


1  **Isaiah 46-47**
Trusting the God of Man rather than the 'Gods' of Men

2 

The Uselessness of False Gods

46.1-2

■ Prophet mocks deposed idols of Babylon

–They are a burden even to pack animals.

–The 'saviors' need saved themselves.

–Their plight bespeaks the vanity of all idols.

■ Whatever people rely on for their strength, sustenance or survival other than the true and living God is an idol.

■ Whatever people value more than the true and living God is an idol.

3  **Modern Idols that will disappoint their devotees**

1  ■ Money or economic wealth (Col. 3.5)

■ Science and technology

■ Military might

■ Political power


■ The arts

2  ■ Knowledge and education

■ Big government (statism)

■ Pleasure (hedonism)

■ Relationships (family, companionship)

4  **Insofar as moderns lean on or put their trust one or more of these 'values' for their strength, sustenance, and survival in life, they are idolaters.**

To the extent that we find our meaning, significance and purpose in chasing and promoting any of these 'values', we are idolaters.

The first commandment: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

5  **A Pledge of God's Faithfulness 46.3-4**

■ We cannot always rely on people to honor their word.

■ We can always trust God to keep His. (Romans 3.3)

- With God we can be certain:
 - He will test everyone.
 - He will eventually purge the faithless.
 - He will always sustain the faithful.

6  **The Folly of Man-Made ‘Gods’**

46.5-7

- Their absurdity
 - Who would worship something they have to invent?
 - Who would depend upon something they have to create?
- Their futility
 - Man-made gods can’t fill the suit.
 - Man-made gods can’t rise above their human creators.

7  **God Affirms His Exclusive Being**

46.8-13

- Remember!
 - Yahweh is God.
 - There is no other God.
 - There is no one even like God.
 - He alone reveals the end from the beginning.
 - He alone reveals from antiquity what is still future.
 - He alone reveals His purpose and then performs it.
- Trust !
 - You will see My salvation in Zion!
 - You will see My glory for Israel!

8  **Too Powerful to Fall? A Myth!**

47.1-7

- Mighty Babylon is exhibit A.
- Other mighty nations confirm it.
 - Egypt
 - Persia
 - Greece (Alexander)
 - Rome
 - Ottoman Empire (Turks/Islam)
 - Germany
- Human hubris invariably launches men and nations on a track from the penthouse to the outhouse.
- Few occupy the ‘the top of the mountain’ for long.
- Nor will the U.S. stay on the top of the heap forever.

9  **Above Accountability? A Myth! 47. 8-10**

- Stupidity! Babylon felt she was above moral accountability.
 - Such either think there is no God
 - Or that God approves
 - Or that God is morally indifferent
- Surprise! God said she would pay her debts in full.
 - So will all men and nations who forget God.

10  **A Teflon Coating? A Myth!**
47.12-15

- You have been dancing with the Devil.
 - You thought to shield yourself from danger through astrology, magic spells and occultic practices.
 - You are about to find the devil's delights are no match for God's designs.
- Now you have Hell to pay.
- And so will all who retreat for a shield into paganism.