

Mount Zion A.M.E. Church of New Brunswick, NJ

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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God Foretells Destruction

Isaiah
47:10-15

Section Review

Partners in a New Creation

- **June: God Delivers and Restores**
Isaiah
- **July: The Word: The Agent of Creation**
Gospel of John
- **August: The Great Hope of the Saints**
Book of Revelation

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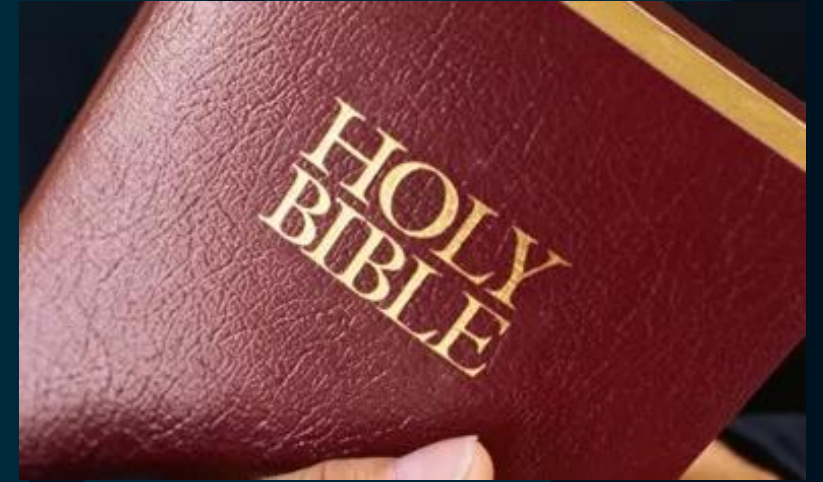
Background

- The Babylonians were raised by God to punish His people for their idolatry and wickedness (**Isaiah 47:6**)
- The Babylonians relied heavily on astrology and dark magic for their decision making and often harsh abuse of their conquered adversaries (**Isaiah 47:6**)
- Sorcery, witchcraft, fortunetelling and other magic arts were forbidden by God for the Israelites (**Deuteronomy 18:9-13**)

Lesson Text

ISAIAH 47:10 (NKJV)

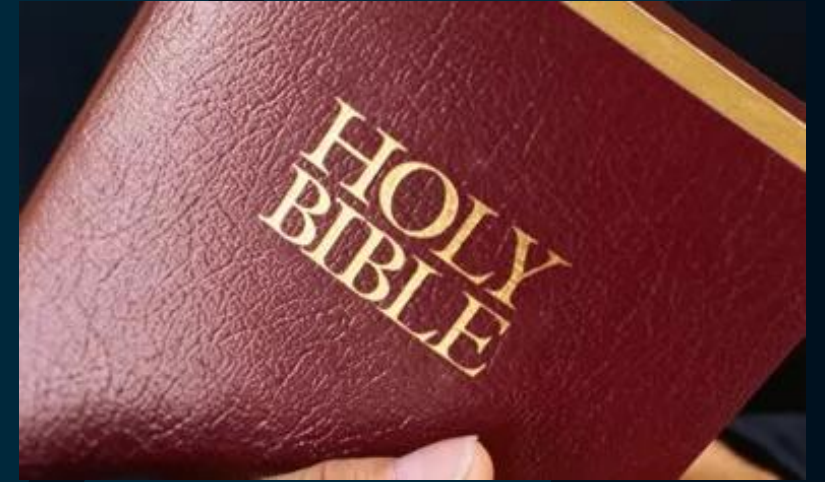
¹⁰ “For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, ‘No one sees me’; Your wisdom and your knowledge have [a]warped you; And you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.’”



Lesson Text

ISAIAH 47:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able ^[b]to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, Which you shall not know.



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ISAIAH 47:12 (NKJV)

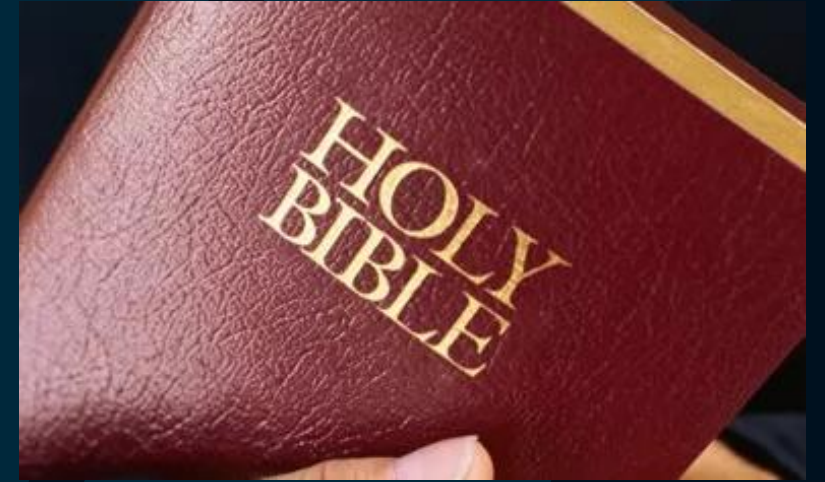
¹² “Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries, In which you have labored from your youth—Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.



Lesson Text

ISAIAH 47:13 (NKJV)

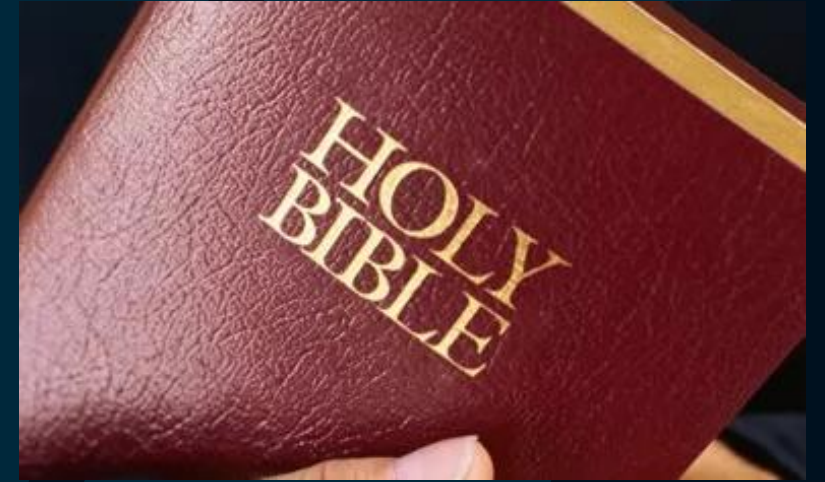
¹³ You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the^[c] astrologers, the stargazers, and ^[d]the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you.



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ISAIAH 47:14 (NKJV)

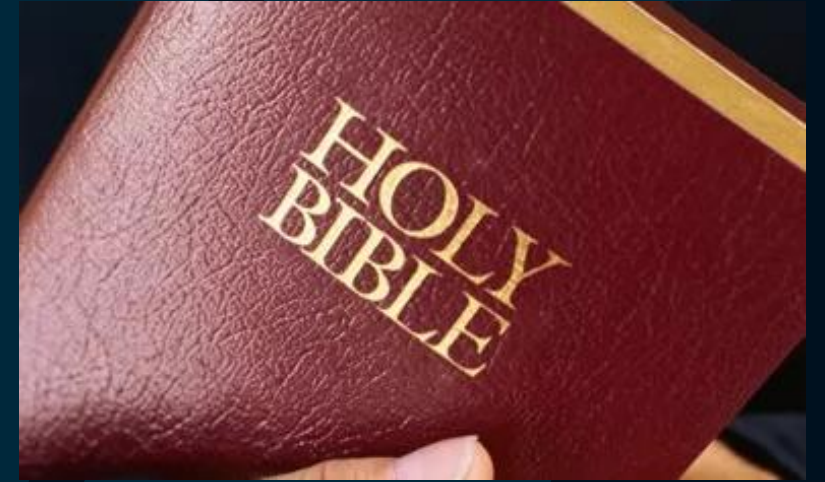
¹⁴ Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, nor a fire to sit before!



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ISAIAH 47:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Thus shall they be to you with whom you have labored, Your merchants from your youth; They shall wander each one to his ^[e]quarter. No one shall save you.



Commentary: Same as yesterday



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Commentary: In whom do you trust

- Man has relied on the stars(astrology, zodiac) , magicians, fortunetellers and other agents to predict their futures to make present decisions – sometimes with confirming results
- Reliance on these agents and philosophies cannot answer life's toughest questions, nor bring true joy and security to the practitioner or fosters' a personal relationship with God
- Babylon's pride and trust in their ways ultimately led to their destruction.
- Their successors (The Medo-Persians) were not true worshippers of the God of Israel, but they did understand their purpose and submitted to His will

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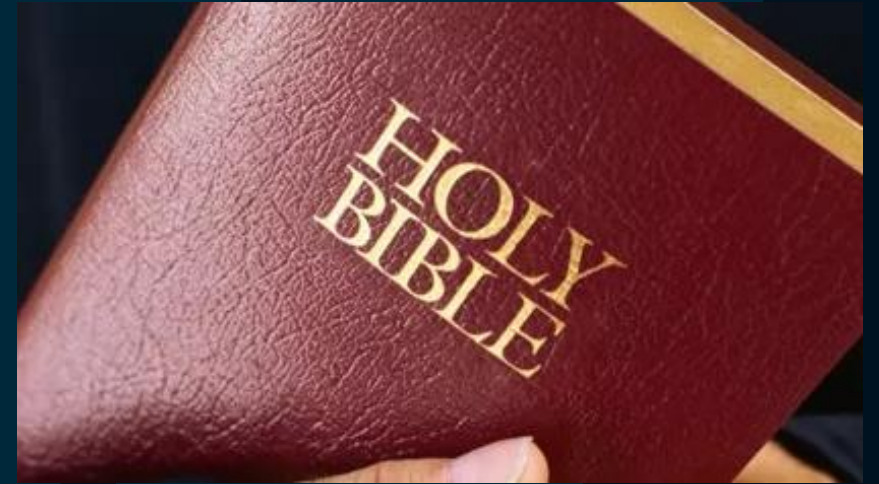
- Ultimately, God's desire is for us to place our trust in Him – the creator and not in the created.
- Will we trust God to direct our paths? (**Proverbs 3:5-6**)
- Will remain faithful to God when things do not go well for us and trust that he will someday deliver us from our affliction? (**Job 13:15**)

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Scripture References



Isaiah 44:6-23

False Idols

Church School Creed & Benediction

CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a **Christian**
Every Christian a **worker**
Every worker **trained**
A worker that **will not be ashamed**
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

BENEDICTION

We have come
We have studied
We have learned
So until our next coming together
To study God's word
May His rich blessings reside with you
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN