

# ISAIAH 47:1-49:6

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Pride goes before destruction, and a  
haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18





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**Assyrian Empire**  
**Babylonian Empire**  
Main Roads

*Mediterranean Sea*  
(Great Sea)

*Caspian Sea*

**MEDIA**

MINNI  
**ASSYRIA**

*Euphrates*  
**MESOPOTAMIA**  
*Tigris*

**BABYLONIA**

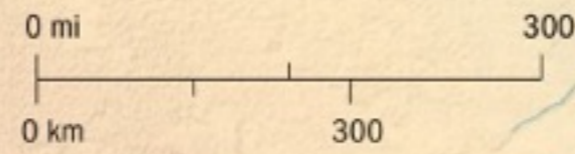
**CHALDEA**

**ELAM**

**EGYPT**

**ARABIA**

*Persian Gulf*



# The Pride of the Babylonians

(Isaiah 47)



Exploitation of Others  
Dismissal of Authority  
Arrogant Autonomy  
Entitlement  
Smug Superiority

# Israel's Unfortunate Resemblance to Babylon

(Isaiah 48)

See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and

understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 4:5-8



Are you teachable?

To whom are you in submission?

When I say “Church Leadership”,  
what is your immediate response?

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:17, 21

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17

# Look to the Servant for Victory Over Pride

(Isaiah 49:1-6)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.



Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:1-8



*“Go Therefore and Make Disciples...”*