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Unit I: GOD Delivers and Restores

Subject: Nowhere to Run

Text: Isaiah 47: 10-15

Key Verse: “Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarters; none shall save thee (Isaiah 47: 15, KJV).”

Summer Quarter’s Introduction

The topic for this quarter’s study is “Partners in a New Creation.”

We will focus on how we as members of Jesus Christ’s body can be co-laborers with the Spirit of GOD in reconciling, re-creating, and rightly restoring all things in the eternal reign of GOD. In other words, we will study ways by which believers are partners with GOD in creation. There are three units in this summer quarter’s study. Unit I deal with “GOD Delivers and restores.” Unit II deal with “The Word: The Agent of Creation.” And Unit III deal with “The Great Hope of the Saints. Now our lesson study is “GOD Delivers and Restores,” has four lessons within it. Using the book of Isaiah, to explore GOD’S predictions for future destruction in Babylon and the deliverance for Israel. These predictions would be evidence of GOD’S power at work in the lives of GOD’S people to grant them mercy and redemption, and to restore GOD’S people to a state of peace and prosperity.

Lesson: GOD Delivers and Restores (Isaiah 47: 10 – 15)

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Pride Comes Before a Fall (Isaiah 47: 10 - 11)
- 2) Trusting a False Religion (Isaiah 47: 12 – 15)

Lesson Introduction

You might be old enough to recall the days when revival services were, completely focused on saving souls. The preacher would preach GOD’S warning to the unsaved and to the saved as well. The choirs would sing songs that caused the hearers or listeners to move to receive the Preached Word of GOD and to repent of their sins. The church has drifted farther away from this kind of preaching and from a soul-winning emphasis, instead, they are seeking popular “revivalists” preachers whose sermonic skills far outweigh their ability to win souls for the Kingdom of GOD. You see the church trends may change but the Gospel message of salvation will never change for the world may change, people may change but the WORD of GOD shall remain forever. GOD’S promises are sure, GOD said it, you can count on it, GOD brought you to it, GOD will bring you through it, only trust and believe GOD’S WORD. Do know that all who reject GOD and oppose HIS people shall reap bitter consequences.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- Pride Comes Before a Fall (Isaiah 47: 10 – 11)

GOD in HIS formidable and righteous judgment chose a Gentile nation full of wickedness as HIS instruments of punishment for Israel and Judah. The most notorious and godless

empire Gentile nation was Babylon. GOD promise to redeem HIS people and to punish their oppressors, because Babylon had the attitude of self-sufficiency and unaccountability. The Babylonians boast of being a confident power accountable to only itself, and that they were the only world power. The arrogant Babylonians, the enemies of GOD'S people claimed, "I am, and none else beside me (Isaiah 47: 10)." This kind of pride is the refusal to acknowledge that GOD alone is the sovereign ruler of the world. The Babylonians was so prideful that they believed that they had discovered the key to worldly success that the sorcery used to foretell the future and to cast spells under the influence of demonic powers (Isaiah 47: 11). The Babylonians sorcerers would not be able to foresee the coming disaster that GOD would bring up on them, and they were helpless to prevent it from happening. Proverbs 16: 18 says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." The Babylonians was, blinded by pride to the truth that GOD controls both the future and destiny of HIS creation. So, when we become prideful it places us at odds with GOD until we repent and acknowledge HIM as the source of all creation.

Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Trusting a False Religion (Isaiah 47: 12 – 15)**

GOD in HIS wisdom forbade the Israelites to adopt any of the Babylonians religious practices, such as, astrology, magic, sorcery, and omens. Just like pride, depending on idolatrous practices would only cause the people to divert their attention away from GOD (Isaiah 47: 12). GOD'S pronouncement of doom for Babylon and the Israelites who turned to astrologers, looking to be, spared from what was to come (Isaiah 47: 13). Now, understand that true religion offers solace in time of trouble, but false religion provides no protection or inner peace. Those who promote false religion can not save themselves nor others (Isaiah 47: 14). Through Isaiah, GOD warned them who was trusting in such false hope, that none would be able to save them from GOD'S wrath (Isaiah 47: 15). GOD also, warned the Jewish exiles against trusting in the Babylon's false religious predictions and charged them to trust HIM (GOD) as their only source of deliverance. We are to depend on GOD and not on false religions of sorcery, psychic readings, fortune telling, and demonic worship that deceive so many.

Nowhere to Run!

Lesson Nuggets

- 1) **Do not boast in your wickedness, your wisdom and knowledge (Isaiah 47: 10; Psalm 52: 7)**
- 2) **Do not trust in false religious practices such as: sorcery, astrologers, magic, and omens (Isaiah 47: 12, 13; Daniel 2: 2).**
- 3) **If we keep trusting in false hope, know that none shall be able save us from GOD'S wrath (Isaiah 47: Revelation 18: 11).**