

Babylon “No one sees me.”

The LORD Your wisdom and your knowledge have led you astray,
and in your heart, you said:

Babylon “I am,
and there is no one besides me.”

The LORD ¹¹But evil will come upon you;
you will not know its dawn.

And disaster will fall upon you;
you will not be able to make atonement for it,
and catastrophe of which you know nothing
will come upon you suddenly.

¹²Now stand fast in your enchantments
and your many sorceries with which you have labored since
your youth.

Perhaps you may be able to profit;
perhaps you may inspire terror.

¹³You are worn out because of your many advisors.
Let them stand up and save you,
those who divide the heavens,
who gaze at the stars,
who announce month by month what is about to happen to
you.

¹⁴Behold, they are like stubble; fire consumes them.
They cannot deliver their souls from the power of the flame.
There is no coal for warming oneself,
no light to sit before.

¹⁵That is all they can do for you—these you have labored with
and merchandised with since your youth.

They wander, each in his own direction.
There is no one to save you.

THE LORD DEALS WITH A STUBBORN COVENANT PEOPLE (48:1-16)

Isaiah **48** [Hearken and]¹⁵⁸
hear this,

158. Bracketed items in verses 1–16 set forth the variant readings in 1 Nephi 20:1–16.

O house of Jacob,
 who are called by the name of Israel,
 who came forth from the waters of Judah
 [or out of the waters of baptism],
 who swear by the name of the LORD
 and acknowledge the God of Israel,
 [yet they swear] not in truth
 nor in righteousness.

² [Nevertheless], they call themselves of the holy city,
 and they lean upon the God of Israel,
 [who is the Lord of Hosts;
 yea] the LORD of Hosts is His name.

The LORD ³ [Behold,] the former things I announced from of old;
 and they went forth out of My mouth,
 and I announced them.

I did [show] them suddenly, and they came to pass.

⁴ [I did it] because I knew that you are obstinate,
 and your neck is iron sinew,
 and your forehead is brass.

⁵ And I have told you from old;
 before it came to pass, I [showed them] to you,
 [and I showed them for fear]
 lest you should say—

Idolater “My idol has done them;
 my carved and molten images have commanded them.”

The LORD ⁶ You have [seen and] heard. Now see all this!
 And you, will you not declare it?

I announced to you new things from this time,
 and hidden things, and you did not know them.

⁷ They are created now,
 and not from the beginning,
 and before today you had not heard [they were declared to you],
 lest you should say—

Idolater “Behold, I knew them.”

- The LORD** ⁸Moreover, you never heard;
 moreover, you never knew;
 moreover, from that time your ear was not opened,
 for I knew that you would certainly betray
 and that you were called a transgressor from the womb.
- ⁹[Nevertheless],¹⁵⁹ for My name's sake I will defer My anger;
 and for My praise will I hold it back from you, so as not to cut
 you off.
- ¹⁰Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver;
 I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.
- ¹¹For My sake, [yea],
 for My sake will I do it,
 for [I will not suffer] my name to be polluted,¹⁶⁰
 and My glory I will not give to another.
- ¹²Hearken to Me, O Jacob,
 and Israel, whom I have called;
 I am He; I am the first,
 and I am also the last.
- ¹³Indeed, My hand has laid the foundation of the earth,
 and My right hand has spread out the heavens.
 I call to them;
 they stand forth together.
- Isaiah** ¹⁴All of you, assemble yourselves and hear! Who among them
 has declared these things [unto them]? The LORD has loved
 him; [yea, and He will fulfil His word that He hath declared by
 them;
 and] He will do His desire against Babylon,
 and His arm [will come upon] the Chaldeans.
- ¹⁵[Also, says the Lord:]
- The LORD** “I, [the Lord, yea,] I have spoken;
 yea, I have called him [to declare,]
 I have brought him,
 and I¹⁶¹ will make his way prosperous.

159. Bracketed items in verses 9–16 are from 1 Nephi 20:9–16.

160. DSS Isaiah reads, “I be profaned.”

161. One DSS Isaiah scroll attests “I” rather than “he.”

¹⁶Come near to Me;
I have not spoken in secret; from the beginning,
from the time that it was, there I [declared have I spoken.”]

Isaiah And the Lord, the LORD
and His Spirit, has sent me.

BLESSINGS GOD DESIRED FOR ISRAEL (48:17–19)

Isaiah ¹⁷[And]¹⁶² thus says the LORD,
your Redeemer,
the Holy One of Israel,

The LORD “[I have sent him,] the LORD your God, who teaches you to avail,
who leads you in the way you should go, [has done it].

¹⁸O that you had hearkened to My commandments—
then your peace would have been like a river,
and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

¹⁹And your seed also would have been like the sand,
the offspring of your loins like its grain;
their name would never be cut off
or destroyed from before Me.”

SONG OF THE FLIGHT FROM BABYLON (48:20–22)

Isaiah ²⁰Go forth from Babylon;
flee from Chaldea.

With a voice of singing declare,
tell this, send it [voice of singing] to the end of the earth; say,

Singers “The LORD has redeemed His servant, Jacob.
And they did not thirst in the deserts where He led them.

²¹He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them;
He split the rock, and the water gushed out.”

Isaiah ²²[And notwithstanding He has done all this,
and greater also,]¹⁶³ the LORD says:

The LORD “There is no peace for the wicked.”

162. Bracketed items in verse 17 are from 1 Nephi 20:17.

163. From 1 Nephi 20:22.