

## ISAIAH – Chapter 47

Vs. 1 Isaiah describes Babylon's fall to the Medes in 539 B.C., who were later joined by the Persians (Iran), more than 150 years before the event took place. Judah's captors will become captives.

- 1) The invitation – sit in the dust (as a mourner, Jonah 3:6).
- 2) To the virgin daughter (Isa. 23:12; 37:22 ?).
- 3) The Chaldeans with no throne.
- 4) Tender and delicate has become slavery.

Vs. 2-3 Their new place in life, as slaves, will offer them a new lifestyle. As servants of conquerors they will:

- 1) Have to grind the flour for another's meal.
- 2) Be unable to worry about their clothing or modesty.
- 3) Ford the rivers, rather than be carried across.
- 4) Become the objects of sexual pleasure for another people.

Vs. 4 After their period of captivity, which God had placed them in, He will once again "Redeem" them (buy them back out of the market He has sold them into).

Their God is:

- 1) Their redeemer
- 2) The Lord of Hosts
- 3) The Holy One of Israel

Vs. 5-7 The Chaldeans (United States), Babylon (Washington) thought of themselves as "the queen of kingdoms", "a queen forever."

God had given them their position with all its successes. He had used Babylon to judge Judah just as He had used Assyria, Isa. 10:55ff; Hab. 1:6-11. Because of their sin, God will judge for what they have done, but only after they did what God commissioned them to do!

Babylon was a conqueror that showed no mercy, even to the old!

Every created being should remember that God acts righteously and sin will always be dealt with, even in the lives of those who are instruments of His.

Vs. 8 Hear this, you who tell yourself you have the world right where you want it and that you have it made, being the master of your own existence.

Vs. 9 The day will come when God will call your game and you will lose the very things you say are untouchable.

Vs. 10 You saw yourself as...I am and I'm it!  
The God of the Bible is the only I am and He it is who is it!!!

Isa. 43:11 "I even I am...there is no...besides Me."

Isa. 44:6 "There is no...besides me."

Isa. 45:5 "Besides Me there is no..."

Isa. 45:14 "There is none else, no other."

Isa. 45:18 "I am...there is non else."

Isa. 45:21-22 "There is no other besides Me...none except Me...I am...there is no other."

Isa. 46:9 "There is no one like Me."

If you every think otherwise – **you are deluded!**

Vs. 11 You felt...you said in your heart, but evil will come upon you; when it comes:

- 1) You won't know how to charm it away.
- 2) You cannot atone for it.
- 3) It will hit you from nowhere.
- 4) Suddenly (it all happened in one night from under the wall)  
Daniel 5, esp vs. 30-31

Vs. 12 Keep on with what has appeared to work from your youth (United States). Trust in what you think has gotten you here. Perhaps it will still work and you will be OK.

Vs. 13 Let the astrologers and stargazers save you (the Democrats, the Republicans, maybe an independent).

NOTE: They don't see it coming and can't stop it.

Vs. 14 The above astrologers and stargazers are like stubble, not only unable to help others in their hour of need, but also unable to deliver themselves when God's judgment comes.

Vs. 15 All in it together; all gone together.