



Living Passionately for God's Glory  
Isaiah 47 - God, Our Redeemer



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## Isaiah 47:1-2

1 Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of  
Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne,

O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called  
tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones and grind flour, put off your veil, strip off  
your robe, uncover your legs, pass through the rivers.



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## Isaiah 47:3

3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, and your disgrace shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no one.



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- Why is the Lord saying this to Babylon?
  - Look back to Isaiah 46:13
    - I bring near my righteousness it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.
  - Israel is a reflection of God
  - Babylon is offending His glory



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- There is no hope for Israel unless Babylon's rule is ended.
  - Unless the Lord moves, there is no hope.
  - Sound familiar?
- What is the Babylon in your life?



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- The Lord refers to Babylon as a virgin daughter
  - This does not indicate purity
  - they have never been conquered or ruled by another nation
  - Life of ease
- The Lord very clearly commands them to get off the throne they are sitting on.



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- They are sentenced to hard labor, only fit for the lowest of slaves - the life of ease is over.
- They will be stripped and their nakedness will be shown.
  - money, status, power, influence, dominance, etc. have the tendency to serve as a veil to cover the flaws.
  - The Lord will strip all of these away



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- The Lord's power makes Babylon look like a skinny, scared little girl sitting in a pile of dust.
  - No matter how daunting the enemy that we face in this life, the Lord is never intimidated.
  - The Lord sees things for what they really are, and He sees how His purpose will prevail even in the worst of circumstances.





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Isaiah 47:4

4 Our Redeemer

—the LORD of hosts is his name—  
is the Holy One of Israel.



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- Israel is to take heart!
- We must as well.
- Redeemer -  $\text{לִנְצֹל}$ 
  - Literally translated as ‘kinsman redeemer’
  - Someone who rescues their kin from potentially life threatening circumstances - a savior
  - Boaz and Ruth



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- The Lord is called לַאֲדָוָה
- This gives Israel a three-fold reminder about nature of The Lord as a kinsman redeemer:
  - MUST redeem
  - ABLE to Redeem
  - Redeems as a Father



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- The Lord must redeem
  - Adam and Eve
  - Revelation - Final destruction of Satan, sin, and death
  - Here, His children are experiencing great distress and are going to be destroyed.
  - He cannot allow evil to go unpunished



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- The Lord is able to redeem
  - No other nation had been able to conquer this great nation, but the Lord promised that He had the means.
  - His power dwarfed Babylon's



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- The Lord Is a Father
  - He redeems His children!
  - He has a vested interest
  - He will protect them with everything that He has got.



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- Christian
  - He **MUST** act when injustices are committed against His family.
    - He **WILL** act - Romans 12:19



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- Christian
  - He is ABLE to act when injustices are committed against His family.
    - He has the power to overcome anything we face - Ephesians 3:20-21





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- Christian
  - He is your Father
    - There is nothing that will keep you away from HIM - Romans 8:38-39



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## Isaiah 47:5-6

5 Sit in silence, and go into darkness,

O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called  
the mistress of kingdoms.

6 I was angry with my people; I profaned my heritage; I  
gave them into your hand; you showed them no mercy; on  
the aged you made your yoke exceedingly heavy.



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- Israel's captivity and position as slaves in Babylon is a result of their own rebellion
- How have we landed ourselves into similar circumstances?
  - God disciplines His children
    - But this is good!
    - If we are disciplined, then we are loved.



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- God places us under discipline - we don't simply stumble into it.
  - If He placed them there, He also has the remedy to end it.
  - This brings hope - discipline will not go on needlessly
  - There is an end-goal in mind - Hebrews 12:11



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## Isaiah 47:7-8

7 You said, “I shall be mistress forever,” so that you did not lay these things to heart or remember their end.

8 Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me; I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children”



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- Babylon is deluded
  - Anyone who believes that earthly things will endure forever is deluded.
  - Christian - do not get complacent
    - Tragedy will come
    - Pain will kick in your front door
    - Hurt will prevail over you at some point
    - God has not forgotten us



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- They “did not remember their end” - v. 6
  - Israel’s end was not to be found under tyrannical Babylonian rule
- Our enemy does not remember our end.
  - Christian - you are unable to be plucked from the hand of the Lord.
  - Do you remember your end or do you partner with the one who holds you captive?



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## Isaiah 47:9-10

9 These two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day; the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments.

10 You felt secure in your wickedness, you said, “No one sees me”; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me.”





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## Isaiah 47:11

11 But evil shall come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, for which you will not be able to atone; and ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing.



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- Nothing can stay the righteous hand of God.
- Anyone that sets themselves so objectively against the Lord secures their own ruin.
  - Clear lines between God's discipline and wrath
    - Acting on Israel to restore them
    - Acting on Babylon to destroy them



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## Isaiah 47:12

12 Stand fast in your enchantments and your many sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you may be able to succeed; perhaps you may inspire terror.



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## Isaiah 47:13

13 You are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the new moons make known what shall come upon you.



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## Isaiah 47:14

14 Behold, they are like stubble; the fire consumes them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame. No coal for warming oneself is this, no fire to sit before!



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## Isaiah 47:15

15 Such to you are those with whom you have labored,  
who have done business with you from your youth; they  
wander about each in his own direction; there is no one  
to save you



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- Babylon and those like her are nothing more than kindling for a fire
  - Burning them doesn't even produce enough heat to warm oneself by.
- Let us gain the perspective of the Lord - His enemies are nothing but skinny scared little girls.
  - They will be dethroned
  - You **WILL** have freedom

