

ISAIAH 47 vs 1

The book of Isaiah has two great divisions; **first:** chapters 1–39; God's Criticism of both rebel houses **Israel** and **Judah**, thereby affecting all the local neighbors in the hood; and **second:** chapters 40–66; God's Consolation to both houses who have separate histories. The great Isaiah scroll found in the Qumran caves, dated from the 2nd century BC has put to rest many wild speculations about prophet Isaiah.

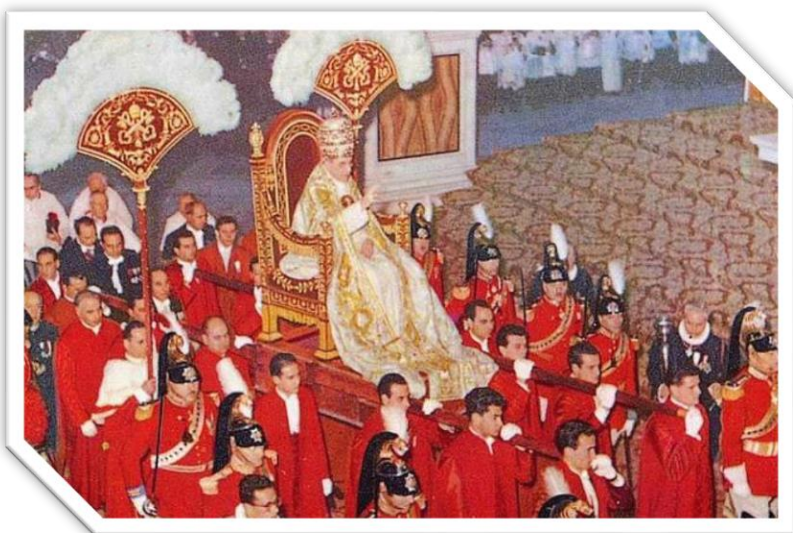


In the previous chapter (which continues with this chapter) the Lord leveled the toppling idols of Baal and Nebo, and all the mass-produced wood and stone and clay artifacts and little lifeless successors ... all manmade junk attempting to replace God's word with stuff created in their empty-headed imagination; even as He declared: *I am God; and there is no other; there is no one like Me; telling the end from the beginning.*

In this chapter, the Lord continues His declaration and deals with Babylon the root marketer of idolatry. The earliest church leaders including Augustine seemed to say with enthusiasm: *Babylon is a former Rome, and Rome a later Babylon. Rome is a daughter of Babylon, and by her, as by her mother, God has subdued the world under one sway.* I guess Augustine never considered this chapter of Isaiah; or chapters 17 & 18 in the Revelation to John. These are prophetic chapters, not merely describing history 2500 years ago, but rather history yet being fulfilled.

The Lord said...

¹ Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon / remember this is an analogy; we are **not** learning about some unknown, faithless, whoring woman; we are actually learning about a govt populated with **men** – who probably claim they like women, and swear they elevate one to queen of heaven status. While their history reveals they may like to secretly rape women cloistered in their monasteries; they prefer to turn their pedophilia loose on unsuspecting children – mostly seducing and abusing males – you wonder if they even cross-dress in women's clothing. Do you think they might be in the news today?



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Come down and sit in the dust, **O virgin daughter of Babylon** / the Lord's first words are climb down out of your high chair.

sit without your throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! / I like Dr. Moffatt, he translated this verse:

Down with you, sit in the dust, O maiden Babylon! No throne for you, sit on the ground, lady Chaldea!

For you will no more be called tender and delicate / you're neither dainty nor delicate.

² Take the millstone and grind flour / do some real work:

now put off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, and wade through the rivers / why, did **she** stink?

³ Your nakedness will be uncovered, yes, your herpa / your disgrace; did **she** have herpes? Whatever she had...

it will be exposed:

I will retaliate, and will not meet you as a man / I will not deal with you as a gentleman. God is not coming to get to know this whore better; He's not coming to bleep around with her.

⁴ Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

⁵ Sit in silence / obviously, Babylon had done enough talking; God says, can you shut up?



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and go sit in the dark, **O daughter of the Chaldeans** / get lost, lady Chaldea:

for you will never again be called, **the mistress of kingdoms** / the queen of kingdoms.

6 I was angry with My people, I let My inheritance be defiled;

 **I gave them into your hand: but you showed them no mercy;**

on the oldest / the aged... **you made your yoke exceedingly heavy.**

7 You said, forever I will be a mistress / a lady, a queen: so she sounds like the Hollywood crowd: **so that you did not take these things to heart, or consider their outcome.**

8 So now hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sits carelessly / recklessly secure,

who says in your heart, I am, and there is no one beside me / they actually think they have usurped the position of God; Jesus said to His followers, *call no one father*, because *we have one Father and He is in heaven*;

What else do they say?

I will not sit as a widow, I will not know the loss of children / they swear they are married to someone -- but they are only married to their fanciful imagination; they have no children, they are pedophiles, and rapists; and all they have done is overdose on self-esteem – they are lovers of self rather than lovers of God:

9 But these two things will come on you in a moment, in one day:

[1] the loss of children and [2] widowhood: / Moses tells us that the Lord God is very concerned about the little children who love Him; and about those who have lost the love of their life, He seeks always to care and provide for them. This mystery Babylon, this faithless religious entity... is concerned about neither with the exception... to prey on them, to abuse them; to rip them off and rape them. Here we learn, the Lord God said: enough; there is a day coming when He sets the record straight.

And the Lord gives added warning:

they will come on you in full measure despite your many sorceries, and the great power of your enchantments / when asked about the end, Jesus said, see that no one deceives you. *Many will come in My name saying...* many things; and doing many things -- deceptive things; hocus pocus things – deadly things. Well the Babylonian deceivers; with their Herodian admirers have arrived by the bus full.

10 For you trusted in your wrongness / you leaned on your evildoing:

you said, No one sees me / they sound like a 2-year-old playing hide and seek in broad daylight.

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Your wisdom and your knowledge has perverted you;

and you have said in your heart,

I am, and there is no one beside me / she believes her oft repeated advertisements.

11 But, evil will come on you which you will not know how to charm away: and disaster will fall on you that you will not redress: and ruin which you do not know will come suddenly.

And notice the LORD does not call them to reconsider their ways; it is as if He knows... why delay their inevitable doom:

12 Stand fast in your enchantments and many sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth;

perhaps, you will be able to profit, perhaps you will prevail.

13 You are wearied with your many counsels / the Lord says: you're not looking good; you look a little haggard.

Let them stand and save you / let all your spells and many mystic wizardries and incense and empty pronouncements and prayer beads save you;

the astrologers, stargazers, and monthly prognosticators who know what things will come on you / the Lord says,

consult all your admirers and hocus pocus workers; at least one will be about 13% accurate... as to when that day will arrive.



When that day comes...all that manmade stuff along with all its peddlers... will be good to fuel the fire:

14 Behold, they are as stubble; the fire consumes them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame. No coal to keep warm, no fire to sit before.

15 Thus they will be to you with whom you have labored,

even your merchants / your traders, your wholesalers, your dealers, your suppliers, your brokers... your cronies, charlatans, swindlers, thieves and robbers; all those... with you from your youth:

they will wander about, each his own direction; and no one will save you.