

Isaiah 47
Judgment on Babylon

Sit in the dust (1-4)

No throne (Isaiah 9:7) – only one King has an eternal throne
No longer called delicate – luxuries destroyed (Matthew 6:19-21)
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

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
Did not consider the consequences (Galatians 6:7-8) – you reap what you sow

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

Discussion questions for Isaiah 47

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

(Hebrews 11:25)

(Numbers 32:23)

(Romans 6:20-23)

(Revelation 20:12 / II Corinthians 5:10)

What are the consequences of walking in darkness?

(Proverbs 4:19 / I John 2:11)

(Matthew 6:22-23)

(John 3:19-20)

(Ephesians 4:18-19; 5:11-12)

(II Peter 2:17)

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)

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)