

Rehoboth Baptist Church

The Lord's Service

February 15, 2026



Prepare to Hear the Poetry of Isaiah 13:1-14:27

The Nations have always been part of God's plan (Gen. 12; Deut. 32)
"We see in the song [of Moses] that the relationship of the foreign nations and their future is connected directly to the future of Israel, as we ought to expect from the covenant promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3."
(Gentry, Peter J.. How to Read and Understand the Biblical Prophets (p. 63). Kindle Edition.)

1. Israel would prosper.
2. Israel would forget God and worship "no God's"
3. God would cause a "no people" to succeed in conquering Israel.
4. God would punish the nation who oppressed Israel without mercy.
5. God would have compassion on Israel again.

Why Babylon? (Historical Context; cf. Revelation 18)

1. God will/did used the ancient Babylonians to conquer Israel.
2. The rise & fall of Babylon is used to foreshadow the final judgment of God against the wicked boastful nations.

What is the Larger Point? (Isaiah 13:17-19; 14:1-2)

1. God is **warning** and **inviting** the nations.
2. God is **warning** and an **exhorting** God's people.

The Structure Reveals this Emphasis:

- A. The LORD of hosts will confront human pride (13:1-16) 16 vs.
- B. The utter desolation of **Babylon** (13:17-22) 5 vs.
- C. The LORD will compassion on Israel again (14:1-2)**
- B'. The Downfall of the **King of Babylon** (14:3-20a) 16 ½ vs.
- A'. The Lord will cut off every boastful nation (14:20b-27) 6 ½ vs.

This is poetry, so these transitions are not clean...

But how should we read this prophecy as NC Christians?

Revelation 19:15 (Rev. 18-19)

¹⁵ From his [Jesus] mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

Conclusion: The desolation of Jesus' coming wrath should make us tremble.

Welcome & Greeting

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* #39

Cleansing

Scripture (p. 550) **Psalm 37**

*Hymn *Jesus Paid It All* #265

Prayer of Confession

*Hymn *Lead Me to Calvary* #165

Consecration

Pastoral Prayer

*Presentation of Offerings, Doxology (#622) & Prayer

*Scripture (p. 684) **Isaiah 13:1-14:27 (Pt. 2)**

Sermon **Desolation or Compassion?**

Communion

*Hymn *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* #210

Commission

*Benediction (God's Blessing)

* Please Stand

Piano: Diane Littlehale

Prayer for the Week

LORD, thank you for your promises to bless and establish the steps of the person who delights in you, trusts in you, and looks for your justice.

Psalm 37:3-4

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Prayerfully prepare for next Sunday

Please pray for Pastor Steve in his preparation to preach the Word to us next Sunday from **Isaiah 14:28–18:7**. (Steve plans to focus especially on chapters 17-18)

Pray for other like-minded NE Churches.

Stewardship Report for 2026 (Week 6)

Actual: **\$20,010**

Budget: **\$19,781**

Surplus/**Deficit**: **\$229**

Notes and Announcements

Today is World Mission Sunday.

Today, 6 PM, Prayer meeting, prayer from God's Word, for our missionaries, our church and our world.

Wednesday, 7 PM. Prayer, testimonies, Bible study.
Discussion on chapter 2 of Knowing God by J I Packer.

Saturday, 7 AM, Men's Bible study in Revelation.

Next week Sunday School, 9 AM, Church History.

Sign up for the **Feb. 28th Conversational Dinner**. (Today is the deadline to sign up)

Winter Discipleship Challenge, see copies on the table in the foyer.

Samaritan's Purse has a need for clear debris and cover roofs in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee. See info on table in the foyer.

Looking Ahead:

Sat., Feb. 28th. Conversational Dinner. Sign up now.

Mon., March 9, Servant Leadership Prayer Meeting

Sun., March 15, Prayer Lunch.

Note change in dates for Church Business Meetings:

April 29th

July 15th

The **November 4th** meeting remains the same