PREVIEW TO SESSION 13

Isaiah 13-23

A. DESCRIPTION

The book of Isaiah is clearly international in scope. While focus is given to Judah and Jerusalem, the surrounding nations are also presented. Oracles (Heb. *massa'ot*) found between chapters 13 and 35 identify these within the assertion of the governance of YHWH. This session is the first of a two-part series that gives attention to that material and its claims.

B. TARGETS

Learners who successfully complete this session will . . .

1. Grip the Isaianic claim that YHWH is the sovereign governor of every nation-state.
2. Sense how that claim is vigorously pursued in terms of punishment, judgment, and nullification for those who oppose the will of *YHWH*.
3. Acknowledge that the People of God are not presented as necessarily privileged; they too are treated for their unresponsiveness and failure to trust *YHWH*.

C. ASSIGNMENTS

Before the beginning of this session, all learners must . . .

1. Read Oswalt, pp 196-277 (skim).
2. Print, complete, and bring the worksheet for Session 13 to class.

D. FOR FURTHER STUDY