

A	B	C
Babylon 13:1 - 14:27 <i>Political Overthrow</i>	The Desert by the Sea (Babylon) 21:1-10 <i>Religious Overthrow</i>	The City of Emptiness 24:1-20 <i>Broken laws, broken gates</i>
Philistia 14:28-32 <i>A Davidic king will reign</i>	Silence (Edom) 21:11-12 <i>Indefinite continuation</i>	Zion's King 24:21-23 <i>"After many days"</i>
Moab 15:1 - 16:14 <i>Pride refuses shelter</i>	Evening (Arabia) 21:13-17 <i>No refuge in alliance</i>	The Great Banquet 25:1-12 <i>All nations but Moab</i>
Damascus/Ephriam 17:1 - 18:7 <i>Strong cities forsaken</i>	The Valley of Vision (Jerusalem) 22:1-25 <i>The city torn down</i>	The City of God 26:1-20 <i>The strong city</i>
Egypt 19:1 - 20:6 <i>Joining with God's people</i>	Tyre 23:1-18 <i>Holiness to the Lord</i>	The Final Gathering 27:1-13 <i>The final harvest</i>

- A
 - Babylon, the superpower seeking world domination
 - Philistia, seeking to destroy God's people
 - Moab, who was offered shelter with God's people but in pride refused it
 - Damascus/Ephriam (Syria and Northern Israel) sought protection in their alliance, but that is not the way of security for the people of God
 - Egypt, heading for disaster, but will be joined with Israel and Assyria as one people under one God
- B
 - Babylon as an example superpower, seeking world dominion, but will share Babylon's fate
 - Silence - The need for patience - it may seem the Lord is doing nothing, but you must be patient
 - The gentile world still trying to protect itself with human resourcefulness will fail
 - Jerusalem, trying to be self-sufficient, is sinfully refusing to follow the Lord
 - The secular world, typified by Tyre, will be holiness to the Lord in the end
- C
 - Attempts to create global unity will collapse
 - After many days there will be the glory of the Lord's reign in Zion

- The gentile world will be gathered to the great feast
- The people of God will enjoy true security in the strong city of salvation
- The trumpet of jubilee will summon the final gathering to the final harvest.
- Looking at the location of the people of God in these groupings, notice that they are surrounded on the North, South, East and West by Gentile peoples
- Reading across the rows we see:
 - Babylon illustrates human attempts to unite the world by power
 - It will fall, and later attempts to unite the world by a superpower will likewise fail
 - Efforts to create a global “village” lead only to a city of chaos (ESV - a wasted city; lit: a city of confusion), which falls
 - Philistia illustrates the antagonism of the world to David’s kingdom
 - But Zion’s future is secure, even when nothing seems to be happening
 - In the long run (“after many days”) the Lord will reign in glory in Zion
 - The need for security can only be met by David’s king
 - But Moab’s pride will not allow it to look there
 - Mutual help, or collective security is not the solution
 - Ultimately the world will enjoy the Lord’s feast in Zion
 - The Lord’s people attempt alliances (Israel with Syria) and self-sufficiency (Jerusalem), but they fail
 - Only in the strong city of salvation is true peace and security
 - The ideal of unity and peace will be brought into being by the Lord himself.