

# Isaiah 14:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

## Analysis

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'For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.' Divine first-person declaration: 'I will rise up'—God personally acts against Babylon. The judgment is comprehensive: 'name' (reputation, memory), 'remnant' (survivors), 'son' (immediate descendants), 'nephew' (extended descendants). Four-fold repetition stresses totality: nothing of Babylon survives. The double 'saith the LORD' (opening and closing) confirms divine authority. This is prophetic lawsuit verdict: Babylon is sentenced to complete obliteration—no survivors, no memory, no future. History confirms this: Babylon the empire and city ceased; only archaeological ruins remain.

## Historical Context

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After falling to Persia (539 BC), Babylon declined. Alexander the Great died there (323 BC); afterward it continued declining. By early Christian era, Babylon was largely abandoned; its exact location was forgotten until 19th-century archaeology rediscovered it. The name survived only as symbolic (Revelation 17-18 uses 'Babylon' for Rome and end-times evil system), not as political entity. The utter fulfillment of 'cut off name, remnant, son, nephew' is remarkable: one of history's greatest cities completely ceased. This validates prophetic authority and warns all nations: God's word stands; His judgments execute exactly as spoken.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Babylon's complete disappearance demonstrate the certainty of God's prophetic word?
2. What does the total erasure of Babylon teach about the transience of earthly kingdoms vs. God's eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וְקָמָה י	עָלֶיהָ מ	נֶאֱמַר	יְהוָה:	צָבָא וְ	וְהִכָּרְתָּ י
For I will rise up	H5921	against them saith	the LORD	of hosts	and cut off
H6965		H5002	H3068	H6635	H3772

לְבָב ל	שֵׁם	וְשָׂר	וְנִין	וְנָכָד	נֶאֱמַר
from Babylon	the name	and remnant	and son	and nephew	against them saith
H894	H8034	H7605	H5209	H5220	H5002

יְהוָה:  
the LORD  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 10:7** (Parallel theme): The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

**1 Kings 14:10** (Parallel theme): Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

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