

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

*Part 232 – As He Purposed Through He Hath Founded Zion (Isaiah 14:24-32)*

1. Does the Lord fulfill what He has purposed?

Yes: *“The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand” (Isaiah 14:24).*

- If the Lord had sworn it, He would do it (**Exodus 17:16**, **Psalms 110:4**, **Psalms 132:11**, and **Hebrews 6:16-18**).
- God doesn't lie (**Numbers 23:19** and **Titus 1:2**).
- Once God's purposed it, that's it (**Proverbs 19:21**, **Isaiah 46:10-11**, **Jeremiah 23:20**, and **Ephesians 1:9-11**).

2. Was the Lord going to allow the Assyrians to dwell peaceably in His land?

No: *“That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders” (Isaiah 14:25).*

- Assyria was not going to stay in Israel (**Isaiah 10:5-19**, **Isaiah 30:31**, and **Isaiah 31:8-9**).
- We know this came true (**Isaiah 37:36-38**).
- God just refused to allow, even His people in disobedience, to be abused by heathens (**Nahum 1:1-3**).

3. Was God's hand limited to just the land of Israel?

No, all nations: *“This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations” (Isaiah 14:26).*

- **Psalms 72:11**, **Psalms 113:4**, **Isaiah 34:2**, **Isaiah 40:17**, **Jeremiah 25:15-31**, **Zephaniah 3:6-8**, and **II Peter 3:1-14**.

4. Can man overturn what God has purposed?

No: *“For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back” (Isaiah 14:27)?*

- **Psalms 33:11**, **Isaiah 43:13**, **Isaiah 46:10**, and **Acts 5:39**.

5. In what year was this burden?

The year king Ahaz died: *“In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden” (Isaiah 14:28).*

- **II Kings 16:20** and **II Chronicles 28:27**; cf. **Isaiah 1:1**, **Isaiah 6:1**, and **Hosea 1:1**.

6. Should Palestina have taken comfort that the rod that smote them was broken?

No, for out of them would come something else bad: *“Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent” (Isaiah 14:29).*

- Who inhabited “Palestina”? This is not real clear. It might have be the Philistines, but might not have. The English word “Palestina” only appears three times in the KJV (**Exodus 15:14, Isaiah 14:29, and Isaiah 14:31**).
- The Hebrew word (Strong’s # 6429) appears like this:
  - Exodus 15:14 KJV - The people [5971] shall hear [8085] , [and] be afraid [7264] : sorrow [2427] shall take hold [270] on the inhabitants [3427] of **Palestina[6429]**.
  - Psalms 60:8 KJV - Moab [4124] [is] my washpot [5518] [7366]; over Edom [123] will I cast out [7993] my shoe [5275]: **Philistia[6429]**, triumph [7321] thou because of me.
  - Psalms 83:7 KJV - Gebal [1381], and Ammon [5983], and Amalek [6002]; the **Philistines[6429]** with the inhabitants [3427] of Tyre [6865];
  - Psalms 87:4 KJV - I will make mention [2142] of Rahab [7294] and Babylon [894] to them that know [3045] me: behold **Philistia[6429]**, and Tyre [6865], with Ethiopia [3568]; this [man] was born [3205] there.
  - Psalms 108:9 KJV - Moab [4124] [is] my washpot [7366] [5518]; over Edom [123] will I cast out [7993] my shoe [5275]; over **Philistia[6429]** will I triumph [7321] .
  - Isaiah 14:29 KJV - Rejoice [8055] not thou, whole **Palestina[6429]**, because the rod [7626] of him that smote [5221] thee is broken [7665] : for out of the serpent's [5175] root [8328] shall come forth [3318] a cockatrice [6848], and his fruit [6529] [shall be] a fiery [8314] [0] flying [5774] serpent [8314].
  - Isaiah 14:31 KJV - Howl [3213] , O gate [8179]; cry [2199] , O city [5892]; thou, whole **Palestina[6429]**, [art] dissolved [4127] : for there shall come [935] from the north [6828] a smoke [6227], and none [shall be] alone [909] in his appointed times [4151].
  - Joe 3:4 KJV - Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre [6865], and Zidon [6721], and all the coasts [1552] of **Palestine[6429]**? will ye render [7999] me a recompence [1576]? and if ye recompense [1580] me, swiftly [7031] [and] speedily [4120] will I return [7725] your recompence [1576] upon your own head [7218];
- Thankfully, the “who” is not as important as the point of this verse. The point is – sometimes you think you’re in the clear that enemy is gone when you’re really not. This was especially true when God was your enemy (cf. **Ezekiel 26:1-6**).

7. How bad were things going to be for Palestina?

The poor and needy will be okay, but destruction to the root, including famine: *“(30) And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant. (31) Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times” (Isaiah 14:30-31).*

- God would bring these proud people to a point wherein their society was flipped on its head with the poor and needy eating while others suffered cf. **Isaiah 5:13-17**).
- God can send famine for destruction of anyone left from an invasion, war, etc. (**Ezekiel 5:16** and **Ezekiel 14:13**).
- The people that came from the north was the Medo-Persian Empire (**Jeremiah 50:9** and **Jeremiah 51:11**; cf. **Daniel 5:28**).

8. What place did the Lord establish for the poor of His people to trust in?

Zion: *“What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it” (Isaiah 14:32).*

- Zion, in Jerusalem (**Psalms 135:21**), was the safe haven for the faithful (**Psalms 125:1**, **Psalms 132:13-14**, and **Isaiah 12:6**), when such existed (**Isaiah 51:11**).
- At the same time, Zion was not to become a safety for the complacent (**Amos 6:1**).
- Now, Zion is not a physical place (**Hebrews 12:22-23**).