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 - 1. Jehovah's unique power to predict. Idols are non-entities, **(vv. 1-11)**.
 - 2. Jehovah's servant will faithfully perform all His pleasure on Babylon, **(vv. 12-16)**.
 - 3. Chastisements were disciplinary. The final promise of deliverance, **(vv. 17-22)**.

Questions

1. “To _____ will you _____, and make Me _____ and _____ Me, that we should be _____?” **(46:5)**
2. Describe the contrast between God and the idols in **chapter 46**.
3. Who is the “bird of prey from the east” called to execute God’s counsel? **(46:11)**
4. Concerning the shame to be brought upon Babylon, what does God say will be uncovered? **(47:2-3)** Is there a practical application for us today?
5. In what had Babylon trusted, and what specifically did that include? **(47:10)**
6. What is Babylon called to do in seeking deliverance? Will it work? **(47:12-15)**

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7. What reason does God give for deferring His anger against His people?
(47:9-11)

8. Would things have been different for God's people if they had been faithful to Him? What would it have been like? **(48:17-19)**

9. “There is no _____,’ says the _____, ‘for the _____.’”
(48:22)

Thought Question: The prophet paints a picture of joy in deliverance and blessings in the future **(48:20-21)**. However, while provision and blessings are spoken of concerning return from captivity **(48:21)**, the Lord stresses the continued lack of peace for the wicked **(48:22)**. What does this say about the intent of God's discipline and deliverance of His people, as well as the conditions of His blessings? What is the parallel for God's people today?

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