### Isaiah

## Chapter 47

1‘Now, get down and sit on the ground  
 You virgin daughter of Babylon!  
 Yes, you should sit on the ground,  
 O virgin daughter of Chaldea;  
 For, you won’t always [sit on] a throne…  
 ‘Delicate and soft,’ you won’t always be called.  
  
 2‘Rather, get a millstone and start grinding flour…  
 Remove the veil from your face,  
 Then expose your gray hairs and uncover your legs!  
 For, that’s what you’ll do when you’re crossing your rivers,  
 3And showing everyone your shame and your scorn.  
  
 ‘I’ll remove My righteous from among you,  
 And no more will I hand My people to you.  
 4For their Savior’s Name is Jehovah of Armies…  
 IsraEl’s Most Holy One!  
  
 5‘So sit down and then be stabbed through…  
 Yes, enter the darkness, O daughter of Chaldea!  
 For you’ll be called a mighty kingdom no more!  
  
 6‘Because My inheritance provoked Me,  
 I allowed you to dirty My people  
 And I gave them into your hands…  
 But you showed no mercy upon them.  
  
 ‘For, you then oppressed their old men  
 And made them work hard under yokes.  
 7Then you said:  
  
 ‘Throughout ages, I’ll rule them.’  
  
 ‘Yet, in your hearts, you had failed  
 To understand why this all came to be  
 And how this situation will end.  
  
 8‘Hear [what I’m saying], O delicate one…  
 Yes, you who are now sitting [so proudly]…  
 The one who so easily yields…  
 The one who says in her heart:  
  
 ‘I am, and there are no others [like me],  
 So I’ll never sit as a widow  
 And I will never know sorrow!’  
  
 9‘But, these two things will happen to you  
 Suddenly and in just one day:  
  
 • You will be childless and widowed  
 • And they’ll instantly come upon you...  
  
 Despite your sorcery and enchantments.  
  
 10‘For you’ve trusted in your own wicked ways,  
 And you said, ‘I am…  
 And other than me, there are none!’  
 But, you should know and understand this:  
 Your whoring will soon bring you shame,  
 Because you said [these words] in your heart:  
 ‘I am… And other than me, there are none!’  
  
 11‘So, instant destruction will come upon you,  
 And into a cesspool, you’ll fall,  
 Where you’ll know misery and never get clean.  
 Yes, sudden destruction will happen;  
 And you’ll not be aware until it arrives!  
  
 12‘Now, stand there in your enchantments  
 And in the witchcraft you’ve learned since your youth.  
 Then, see if it does any good…  
 13For your magic words have grown tired.  
  
 ‘So, let your astrologers who gaze at the skies  
 (Those who examine the stars)  
 Now arise and announce what’s coming to you!  
  
 14‘{Look!} Like torches of sticks, your people will burn…  
 No way will they save their lives from the flames.  
 Then, you’ll be forced to sit on the coals  
 15Of those who looked to you for their aid.  
  
 ‘For you’ve worn yourself out with the traffic of youth,  
 And now that the men have all wandered away,  
 No one will be there to save you!’