

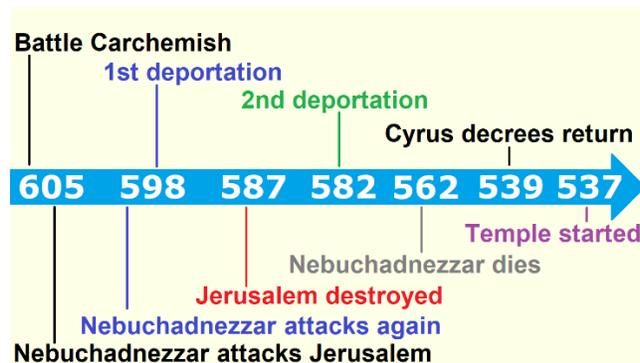
## Deutero-Isaiah

### Chapters 47-48

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#### Learning objectives

- Outline: Deutero-Isaiah 47 & 48.
- Review: Judea's apostasy.
- Review: Yahweh's revealed actions.
- Explain: Yahweh's purpose.
- Date: Cyrus' conquests.
- Assert: Yahweh's sovereignty over nations and history.



#### 2 Isaiah 47 Structure

##### 47 Yahweh humiliates Babylon

- 1-3 He takes vengeance on her.
- 4-8 He rebukes her.
- 9-11 He sentences her.
- 12-15 He insults her gods.

##### Yahweh humiliates Babylon (1-4)

4 [LXX: 'Says'] Our Redeemer —the LORD of hosts is his name— [°is] the Holy One of Israel.

##### 'I will spare no one'

Verb: *fg'* = 'to encounter' for any purpose: meet, entreat, fall upon...

MT: '*fg'* = 1<sup>st</sup> person active →

'I will not meet.'

LXX: 'I will not (again?) abandon (you?)'.

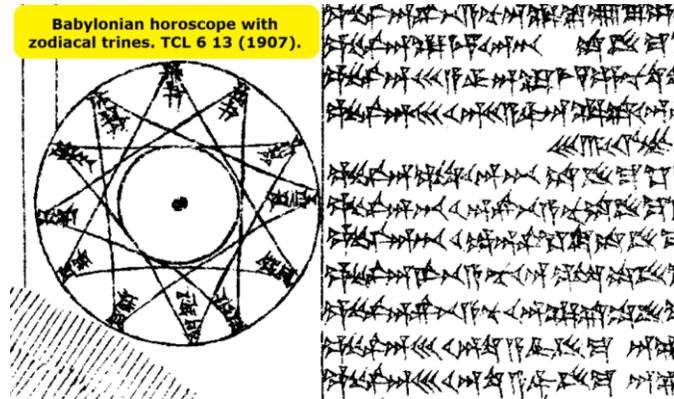
Latin: 'No one will resist me'.

1QIsa<sup>a,b,d</sup>: '*fgî'* = 1<sup>st</sup>? 3<sup>rd</sup>? causative →

'I will not spare'? 'None will resist me'?

**Yahweh rebukes Babylon (6)**

Yahweh insults Babylon (13)



**2 Isaiah 48 Structure**

**48 Yahweh exalts himself.**

- 1-11 He reproves Israel.
- 9-11 He defends his honor.
- 12-21 He exalts his power.
- 20-21 He redeems Israel.

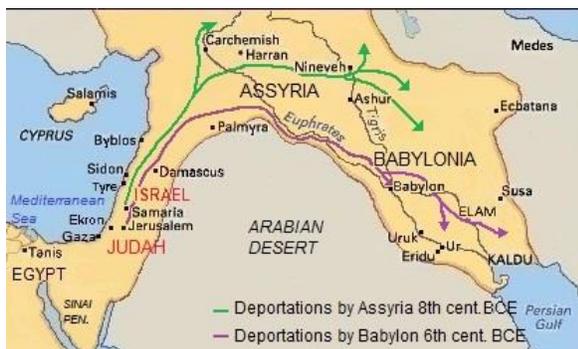
**48:22 Closing of 2 Isaiah 40-48**

**Yahweh reproves Israel (1)**

**48:1 textual variant**

- 48:1 ... ‘from the loins of Judah.’
- MT: *mimmeî* Yehudah = ‘from-waters of Judah’.
- LXX: *ek louda exelthontes* = ‘coming-out from Judah’.
- 1QIsaa: *mimme’eî* Yehudah = ‘from-loins of Judah’.
- Inclusio: with 48:19, ‘your offspring’.

**Yahweh reproves Israel (3-4)**



**What had Yahweh foretold?**

- 1 Judea invaded by Babylonia.
- 2 Judea serves Babylon's king 70 years.
- 3 Judeans deported to Babylon.
- 4 Rise of the Medes and Persians.
- 5 Cyrus invades Babylon from the N.E.
- 6 Fall of Babylon and of her gods.
- 7 Return from Babylon to Judea.

**Yahweh reproves Israel (3)**

**Yahweh defends his honor (9-11)**

**Yahweh exalts his power (12-13)**

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**Cyrus' Babylon campaign, 539 BCE**

Cyrus began a propaganda campaign against king Nabonidus, in 539 BCE.  
Victory at Opis, 50 mi. NE, on the Tigris.  
Then at Sippar, 35 mi. NE, on Oct. 11th.  
The Persian army marches peacefully into Babylon, on October 13th.  
Cyrus enters the city and is proclaimed Liberator, on October 30, 539 BCE.

**Yahweh exalts his power (14, 18)**

**Yahweh redeems Israel (20)**

**2 Isaiah 40-48 Closes**

40:1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. 2 She has served her term, ... her penalty is paid.  
48:22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

**Book of Revelation chapter 18**

Isa. 47:1 'Come down and sit in the dust, virgin daughter Babylon!'  
Rev. 18:2 'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! ... All the nations have fallen'.  
Isa. 48:20 'Go out from Babylon!'  
Rev. 18:4 'Come out of her, my people, so that you do not take part in her sins.'