

**That They May Know That I Am The Lord
A Certain Glory In Judgment
Isaiah 47**

- I. The Breach of the “Virgin Daughter” (1-4)
 - A. “Virgin daughter”
 - 1. When used of a city, it refers to a place that has never been breached
 - 2. Babylon, at least in the memory of the time, was an undefeated empire
 - B. Following the poetic imagery
 - 1. “Sit on the ground without a throne” – no king
 - 2. Millstone, skirt, cross the river, shame exposed – Slave women when traveling with a group were not lifted across shallow waters for crossing. They had to remove their skirts and expose themselves to wade across the rivers.
 - 3. Will not spare a man – God’s overthrow will be full and complete
 - C. Who does this?
 - 1. Redeemer
 - 2. Lord of “hosts” (or armies)
 - 3. Holy One of Israel
- II. The Darkness of the “Daughter” (5-7)
 - A. The nation will lose status and authority
 - B. Why?
 - 1. A lack of mercy (cf. James 2:13)
 - 2. Excessive pride
- III. The Ruin of the “Sensual One” (8-11)
 - A. The nation will be no more

- B. Babylon’s boast – “I am, and there is no one besides me” (x2)
 - 1. Only God can speak of Himself this way
 - 2. Yet, this was Babylon’s self-deception
- C. “Widowhood” and “Loss of children”
 - 1. Could be literal
 - 2. Also poetic – widowhood for a nation means there is no King
 - 3. A loss of children for a nation means there are no more citizens of the kingdom
- D. The certainty of the downfall
 - 1. Evil – which you cannot charm away
 - 2. Disaster – for which you cannot atone
 - 3. Destruction – which will come on you suddenly
- IV. The Global and Eternal Significance Of Babylon’s Fall (12-15)
 - A. Continue to trust your lies – they will not save you
 - B. There will be no benefit from the consuming fire
 - C. Even your merchant friends will not be able to save you
 - D. See also – Revelation 18, especially verse 11-19
 - E. Seeing Jesus in all of this