

Series: Isaiah 40-66
Lesson: Isaiah 46-47 - Babylon Does Not Work
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Theme: The God of hope and history sends a servant.

- A. Isaiah 46 shows the emptiness of Babylonian theology.
Isaiah 47 shows the emptiness of Babylonian politics.
- B. The 2 chapters are directed to the Israelites who seem taken with Babylonian culture.
- C. Chapter 46
 - a. In the box below, list as many contrasts between the Babylonian idols and Israel’s God as you can find in chapter 46.

Idols	God

- b. Isaiah calls Israel: “you transgressors” (v. 8) and “you stubborn of heart” (v. 12). What is their sin, and how have they been stubborn?
 - c. While Israel continues to resist, God continues to make plans to save them.

- D. Chapter 47 (use the back of this sheet for the next 3 questions if necessary)
- a. Vs. 1-7 describe the fall of Babylon. What word pictures are used to describe this change?
 - b. Vs. 8-15 describe a breach in security. Name at least 4 qualities of Babylon that God removes.
 - c. Looking at Chapters 46 & 47 what do you think is Israel's primary problem? Does this exist today?