

ISAIAH 47 vs 1

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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 Isaiah chapters 45, 46, 49, 51, & 52 we hear lots of talk about salvation and being saved by the Holy One of Israel, the Savior, leading up to the chapter that orthodox Jewish leaders still love to hide from the great people of Judah, from whom would come Messiah.**



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

This chapter 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.** Augustine did not consider this chapter of Isaiah; chapters in the Revelation to John. These are prophetic chapters, not merely describing history 2500 years ago, but history yet being fulfilled.

The Lord said...

¹ Come down and sit in the dirt, 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 will 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 sit without your throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! / the Lord's first words are climb down out of your high chair. But I like Dr. Moffatt's translation:

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Down with you, sit in the dirt, **O maiden Babylon!** No throne for you, sit on the ground, lady Chaldea! For you will no longer be called dainty and delicate.

²Take 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?




³Your nakedness will be uncovered, yes, your **herpa** it will be exposed: I will retaliate, and will **not** meet you as a man / you are a disgrace; did **she** have herpes? Whatever she had, I will not deal with you as a gentleman. God is not coming to get to know this whore better.

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

⁵Sit in silence and go sit in the dark, **O daughter of the Chaldeans** for you will never again be called, the mistress of kingdoms / Babylon had done enough talking; and God says, can you shut up? get lost, lady Chaldea; you queen of kingdoms.



 ⁶I 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 so that **you** did not take these things to heart, or consider their outcome / a lady, a queen: she sounds like the Hollywood crowd:

⁸ So now hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sits carelessly who says in your heart, I am, and there is no one beside me, I will not sit as a widow, I will not know the loss of children / recklessly secure 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? / they swear they are married to someone -- but only married in their fanciful imagination; pedophiles have no children, they are rapists; who have overdosed on self-esteem – 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 the Lord is concerned about two groups: the little children who love Him; and those who have lost the love of their life, He always cares to provide for them. This mystery Babylon, this faithless religious relic... is concerned about neither except to prey on and abuse them. So the Lord God said: enough; there is a day coming when He sets the record straight.

they will come on you in full measure despite your demon inspired sorceries, and the great power of your hocus pocus / 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 Babylon deceivers; with their Herodian admirers have arrived by the bus full.

¹⁰ For you trusted in your wrongness you said, No one sees me / you leaned on your evildoing; they sound like 2-year-olds playing hide and seek in broad daylight.

Your wisdom and your knowledge has perverted you; and like a fool you said in your heart, I am, and there is no one beside me / what the father of lies would say; she seeks to pilfer the declarations of Almighty God.

Babylon

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.

Notice the LORD does not call them to reconsider their ways; as if He knows why delay the inevitable doom:

Babylon

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12 Take your stand in your spells and many sorceries – your demon inspired hocus pocus, with which you have labored from your youth; maybe, you will be able to profit, maybe you will prevail.



13 You are wearied with your many counsels Let them stand and save you; the astrologers, stargazers, and monthly prognosticators who know what things will come on you / all fit for the garbage dump; the Lord says: you're not looking good; you look a little haggard; let your spells and mystic wizardries and incense, and empty decrees, and prayer beads save you; consult all your admirers and hocus pocus workers; at least one will be about 13% accurate when that day arrives.

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 become to you with whom you have labored, even your merchants whom you trafficked with from your youth: they will wander about, each his own direction; and no one will save you.

/ your traders, your wholesalers, your dealers and suppliers; your brokers... your cronies, charlatans, swindlers, thieves and robbers; none will save you.