Is your faith in the Messiah growing? Are you serving him more each day?

Lesson 24

4/1/2018

Humiliation of Babylon & Idolatry

Isaiah 46-47

Our goal for this lesson is to explain why God judged Babylon & to explain how we can avoid these things in our lives.

1. Who are Bel & Nebo? Why are they being carried on animals? Where do they end up?

2. How is God compared to these idols in verses 3-4? Deuteronomy 1:30-31

This chapter can be divided into 2 sections: the characteristics of idols (verses 1-2 & 5-7) & the qualities of the Lord (verses 3-4 & 8-13).

3. What are the characteristics of idols?

4. List a few things in your life that you are tempted to focus on more than God & His kingdom. How do the characteristics of idols relate to these things?

5. What are the qualities of the Lord?

6. Who is the “bird of prey from the east” in verse 11? Isaiah 41:2, 25; 45:1; Jeremiah 50:1-10

7. Consider the warning in verses 12-13. What is promised? To whom is it addressed? Why is this an important warning for us? Psalm 85:8-9

8. Babylon is personified as a woman in chapter 47. What will happen to her according to verses 1-3?

9. According to verses 5-7, how did Babylon treat God’s people? Isaiah 14:16-17

10. What two things are promised to come to Babylon in verse 9? This prophecy is most likely fulfilled in Daniel chapter 5. Please read this chapter prior to class & be prepared to explain the fall of Babylon.

11. In what things had Babylon put their trust?

12. What will happen if we put our trust in these things?

13. Explain verse 12.