

Isaiah 47:1-15 **Judgment Against Babylon**

Call to Judgment

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2 Take the millstones and grind meal. Remove your veil, Take off the skirt, Uncover the thigh, Pass through the rivers.

3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, Yes, your shame will be seen; I will take vengeance, And I will not arbitrate (negotiate) with a man."

Redeemer of Israel

4 As for our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel.

Case against Babylon

5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; For you shall no longer be called The Lady of Kingdoms.

6 I was angry with My people; I have profaned My inheritance, And given them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; On the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily.

7 And you said, 'I shall be a lady forever,' So that you did not take these things to heart, Nor remember the latter end of them.

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8 "Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, Who dwell securely, Who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of children';

9 But these two things shall come to you In a moment, in one day: The loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness Because of the multitude of your sorceries, For the great abundance of your enchantments.

10 "For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, 'No one sees me'; Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; And you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.'

11 Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, Which you shall not know.

God's challenge and Judgment against Babylon

12 "Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries, In which you have labored from your youth — Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.

13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!

15 Thus shall they be to you With whom you have labored, Your merchants from your youth; They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ When God judges a people there is no place for anyone to attempt to sway the outcome.

✧ God knows the total truth and will reveal it fully including all secrets thought to be hidden or covered. [Matthew 10:26, Mark 4:22, Luke 8:17, 12:2-3]

✧ Judgment will be totally just and accurate, and will include God's vengeance against evil.

✧ At the Judgment there will be no lawyers because God is sovereign and does not negotiate with man.

Redeemer of Israel

✧ As for our Redeemer, Yahweh Tsebvata (the Lord of hosts) is His name, The Holy One of Israel. [Isaiah 47:4]

✧ Israel is looking to Yahweh, also known as The Holy One of Israel, for redemption.

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✧ The reason Babylon is called into judgment is; because when Yahweh punished Judea for their sins He delivered them into the hand of the Babylonians who carried them out of their own country and showed them no mercy laying oppressively cruel burdens on the elderly.

✧ In arrogant pride the Babylonians exalted themselves thinking their power to conquer them was of their own doing.

✧ They failed to consider that they were simply a tool in the hand of Yahweh to punish Judea for their sins.

✧ They also failed to realize that in the end they themselves will fall under the judgment of God.

✧ It is very easy for people to give themselves credit for something God has done through them.

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- ✧ The judgment is against those who;
 1. are given to pleasure – being focused on selfish pursuits.
 2. dwell securely – satisfied with their own power to defend themselves.
 3. have over-inflated ego and high self esteem by which they puffed themselves up to the point they feel superior to all else and totally self sufficient based on their history of conquests.
 4. are confident that nothing can destroy their holdings or their children.
- ✧ Yahweh informed them that in a moment Babylon will suffer the loss of becoming a widow and loss of her children.
- ✧ More reasons for judgment – Because;
 1. of their witchcraft, sorceries, and enchantments.
 2. They are Trusting in their own wickedness thinking no one knows about it.
 3. They have said in their heart – **"I am, and there is no one else besides me."** That places themselves in their own minds in the place of God Most High.
- ✧ That is the reason for God to send evil upon them like He did with the nations of Israel for their sins.
- ✧ When Yahweh sends His judgment upon the Babylonians, they will not know where it comes from. They will not be able to stop the troubles they face.
- ✧ Desolation will come upon them suddenly and they will not see it coming.

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- ✧ Yahweh challenged all forms of witchcraft to demonstrate their ability to benefit anyone. Specifically; enchantments, sorceries, astrologers, stargazers, monthly prognosticators (fortune tellers, false prophets).
- ✧ None of them can stand on the day of Judgment by Almighty God.
- ✧ All of these were called an abomination by The Lord and were commanded to be purged from the land Israel was to possess. [\[Deuteronomy 10:9-14\]](#)
- ✧ Their destiny is the fires of Hell and the Lake of Fire. [\[Malachi 3:5, Revelation 21:8, 22:15\]](#)
- ✧ Each one will go to his own place of torment and no one shall save them.

- ✧ This is a warning against the practice of the Chaldeans as was done in Babylon and against their influence on the Children of Israel. It is equally applicable today.
- ✧ Many were becoming wealthy by such practices for reward.