

Who Made You God?

Isaiah 47

God's judgment on the proud

A. The Results of the Predicted Overthrow of Babylon (Isaiah 47:1-5)

1. Glory removed (47:1-4)

a. No throne (v 1)

b. Work like a peasant (v 2)

c. Nakedness and shame (vv 3-4)

2. Silence and darkness (47:5)

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B. The Reasons for the Predicted Overthrow of Babylon (Isaiah 47:6-10)

1. Oppression of Captive Israel (47:6)

2. Ignoring the True God (47:7)

3. Making themselves god (47:8)

4. Pride and Wickedness (47:9-10)

Results: Loss of children and widowhood

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C. The Resistance to the Predicted Overthrow of Babylon (Isaiah 47:11-15)

- 1. Futile because it will catch you by surprise (47:11)**
- 2. Futile because you are trusting in false gods
(47:12-13)**
- 3. Futile because you are dealing with God's judgment
(47:14)**
- 4. Futile because the judgment is universal and there is
no man-made savior (47:15)**

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Isaiah 48

God is more interested in right actions instead of right words

I. The Problem With Israel's Faith Was Hypocrisy (Isaiah 48:1-8)

A. The root of their hypocrisy (48:1-2)

Isaiah 48:1-2

1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name.

Not What You Say But What You Believe

Matthew 15:18

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

I. The Problem With Israel's Faith Was Hypocrisy (Isaiah 48:1-8)

B. The results of their hypocrisy (48:3-8)

1. Stubbornness (vv 3-4)

Isaiah 48:3-4

**3 I have declared the former things from the beginning;
and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them;
I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.**

**4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is
an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;**

God does what He says

I. The Problem With Israel's Faith Was Hypocrisy (Isaiah 48:1-8)

B. The results of their hypocrisy (48:3-8) - continued

2. Idolatry (v 5)

Isaiah 48:5

I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

I. The Problem With Israel's Faith Was Hypocrisy (Isaiah 48:1-8)

B. The results of their hypocrisy (48:3-8) - continued

3. Ignorance of God's master plan (vv 6-8)

Isaiah 48:6-8

6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

II. The Power of God's Love (Isaiah 48:9-11)

A. Mercy (48:9)

Isaiah 48:9

For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

B. Patience (48:10-11)

Isaiah 48:10-11

10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

III. The Plan For God's People (Isaiah 48:12-17)

A. Hearken (48:12-14a)

Isaiah 48:12-14a

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things?....

III. The Plan For God's People (Isaiah 48:12-17)

B. Wait on the Lord (48:14b-15)

Isaiah 48:14b-15

...The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

15 I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

III. The Plan For God's People (Isaiah 48:12-17)

C. Come close to God (48:16)

Isaiah 48:16

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

D. Learn of God's ways (48:17)

Isaiah 48:17

Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

IV. The Promises Offered to God's People (Isaiah 48:18-21)

Isaiah 48:18-21

18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

IV. The Promises Offered to God's People (Isaiah 48:18-21)

- A. Peace (48:18)**
- B. Righteousness (48:18)**
- C. Multiplication (48:19)**
- D. An eternal testimony (48:19)**
- E. Freedom (48:20)**
- F. Praise (48:20)**
- G. Redemption (48:21)**
- H. Satisfaction (48:21)**

V. The Promise to the Wicked (Isaiah 48:22)

Isaiah 48:22

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

**Be True To God
And
To Yourself**