

# Isaiah 47:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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The judgment 'these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day' emphasizes sudden, comprehensive destruction despite Babylon's confidence. The 'loss of children, and widowhood' reverses her boasted immunity (v. 8). The condemnation extends to 'multitude of sorceries' and 'enchantments,' demonstrating that occult practices cannot avert God's judgment. All forms of divination are rebellion seeking knowledge God has forbidden.

## Historical Context

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Babylon was the ancient world's center of astrology, divination, and magical arts. The 'Chaldeans' became synonymous with astrologers. Despite this concentrated occult power, Babylon fell suddenly to Cyrus's night attack.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. What modern 'sorceries' (astrology, new age, etc.) do people trust instead of God's revealed will?
2. How does the suddenness of Babylon's fall warn you to be ready for Christ's return?

## Interlinear Text

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בַּיּוֹם  
בְּאֹת  
לְבָתָר  
שְׁתִּי  
אַלְהָה  
כְּגֹעַ  
בְּעַת  
בְּיּוֹם

they shall come H935      But these two H8147      to thee in a moment H7281      day H3117

אַלְמָן  
שְׁכָל  
בְּאַת  
כְּתַפְּמָם

in one H259      the loss of children H7908      and widowhood H489      upon thee in their perfection H8537

בְּעָצָם  
בְּעַל  
בְּרַב  
פְּשָׁפֵר  
כְּתַפְּמָם

they shall come H935      for the multitude H5921      of thy sorceries H3785      abundance H6109

מְאַד  
סְבִבָּר  
מְאַד  
סְבִבָּר

of thine enchantments H2267      and for the great H3966

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 73:19** (Parallel theme): How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

**Nahum 3:4** (Parallel theme): Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

**1 Thessalonians 5:3** (Parallel theme): For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

