

SEMINARY #3

PEOPLE, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shoew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke." Verse 7, "And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it." Verse 9, "~~These~~ But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments." The whole of chapter 47 is describing which comes about when Cyrus destroys it 150 years after the time of Isaiah. the downfall of Babylon. Look at chapter 48: 20: "Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob."

~~In the time of~~ In the time of Isaiah Babylon was a comparatively small kingdom which was under the power of Assyrians, and striving to get away from it, and in 39th chapter we read <sup>how</sup> the kingdom of Babylon sent a present to Hezekiah and tried to be a friend of Hezekiah, and stand together with Hezekiah against Assyria. And it was then that God declared ~~that~~ to Hezekiah that his descendants were going to be taken prisoners <sup>by the king</sup> to the kingdom of Babylon. . . He was imagining that the exile had already come, but God is going to deliver .

Chapter 51:3: "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." He is going to bring them back to the land that was desolate, and He is going to rebuilt it. In the same chapter verse 14: "The captive exile hasteneth that the may be loosed, and that the should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail."