Judge of the Nations

Isaiah 13

World of Violence and Chaos.
Things seem to be getting worse.
Where is God?

Isaiah shows us that God is never out of control over the nations. As chaotic and violent and broken as the world is, God is not thwarted in His plans for human history.

He is King of the Nations.

Syria
(Damascus)

Assyria

Israel
(Samaria)

Philistines

Jerusalem

Edom

As King,
He is Judge of the Nations.

This truth fueled and sustained the faith of God's people in the midst of chaos and terror.

I. The Day of Judgment
II. The Extent of Judgment
III. The Instrument of Judgment
IV. The Result of Judgment

Babylon

Syria
(Damascus)

Assyria

Israel
(Samaria)

Philistines

Jerusalem

Edom

I. The Day of Judgment

9 Behold, the day of the Lord comes,
cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,
to make the land a desolation
and to destroy its sinners from it…

11 I will punish the world for its evil,
and the wicked for their iniquity;
I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant,
and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.

II. The Extent of Judgment

14 And like a hunted gazelle,
or like sheep with none to gather them,
each will turn to his own people,
and each will flee to his own land.
15 Whoever is found will be thrust through,
and whoever is caught will fall by the sword.

III. The Instrument of Judgment

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 pomp of the Chaldeans,
will be like Sodom and Gomorrah
when God overthrew them.

III. The Instrument of Judgment

10:5 Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger;
the staff in their hands is my fury!
6 Against a godless nation I send him,
and against the people of my wrath I command him,
to take spoil and seize plunder,
and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 But he does not so intend,
and his heart does not so think;
but it is in his heart to destroy,
and to cut off nations not a few…

III. The Instrument of Judgment

12 When the Lord has finished all his work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, he will punish the speech of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the boastful look in his eyes.

IV. The Result of Judgment

14:1 For the Lord will have compassion on Jacob and will again choose Israel, and will set them in their own land, and sojourners will join them and will attach themselves to the house of Jacob.