

Isaiah 47
Judgment on Babylon

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No longer called delicate – luxuries destroyed (Matthew 6:19-21) – **no enticements**
Nakedness exposed – corruption revealed (I Timothy 5:24-25 / Numbers 32:23)
No one will be spared (Joshua 7:10-12) – our sin impacts others, national sin impacts all
No doubt who is in charge (Daniel 4:37) – Nebuchadnezzar's lesson
No one can thwart His plans – If anyone things he stands ...

Sit in silence (5-7)

Darkness (II Corinthians 4:4 / John 3:19-21 / Ephesians 5:11) – spiritual darkness
Deprived of your title (II Chronicles 21:19-20) – where wickedness led king Jehoram
Desecrating God's people – power corrupts – **Athaliah killed her own grandchildren**
Did not consider the consequences (Galatians 6:7-8) – you reap what you sow
You cannot mock God – your works will be judged

Security stripped away (8-11)

Wanton creature (Romans 1:21-22 / Ephesians 4:17-19) – depraved by wickedness
Widowhood and loss of children (Psalm 73:17-19) – you will lose everything
Wickedness will not deliver (Mark 8:36) – temporary gain for eternal loss
Wisdom and knowledge of man comes up short (Romans 3:18) – they do not fear God
Warding off disaster will not happen (I Kings 21:25-29) – repentance is the only hope

Sorcery will not rescue (12-15)

Success of magic spells? (Revelation 21:8) – no entry into heaven
Stargazer's predictions? (Deuteronomy 18:10-12) – detestable to God
Stubble that will burn up (I Corinthians 12-15) – loss of reward
Salvation not found in them (Acts 4:12) – only one way
Seeking to access spiritual power apart from God leads to enslavement to evil

Discussion questions for Isaiah 47

Why is it extremely foolish to continue to relish the “benefits” of sin?

(Hebrews 11:25) – ***the pleasure is short lived***

(Numbers 32:23) – ***your folly will be exposed***

(Romans 6:20-23) – ***the so-called benefits leave only regret resulting in death***

(Revelation 20:12 / II Corinthians 5:10) – ***you will face judgment***

For unbelievers – determining where you will spend eternity

For believers – determining your rewards in heaven

What are the consequences of walking in darkness?

(Proverbs 4:19 / I John 2:11) – ***you will stumble***

(Matthew 6:22-23) – ***darkness spreads, impacting every area of your life***

(John 3:19-20) – ***you have to hide who you are, becoming fearful of the light***

(Ephesians 4:18-19; 5:11-12) – ***it leads to depravity of the heart and mind***

(II Peter 2:17) – ***blackest darkness will be reserved for you***

What things do people of this world trust for their security? Why do these prove insufficient?

Where is the only place to find security? (James 5:1-3 / I Timothy 6:17-19 / Psalm 33:17-18 /

Psalm 2:1-5, 10-12 / Psalm 27:1-3 / Psalm 62:1-2) – ***People trust their knowledge, their positions, or their wealth to provide personal security. None of these things is secure, they can be stripped away in a moment. Only God can provide us with security that cannot be taken away (Matthew 6:19-21 / I Peter 1:3-5). When I put my trust in God, I will not be shaken!***

Where is sorcery and magic used in our culture today? Why is it so dangerous to participate in

those things? (Matthew 24:24 / II Thessalonians 2:9-10 / Ephesians 5:11-18) – ***we have become obsessed in the media with all manner of sorcery. The practices of Eastern religions have become an entrenched part of our culture (yoga, meditation, etc.) Wicca is one of the fastest growing religious movements. The worship of mother earth is driving our world governments in unbelievable ways. Our enemy is a master deceiver, we should not think that we can stand against him on our own. We are told to have nothing to do with the deeds of darkness, but rather to let His light shine through us that evil would be exposed.***

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