Isaiah 46-48

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INTRODUCTION

- When a person is chosen by God, he is said to be anointed.
- But the primary evidence that he knows what will happen, and not just that he is great at understanding what will happen, but I believe he controls things to make this happen.
- He is the judge. And that we stand before him to be judged, not before each other to be judged.

1 Dead Idols and the Living God

Isaiah 46:1–4; Isaiah 46:9–10

- They could not deliver the burden. That is, these idols could not deliver their country, but they themselves have gone into captivity.
- Look, the idols are a burden to their people, but look at your God.
- You're not carrying your God. Your God is carrying you.
- From womb to tomb, we might say, God is carrying his people.
- Not that he can just predict the future really well, but his counsel, his judgments, his control will stand.

2 Babylon Brought Low

Isaiah 47:1; Isaiah 47:8; Revelation 18:7

- Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon. Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans.
- When you say I am and there is no other, that's the same thing as claiming deity.
- For she says in her heart, I sit as queen and am no widow and will see no sorrow.
- What happens when you oppress God's people? God judges you.

3 Let the Astrologers Stand Up and Save You

Isaiah 47:12–14

- Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from these things that will come upon you.
- No, it's a taunt, isn't it? A bit of irony in there, I think.
- Don't think we should be entertained by the things that God hates.
- The idols, the astrology, the stargazers, all these things, they're like stubble.

4 Hypocrites Who Call on the Lord

Deuteronomy 32:26

- These are hypocrites, those that call on the name of the Lord, but not in truth and not in righteousness.

- We can come to church and we can be on the rolls of the church. In name, be a Christian. But when we live our lives, we can deny God.
- I told you this in the beginning, and I documented it because I knew you were obstinate, and I knew you would claim your idol did it.
- For how shall my name be profaned? I will not give my glory to another.

5 The Lord Who Teaches You to Profit

Ezra 8:21–23

- An encouragement to Jacob here, I am the Lord who teaches you to profit.
- As Christians, we should be asking ourselves the question does the way of the Lord profit me?
- God calls us to serve him, not just out of duty, but out of profit.
- Oh, that you had heeded my commandments. Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.
- He has promised us that he will always be with us. And that he will provide for our everlasting salvation.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Whatever it is that you think is most important and that you're trusting in, will that save me? That's the question. So let us not be hypocrites.**

MY NOTES