

## **A Study of the Prophets**

### **O.T. Survey Lesson 131--Isaiah 46:1-48:22**

**Introduction:** The first eight chapters of the second division of Isaiah emphasize God's greatness as demonstrated in various ways. In chapters 46-48 God's greatness is seen in the judgment of Babylon (46-47) and in the redemption of Judah from Babylon (48).

**Lesson aim:** To appreciate God's grace in delivering Israel in spite of their many sins.

#### **God contrasted with the gods of Babylon-- Isaiah 46:1-13**

1. What two Babylonian gods does Isaiah mention in v. 1-2? What did God say about these gods?
2. How does the true God differ from the false gods who have to be carried? (v. 3-4)
3. How does Isaiah once again demonstrate the folly of idolatry? (v. 5-7)
4. What does God claim He is able to do? (v. 8-10) Who is the "bird of prey from the east"? (v. 11)
5. How does God's righteousness differ from Israel's righteousness? (v. 12-13) What did God say His righteousness would cause Him to do?

#### **God pronounces judgment upon Babylon--Isaiah 47:1-15**

1. What does God command Babylon to do in the v. 1-6? Why had Babylon been allowed to conquer Israel? (v. 6) Did Babylon think she would ever be destroyed? (v. 7)
2. What had Babylon said about herself? (v. 8) What two things did God say would come upon her in one day? (v. 9) Would Babylon be able to ward off these evils by her sorcery or charms?

3. Who does God say would be unable to help Babylon in her day of destruction? (v. 13, 15)

**God assures Israel of redemption--Isaiah  
48:1-22**

1. What was Israel's relationship with the Lord? (v. 1-2)
2. Why had God declared His doing to Israel before the fact? (v. 3-5)
3. What did God purpose to proclaim to Israel? (v. 6)
4. Why did God choose to delay His wrath in destroying Israel? (v. 9-10)
5. What does God affirm about himself in v. 12-16?
6. What did God say Israel could have been if they had only paid attention to His word?
7. What does God urge Israel to do in v. 20-21?
8. "There is no \_\_\_\_\_ for the wicked" (v. 22).