

## **Sorcery, Horoscopes, and Astrology**

### **Isaiah 47**

#### **What is God going to do to Babylon?**

Verses 1-3, 5, 11

God is going to take vengeance and destroy Babylon, sparing no one. This happened in 538 BC when Persia conquered Babylon.

#### **Why would God destroy Babylon?**

Verses 7, 8, 10

Because even though God had given Babylon everything she had, she turned her back on God and boasted that all she was self-sufficient and invincible.

#### **What was behind Babylon's pride?**

Verses 9, 11-13, 14-15

What Babylon trusted in was enchantments, sorceries, charms, and astrology.

Like Babylon, we also have turned from God to trust things that are not God. And like Babylon, we justly have faced God's judgment. But in great love God sent Jesus. In Jesus we have everything we need.

#### **What should we do instead of turning to astrology and séances?**

Deuteronomy 18:9-15

We should not listen to fortune-tellers and diviners. Instead, we should listen to the prophet God will raise up for us — Jesus Christ.

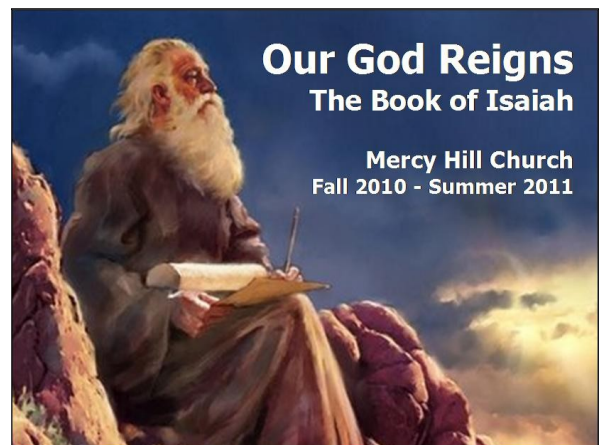
Why go into a day with the words of a horoscope when I can go into a day with the words of Jesus — who created the stars and who controls every detail of my future?

#### **What does this mean for us?**

Share this good news with those who rely on horoscopes.

Obey God's Word and turn from all means of supernatural knowledge other than Jesus Christ.

Head into every day with words from Jesus Christ as given in God's Word.



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Before studying Isaiah 37 and Deuteronomy 18, what did you think of astrology and séances?

What do you think now?

Whose words do you go into the day listening to?

How are you doing with daily time of prayer and study of God's Word? Is it becoming legalistic? Just a duty? Are you meeting Jesus in His Word? Pray for each other about this.

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

