prisoners go home?’
**18**All the kings of the nations lie in glory,
    each in his own tomb;
**19**but you are cast out, away from your sepulchre,
    like a loathed untimely birth,[[v](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17947v)]
clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword,
    who go down to the stones of the Pit,
    like a dead body trodden under foot.
**20**You will not be joined with them in burial,
    because you have destroyed your land,
    you have slain your people.

“May the descendants of evildoers
    nevermore be named!
**21**Prepare slaughter for his sons
    because of the guilt of their fathers,
lest they rise and possess the earth,
    and fill the face of the world with cities.”

**22**“I will rise up against them,” says the Lord of hosts, “and will cut off from Babylon name and remnant, offspring and posterity, says the Lord. **23**And I will make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, says the Lord of hosts.”

**An Oracle concerning Assyria**

**24**The Lord of hosts has sworn:
“As I have planned,
    so shall it be,
and as I have purposed,
    so shall it stand,
**25**that I will break the Assyrian in my land,
    and upon my mountains trample him under foot;
and his yoke shall depart from them,
    and his burden from their shoulder.”
**26**This is the purpose that is purposed
    concerning the whole earth;
and this is the hand that is stretched out
    over all the nations.
**27**For the Lord of hosts has purposed,
    and who will annul it?
His hand is stretched out,
    and who will turn it back?

**An Oracle concerning Philistia**

**28**In the year that King Ahaz died came this oracle:

**29**“Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you,
    that the rod which smote you is broken,
for from the serpent’s root will come forth an adder,
    and its fruit will be a flying serpent.
**30**And the first-born of the poor will feed,
    and the needy lie down in safety;
but I will kill your root with famine,
    and your remnant I[[w](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17958w)] will slay.
**31**Wail, O gate; cry, O city;
    melt in fear, O Philistia, all of you!
For smoke comes out of the north,
    and there is no straggler in his ranks.”

**32**What will one answer the messengers of the nation?
“The Lord has founded Zion,
    and in her the afflicted of his people find refuge.”

**Chapter 15**

**An Oracle concerning Moab**

**1** An oracle concerning Moab.
    Because Ar is laid waste in a night
    Moab is undone;
because Kir is laid waste in a night
    Moab is undone.
**2**The daughter of Dibon[[x](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17962x)] has gone up
    to the high places to weep;
over Nebo and over Med′eba
    Moab wails.
On every head is baldness,
    every beard is shorn;
**3**in the streets they gird on sackcloth;
    on the housetops and in the squares
    every one wails and melts in tears.
**4**Heshbon and Ele-a′leh cry out,
    their voice is heard as far as Jahaz;
therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud;
    his soul trembles.
**5**My heart cries out for Moab;
    his fugitives flee to Zo′ar,
    to Eg′lath-shelish′iyah.
For at the ascent of Luhith
    they go up weeping;
on the road to Horona′im
    they raise a cry of destruction;
**6**the waters of Nimrim
    are a desolation;
the grass is withered, the new growth fails,
    the verdure is no more.
**7**Therefore the abundance they have gained
    and what they have laid up
they carry away
    over the Brook of the Willows.
**8**For a cry has gone
    round the land of Moab;
the wailing reaches to Egla′im,
    the wailing reaches to Beer-e′lim.
**9**For the waters of Dibon[[y](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17969y)] are full of blood;
    yet I will bring upon Dibon[[z](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17969z)] even more,
a lion for those of Moab who escape,
    for the remnant of the land.

**Chapter 16**

They have sent lambs
    to the ruler of the land,
from Sela, by way of the desert,
    to the mount of the daughter of Zion.
**2**Like fluttering birds,
    like scattered nestlings,
so are the daughters of Moab
    at the fords of the Arnon.
**3**“Give counsel,
    grant justice;
make your shade like night
    at the height of noon;
hide the outcasts,
    betray not the fugitive;
**4**let the outcasts of Moab
    sojourn among you;
be a refuge to them
    from the destroyer.
When the oppressor is no more,
    and destruction has ceased,
and he who tramples under foot
    has vanished from the land,
**5**then a throne will be established in steadfast love
    and on it will sit in faithfulness
    in the tent of David
one who judges and seeks justice
    and is swift to do righteousness.”

**6**We have heard of the pride of Moab,
    how proud he was;
of his arrogance, his pride, and his insolence—
    his boasts are false.
**7**Therefore let Moab wail,
    let every one wail for Moab.
Mourn, utterly stricken,
    for the raisin-cakes of Kir-har′eseth.

**8**For the fields of Heshbon languish,
    and the vine of Sibmah;
the lords of the nations
    have struck down its branches,
which reached to Jazer
    and strayed to the desert;
its shoots spread abroad
    and passed over the sea.
**9**Therefore I weep with the weeping of Jazer
    for the vine of Sibmah;
I drench you with my tears,
    O Heshbon and Ele-a′leh;
for upon your fruit and your harvest
    the battle shout has fallen.
**10**And joy and gladness are taken away
    from the fruitful field;
and in the vineyards no songs are sung,
    no shouts are raised;
no treader treads out wine in the presses;
    the vintage shout is hushed.[[aa](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17979aa)]
**11**Therefore my soul moans like a lyre for Moab,
    and my heart for Kir-he′res.

**12**And when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself upon the high place, when he comes to his sanctuary to pray, he will not prevail.

**13**This is the word which the Lord spoke concerning Moab in the past. **14**But now the Lord says, “In three years, like the years of a hireling, the glory of Moab will be brought into contempt, in spite of all his great multitude, and those who survive will be very few and feeble.”

**Chapter 17**

**An Oracle concerning Damascus**

1 An oracle concerning Damascus.
Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city,
    and will become a heap of ruins.
**2**Her cities will be deserted for ever;[[ab](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17985ab)]
    they will be for flocks,
    which will lie down, and none will make them afraid.
**3**The fortress will disappear from E′phraim,
    and the kingdom from Damascus;
and the remnant of Syria will be
    like the glory of the children of Israel,
                says the Lord of hosts.

**4**And in that day
    the glory of Jacob will be brought low,
    and the fat of his flesh will grow lean.
**5**And it shall be as when the reaper gathers standing grain
    and his arm harvests the ears,
and as when one gleans the ears of grain
    in the Valley of Reph′aim.
**6**Gleanings will be left in it,
    as when an olive tree is beaten—
two or three berries
    in the top of the highest bough,
four or five
    on the branches of a fruit tree,
                says the Lord God of Israel.

**7**In that day men will regard their Maker, and their eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel; **8**they will not have regard for the altars, the work of their hands, and they will not look to what their own fingers have made, either the Ashe′rim or the altars of incense.

**9**In that day their strong cities will be like the deserted places of the Hivites and the Amorites,[[ac](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17992ac)] which they deserted because of the children of Israel, and there will be desolation.

**10**For you have forgotten the God of your salvation,
    and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge;
therefore, though you plant pleasant plants
    and set out slips of an alien god,
**11**though you make them grow on the day that you plant them,
    and make them blossom in the morning that you sow;
yet the harvest will flee away
    in a day of grief and incurable pain.

**12**Ah, the thunder of many peoples,
    they thunder like the thundering of the sea!
Ah, the roar of nations,
    they roar like the roaring of mighty waters!
**13**The nations roar like the roaring of many waters,
    but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away,
chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind
    and whirling dust before the storm.
**14**At evening time, behold, terror!
    Before morning, they are no more!
This is the portion of those who despoil us,
    and the lot of those who plunder us.

**Chapter 18**

**An Oracle concerning Ethiopia**

**1** Ah, land of whirring wings
    which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia;
**2**which sends ambassadors by the Nile,
    in vessels of papyrus upon the waters!
Go, you swift messengers,
    to a nation, tall and smooth,
to a people feared near and far,
    a nation mighty and conquering,
    whose land the rivers divide.

**3**All you inhabitants of the world,
    you who dwell on the earth,
when a signal is raised on the mountains, look!
    When a trumpet is blown, hear!
**4**For thus the Lord said to me:
“I will quietly look from my dwelling
    like clear heat in sunshine,
    like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”
**5**For before the harvest, when the blossom is over,
    and the flower becomes a ripening grape,
he will cut off the shoots with pruning hooks,
    and the spreading branches he will hew away.
**6**They shall all of them be left
    to the birds of prey of the mountains
    and to the beasts of the earth.
And the birds of prey will summer upon them,
    and all the beasts of the earth will winter upon them,

**7**At that time gifts will be brought to the Lord of hosts

from a people tall and smooth,
    from a people feared near and far,
a nation mighty and conquering,
    whose land the rivers divide,

to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the Lord of hosts.

**Chapter 19**

**An Oracle concerning Egypt**

**1**An oracle concerning Egypt.
Behold, the Lord is riding on a swift cloud
    and comes to Egypt;
and the idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence,
    and the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.
**2**And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians,
    and they will fight, every man against his brother
    and every man against his neighbor,
    city against city, kingdom against kingdom;
**3**and the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be emptied out,
    and I will confound their plans;
and they will consult the idols and the sorcerers,
    and the mediums and the wizards;
**4**and I will give over the Egyptians
    into the hand of a hard master;
and a fierce king will rule over them,
    says the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

**5**And the waters of the Nile will be dried up,
    and the river will be parched and dry;
**6**and its canals will become foul,
    and the branches of Egypt’s Nile will diminish and dry up,
    reeds and rushes will rot away.
**7**There will be bare places by the Nile,
    on the brink of the Nile,
and all that is sown by the Nile will dry up,
    be driven away, and be no more.
**8**The fishermen will mourn and lament,
    all who cast hook in the Nile;
and they will languish
    who spread nets upon the water.
**9**The workers in combed flax will be in despair,
    and the weavers of white cotton.
**10**Those who are the pillars of the land will be crushed,
    and all who work for hire will be grieved.

**11**The princes of Zo′an are utterly foolish;
    the wise counselors of Pharoah give stupid counsel.
How can you say to Pharaoh,
    “I am a son of the wise,
    a son of ancient kings”?
**12**Where then are your wise men?
    Let them tell you and make known
    what the Lord of hosts has purposed against Egypt.
**13**The princes of Zo′an have become fools,
    and the princes of Memphis are deluded;
those who are the cornerstones of her tribes
    have led Egypt astray.
**14**The Lord has mingled within her
    a spirit of confusion;
and they have made Egypt stagger in all her doings
    as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
**15**And there will be nothing for Egypt
    which head or tail, palm branch or reed, may do.

**16**In that day the Egyptians will be like women, and tremble with fear before the hand which the Lord of hosts shakes over them. **17**And the land of Judah will become a terror to the Egyptians; every one to whom it is mentioned will fear because of the purpose which the Lord of hosts has purposed against them.

**Egypt, Assyria, and Israel Blessed**

**18**In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt which speak the language of Canaan and swear allegiance to the Lord of hosts. One of these will be called the City of the Sun.

**19**In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. **20**It will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; when they cry to the Lord because of oppressors he will send them a savior, and will defend and deliver them. **21**And the Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians; and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day and worship with sacrifice and burnt offering, and they will make vows to the Lord and perform them. **22**And the Lord will smite Egypt, smiting and healing, and they will return to the Lord, and he will heed their supplications and heal them.

**23**In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

**24**In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, **25**whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my heritage.”

**Chapter 20**

**Isaiah Dramatizes the Conquest of Egypt and Ethiopia**

**1**In the year that the commander in chief, who was sent by Sargon the king of Assyria, came to Ashdod and fought against it and took it,— **2**at that time the Lord had spoken by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, and loose the sackcloth from your loins and take off your shoes from your feet,” and he had done so, walking naked and barefoot— **3**the Lord said, “As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and Ethiopia, **4**so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians captives and the Ethiopians exiles, both the young and the old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. **5**Then they shall be dismayed and confounded because of Ethiopia their hope and of Egypt their boast. **6**And the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, ‘Behold, this is what has happened to those in whom we hoped and to whom we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria! And we, how shall we escape?’”

**Chapter 21**

**Oracles concerning Babylon, Edom, and Arabia**

**1**The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea.
As whirlwinds in the Negeb sweep on,
    it comes from the desert,
    from a terrible land.
**2**A stern vision is told to me;
    the plunderer plunders,
    and the destroyer destroys.
Go up, O Elam,
    lay siege, O Media;
all the sighing she has caused
    I bring to an end.
**3**Therefore my loins are filled with anguish;
    pangs have seized me,
    like the pangs of a woman in travail;
I am bowed down so that I cannot hear,
    I am dismayed so that I cannot see.
**4**My mind reels, horror has appalled me;
    the twilight I longed for
    has been turned for me into trembling.
**5**They prepare the table,
    they spread the rugs,
    they eat, they drink.
Arise, O princes,
    oil the shield!
**6**For thus the Lord said to me:
“Go, set a watchman,
    let him announce what he sees.
**7**When he sees riders, horsemen in pairs,
    riders on asses, riders on camels,
let him listen diligently,
    very diligently.”
**8**Then he who saw[[ad](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-18043ad)] cried:
“Upon a watchtower I stand, O Lord,
    continually by day,
and at my post I am stationed
    whole nights.
**9**And behold, here come riders,
    horsemen in pairs!”
And he answered,
    “Fallen, fallen is Babylon;
and all the images of her gods
    he has shattered to the ground.”
**10**O my threshed and winnowed one,
    what I have heard from the Lord of hosts,
    the God of Israel, I announce to you.

**11**The oracle concerning Dumah.
One is calling to me from Se′ir,
    “Watchman, what of the night?
    Watchman, what of the night?”
**12**The watchman says:
“Morning comes, and also the night.
    If you will inquire, inquire;
    come back again.”

**13**The oracle concerning Arabia.
In the thickets in Arabia you will lodge,
    O caravans of De′danites.
**14**To the thirsty bring water,
    meet the fugitive with bread,
    O inhabitants of the land of Tema.
**15**For they have fled from the swords,
    from the drawn sword,
from the bent bow,
    and from the press of battle.

**16**For thus the Lord said to me, “Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kedar will come to an end; **17**and the remainder of the archers of the mighty men of the sons of Kedar will be few; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has spoken.”

**Chapter 22**

**A Warning of Destruction of Jerusalem**

**1**The oracle concerning the valley of vision.
What do you mean that you have gone up,
    all of you, to the housetops,
**2**you who are full of shoutings,
    tumultuous city, exultant town?
Your slain are not slain with the sword
    or dead in battle.
**3**All your rulers have fled together,
    without the bow they were captured.
All of you who were found were captured,
    though they had fled far away.[[ae](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-18055ae)]
**4**Therefore I said:
“Look away from me,
    let me weep bitter tears;
do not labor to comfort me
    for the destruction of the daughter of my people.”

**5**For the Lord God of hosts has a day
    of tumult and trampling and confusion
    in the valley of vision,
a battering down of walls
    and a shouting to the mountains.
**6**And Elam bore the quiver
    with chariots and horsemen,[[af](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV" \l "fen-RSV-18058af" \o "See footnote af)]
    and Kir uncovered the shield.
**7**Your choicest valleys were full of chariots,
    and the horsemen took their stand at the gates.
**8**He has taken away the covering of Judah.

In that day you looked to the weapons of the House of the Forest, **9**and you saw that the breaches of the city of David were many, and you collected the waters of the lower pool, **10**and you counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. **11**You made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who did it, or have regard for him who planned it long ago.

**12**In that day the Lord God of hosts
    called to weeping and mourning,
    to baldness and girding with sackcloth;
**13**and behold, joy and gladness,
    slaying oxen and killing sheep,
    eating flesh and drinking wine.
“Let us eat and drink,
    for tomorrow we die.”
**14**The Lord of hosts has revealed himself in my ears:
“Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you
    till you die,”
    says the Lord God of hosts.

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**15**Thus says the Lord God of hosts, “Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: **16**What have you to do here and whom have you here, that you have hewn here a tomb for yourself, you who hew a tomb on the height, and carve a habitation for yourself in the rock? **17**Behold, the Lord will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you, **18**and whirl you round and round, and throw you like a ball into a wide land; there you shall die, and there shall be your splendid chariots, you shame of your master’s house. **19**I will thrust you from your office, and you will be cast down from your station. **20**In that day I will call my servant Eli′akim the son of Hilki′ah, **21**and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. **22**And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. **23**And I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father’s house. **24**And they will hang on him the whole weight of his father’s house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. **25**In that day, says the Lord of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a sure place will give way; and it will be cut down and fall, and the burden that was upon it will be cut off, for the Lord has spoken.”

**Chapter 23**

**An Oracle concerning Tyre**

**1**The oracle concerning Tyre.
Wail, O ships of Tarshish,
    for Tyre is laid waste, without house or haven!
From the land of Cyprus
    it is revealed to them.
**2**Be still, O inhabitants of the coast,
    O merchants of Sidon;
your messengers passed over the sea[[ag](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-18079ag)]
**3**    and were on many waters;
your revenue was the grain of Shihor,
    the harvest of the Nile;
    you were the merchant of the nations.
**4**Be ashamed, O Sidon, for the sea has spoken,
    the stronghold of the sea, saying:
“I have neither travailed nor given birth,
    I have neither reared young men
    nor brought up virgins.”
**5**When the report comes to Egypt,
    they will be in anguish over the report about Tyre.
**6**Pass over to Tarshish,
    wail, O inhabitants of the coast!
**7**Is this your exultant city
    whose origin is from days of old,
whose feet carried her
    to settle afar?
**8**Who has purposed this
    against Tyre, the bestower of crowns,
whose merchants were princes,
    whose traders were the honored of the earth?
**9**The Lord of hosts has purposed it,
    to defile the pride of all glory,
    to dishonor all the honored of the earth.
**10**Overflow your land like the Nile,
    O daughter of Tarshish;
    there is no restraint any more.
**11**He has stretched out his hand over the sea,
    he has shaken the kingdoms;
the Lord has given command concerning Canaan
    to destroy its strongholds.
**12**And he said:
“You will no more exult,
    O oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon;
arise, pass over to Cyprus,
    even there you will have no rest.”

**13**Behold the land of the Chalde′ans! This is the people; it was not Assyria. They destined Tyre for wild beasts. They erected their siege towers, they razed her palaces, they made her a ruin.[[ah](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-18090ah)]

**14**Wail, O ships of Tarshish,
    for your stronghold is laid waste.

**15**In that day Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, like the days of one king. At the end of seventy years, it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the harlot:

**16**“Take a harp,
    go about the city,
    O forgotten harlot!
Make sweet melody,
    sing many songs,
    that you may be remembered.”

**17**At the end of seventy years, the Lord will visit Tyre, and she will return to her hire, and will play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. **18**Her merchandise and her hire will be dedicated to the Lord; it will not be stored or hoarded, but her merchandise will supply abundant food and fine clothing for those who dwell before the Lord.