

BIBLE TRANSLATION

ISAIAH 47

Come and sit on the ground in your shame, Babylon. You who regard yourself as an respectable woman, sit on the ground and in the dust. There is no throne for you.

Once you regarded yourself as the mistress of all nations but now you are a slave. Take the millstones and grind meal. Do those things that are a shame and disgrace to any woman and uncover your hair, bare your thighs and even go into the water with your thighs bare and naked. Under any circumstances bare legs and bare thighs of any woman is nakedness in My sight and sinful, says the Lord.

This nakedness of yours shall be seen. Any woman showing her thighs even in water is naked in my sight says the Lord and this is both a shame and an utter disgrace. I, the Lord, will take vengeance and punish such women for this nakedness. I will not admire them as a man admires a woman showing her naked thighs.

The Redeemer, the Lord of All is holy and He is also the Holy One of Israel.

Sit in the silence and darkness, Babylon. You will not longer be called the queen of all the kingdoms.

Yes, I was angry with My people because of their sin and I delivered them into your hands as a punishment even though these people are My inheritance. But, Babylon, you showed no consideration or mercy to them at all and heavily oppressed my ancient people.

You said, “I will be the reigning dominant woman for ever.” But you had no righteousness in your heart or in the life of the nation you led and did not consider the ultimate consequences of your evil.

Hear this. You have lived carelessly and indulged in pleasure and boasted in your heart saying,, “Look at me. I am beautiful and I am flaunting it. I am better than all the rest. No one compares with me.” But now you shall be as a widow and I will neither accept you nor your children. Vanity and pleasure-seeking do not have my approval, says the Lord.

But two things will happen to you in a day, in a moment and when you do not expect it. You will become a widow and lose your children. It will be a sudden disaster when you think all is well. The reason for this judgement is because you have been a wicked woman being seductive in both your appearance and conduct and using sorcery.

And you enjoyed being wicked and seductive. You trusted in the fact that no one would see you or reprimand you. Your arrogance has perverted you but you still said, “There is no one that can compare with me”.

Therefore I will send an evil punishment upon you. You will not know from where it comes. And you will certainly not prevent it. Without warning utter desolation shall engulf you.

Stick to your charms and feminine seductions. Use whatever sorcery and trickery you choose which you have done from your early days. See if these will be of any help to you or if these plans can prevail and save you.

You will be wearied in all your talk and attempts. See if all the pagan activities of astrologers, stargazers and those who foretell things by the words they speak can stand up and prevent the calamity that is about to happen to you.

They too shall be destroyed like burning stubble and will not escape. They will have no comfort such as a warm fire on a cold night.

They shall be sorely distressed and helpless like those whom you have persecuted. You built up your power

with trade and riches but those who once supported you and your affluent lifestyle will desert you and go their own ways. No one will save you.

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