

In this verse we find the recognition of the great principle that no particular thing is right or wrong in itself; it all depends upon its use. It is easy for us to become angry at something and desire simply to destroy it from the face of the earth. God's attitude is different. Everything which He has established is for a definite purpose, and it is His will that it shall find that purpose.

When was verse 18 fulfilled? The city of Tyre was reestablished and continued to be a great city. Eventually it again suffered a great attack, this time from Alexander the Great. He destroyed what remained of the city of Tyre on the mainland. He captured the portion of the city which was on an island in the midst of the sea by building a great mole out to it, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Ezekiel 26. Later the island city was reestablished, and in the time of the New Testament it was a great heathen city. Later it was converted to Christianity. We can hardly say that the city of Tyre has yet fulfilled the great purpose described in verse 18.

We have now completed our examination of Isaiah 13-23. This section is often called, "the Burdens against Foreign Nations." Yet we noticed that Judah itself is often right in the forefront of consideration. Particularly in chapters 17-22, we found that everything was directly related to the Syro-Ephraimitic invasion and to the wicked scheme of King Ahaz, who thought he could protect Judah by looking to the Assyrian Empire for help. In chapter 22 we saw that the indifference of the people and their sin against God could end only in disaster to Judah.

### **Isaiah 24-27: The Isaiah Apocalypse**

All commentators recognize that these chapters form a unit. Most interpreters think them to be the conclusion to the section from chapter 13 to chapter 23, though there is at least one who considers them, instead, as an introduction to the following section (chs. 28-36).

This section is often called "the Isaiah Apocalypse." An apocalypse is a writing in which the veil is removed from God's government of the world, and we are enabled to see the true realities which will end in the victory of right over wrong. It gives a glimpse of the eventual triumph of