

THE LORD WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL HIS PURPOSES (46:8-13)

The LORD ⁸ Remember this and stand firm;
take it to heart, O transgressors.
⁹ Remember the former things of old,
for I am God, and there is no other God,
and there is none like Me.
¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,
and from ancient times, that which has not been done.
Saying, “My counsel will stand,
and I will do that which I desire.”
¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east,
a man of My counsel from a far country.
Indeed, I have spoken, I will bring it to pass:
As I have purposed, indeed, I will do it.
¹² Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart,
you who are far from righteousness.
¹³ I bring My righteousness near;
it is not far off.
And My salvation will not delay.
I will give salvation in Zion, My glory to Israel.

BABYLON WILL BE DESTROYED (47:1-15)

The LORD **47** Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin¹⁵⁷ daughter
of Babylon;
sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans,
for they will no longer call you “tender” and “delicate.”
² Take the millstones
and grind flour.
Take off your veil,
strip off your robe,
uncover your leg, cross the rivers.
³ Your nakedness will be uncovered;
also, your shame will be seen.
I will take vengeance,
and I will spare no human.

157. Many terms present Babylon as feminine: “virgin” (47:1; is the Lord mocking Babylon

Isaiah ⁴Our Redeemer—the LORD of Hosts is His name—
the Holy One of Israel.

The LORD ⁵Sit in silence
and go in darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
for you will no more be called

Unnamed individuals “The Mistress of Kingdoms.”

The LORD ⁶I was angry with My people;
I profaned My inheritance,
and I gave them into your hand.
You showed them no mercy.
You made your yoke exceedingly heavy on the aged.

⁷And you said,

Babylon “I will be a mistress forever.”

The LORD You did not lay these things to heart
or remember the end.

⁸And now listen, you lover of pleasures
who sits securely,
who says in her heart:

Babylon “I am,
and there is no one besides me.

I will not dwell as a widow
or know the loss of children.”

The LORD ⁹These two things will come to you in a moment,
in one day—

the loss of children
and widowhood.

They will come upon you in full measure,
despite your many sorceries
and the power of your great spells.

¹⁰You have trusted in your wickedness;
you said,

with this term?), “daughter” (47:1, 5), “tender and delicate” (47:1), “veil” (47:2), “mistress” (47:5, 7), and “widow” (47:8–9). Additionally, the Hebrew also uses several feminine verbs that are lost in the English translation.

Babylon “No one sees me.”

The LORD Your wisdom and your knowledge have led you astray,
and in your heart, you said:

Babylon “I am,
and there is no one besides me.”

The LORD ¹¹ But evil will come upon you;
you will not know its dawn.

And disaster will fall upon you;
you will not be able to make atonement for it,
and catastrophe of which you know nothing
will come upon you suddenly.

¹² Now stand fast in your enchantments
and your many sorceries with which you have labored since
your youth.

Perhaps you may be able to profit;
perhaps you may inspire terror.

¹³ You are worn out because of your many advisors.

Let them stand up and save you,

those who divide the heavens,

who gaze at the stars,

who announce month by month what is about to happen to
you.

¹⁴ Behold, they are like stubble; fire consumes them.

They cannot deliver their souls from the power of the flame.

There is no coal for warming oneself,

no light to sit before.

¹⁵ That is all they can do for you—these you have labored with
and merchandised with since your youth.

They wander, each in his own direction.

There is no one to save you.

THE LORD DEALS WITH A STUBBORN COVENANT PEOPLE
(48:1-16)

Isaiah **48** [Hearken and]¹⁵⁸
hear this,

158. Bracketed items in verses 1–16 set forth the variant readings in 1 Nephi 20:1–16.