

Isaiah 47

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The Fall of Babylon

- ¹ Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.
- ² Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.
- ³ Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.
- ⁴ As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.
- ⁵ Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.
- ⁶ I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.
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- ⁷ And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.
- ⁸ Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

9 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

Redeem — גָּאַל (Gaal)

To redeem, act as kinsman-redeemer

The Hebrew **gaal** (גָּאַל) means to redeem or act as kinsman-redeemer (go'el)—buying back family property or relatives. It foreshadows Christ redeeming His people through His blood.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

CROSS REFERENCES

Isaiah 47:1 **References Babylon:** Psalms 137:8; Jeremiah 50:42; 51:33; Zechariah 2:7.

Parallel theme: Isaiah 3:26; 37:22; Psalms 18:27; Jeremiah 46:11; 48:18; Revelation 18:7

Isaiah 47:2 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 20:4; Exodus 11:5; Judges 16:21; Job 31:10; Matthew 24:41; Luke 17:35

Isaiah 47:3 **Parallel theme:** Nahum 3:5

Isaiah 47:4 **Redemption:** Isaiah 41:14; 43:14; 44:6; 49:26

Isaiah 47:5 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 47:7; Habakkuk 2:20

Isaiah 47:6

Parallel theme: Isaiah 10:6; 13:16; 14:17; Deuteronomy 28:50; 2 Chronicles 28:9; Psalms 69:26; Obadiah 1:10; 1:16; Zechariah 1:15. **Grace:** James 2:13

Isaiah 47:7 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 47:5; Deuteronomy 32:29; Jeremiah 5:31

Isaiah 47:8 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 32:9; 45:6; 47:10; Jeremiah 50:11; Zephaniah 2:15

Isaiah 47:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 73:19; Nahum 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:3

Isaiah 47:10 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 5:21; 29:15; 44:20; Jeremiah 23:24; Ezekiel 8:12; 9:9; Romans 1:22; 1 Corinthians 3:19. **Faith:** Isaiah 59:4; Psalms 52:7

Isaiah 47:11 **Parallel theme:** Luke 12:59; 1 Thessalonians 5:3; Revelation 3:3

Isaiah 47:12 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 2:28; Nahum 3:4

Isaiah 47:13 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 44:25; 57:10; Jeremiah 51:58; Ezekiel 24:12

Isaiah 47:14 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 10:17; 41:2; Ezekiel 15:7; Nahum 1:10; Malachi 4:1; Matthew 10:28

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