



LESSON 16

ISAIAH 46-47

1. How did your encounter with the "like no other" Maker impact your thoughts and attitudes this week?
2. Please pray before you read through **Isaiah 46** and **47**, which address the Fall of Babylon and its various gods. For background, read **Daniel 5:17-31**, the account of Daniel's interactions with King Belshazzar of Babylon. What do you notice about how the king of Babylon lived his life?
3. From **Isaiah 46:1-7**, what is true about idols and their ability to help the idol-worshipping nations? In contrast, what is true about God and His ability to bear the burdens and deliver His people?
4. a) In **v8-13**, what does Isaiah call the people to remember about their God and His plans for Israel?

b) As you recall who God is and His plans for His people from these verses, how are you influenced or corrected as you consider those overwhelming situations or the unknowns of your future?

5. How is Babylon pictured in **Isaiah 47:1-3** and why did God judge Babylon according to **V4-7**?

6. *Challenge:* How does God describe Himself and His people in **Ch. 47:4, 6**. Unlike Babylon, Israel depends on the Redeemer to purchase His people out of slavery. How is Jesus as Redeemer the fulfillment of the promise to Israel *and* the nations? See **Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 9:15**.

7. In the following verses from **Isaiah 47**, what is the basis for God's judgment on Babylon?

- **V8-9**

- **V10-11**

8. a) What challenge does Isaiah issue and to whom is it directed in **V12-15**?

b) In your opinion, why are so many people in the modern world, as in the times of the Babylonians, drawn to consult astrologers, psychics, and others who make predictions rather than to God whom we know through Scripture?

9. Write a timeless truth about God as revealed in His relationship with Israel and His interactions with Babylon.

10. Reflecting on who God is: **Sustainer (El Yism'kheyni)**

In our passage this week, we read **"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you," Isaiah 46:4.** What heavy burdens are you casting on the **Sustainer** today? How will you further rely upon Him to sustain your life and rescue you? Journal your answers below.

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PRAYER REQUEST