

ISAIAH 40 vs 12

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The book of Isaiah has two great divisions; **first**: chapters 1–39; God's Criticism of both rebel houses **Israel** and **Judah**, thereby affecting all the local neighbors in the hood; and **second**: chapters 40–66; God's Consolation to both houses who have separate histories. The great Isaiah scroll found in the Qumran caves, dated from the 2nd century BC has put to rest many wild speculations about prophet Isaiah.



the rest of this chapter, Isaiah heralds more fully the creative NO BIG DEALS of this most awesome, most powerful Pastor.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his Hand / the oceans fit in His palm, and measured out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? / NO BIG DEAL

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being His counselor has taught Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel / Who is His advisor? and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice, and taught Him knowledge, and showed to Him the way of understanding?



15 Look, the nations are as a drop of water in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: Watch, He takes up the isles as a very little thing / already 5 times Isaiah used this word meaning: islands; and now uses the word 12 times about **specific isles** far away, at the ends of the earth; and as if the Creator LORD says, it's not a big deal, but pay attention **Who are in those Isles?**

16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. / Barnes Notes says: The idea here is, all the ranges of mountains, abounding in magnificent forests, would not furnish fuel sufficient to burn the sweet-smelling sacrifices appropriate to offer our God.

17 All nations before Him are as nothing; and they are counted to Him less than nothing and vanity / registering all the nations, the Gentile peoples are listed: utterly insignificant, one big YAWN; in Hebrew: **tohu**, found in Genesis 1:2 to Him a chaotic waste.

18 To whom will you liken God? what likeness will you compare Him to? / demuth is the word God used when He said, let Us make man in Our image; in **Our likeness** – same word! Isn't it incredible how we get things mixed up so easily?

19 The workman melts an engraved image, and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold, and makes silver chains / all these craftsmen and artisans are so busy working their little carved wood block, or engraved rock, aren't they? In 2 Samuel 7, we read about King David, who probably had good intentions, [and wanted to make a little house for God to live in](#). But the next day, prophet Nathan returned with the Lord's clear response: Not necessary! Read about it!

20 He who is so poor that he has no offering, chooses a tree that will not rot, he searches for a skillful workman to prepare an engraved image that will not be moved / the typical starving artisan who is so poor, with nothing to give God as an offering; he goes and finds a piece of wood in the forest or junk pile; this occurs all over the world every day, to make a graven artifact that withstands all weather conditions, hot or cold.

21 Have you not known? have you not heard? has it not been told you from the beginning? have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? / as if the LORD says, what fool's monkey business, are they teaching in your school? But He already knows the answer, as He sees the enormous dropout rates continue to rise every year.

22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its residents are like grasshoppers; / how did Isaiah know the earth was round?

who stretches out the heavens as a curtain and spreads out as a tent to dwell in / the Hebrew word means: to

extend: How did Isaiah know the heavens were extending? According to our best astronomers, cosmologists and astrophysicists, they still are expanding, so just in case somebody wasn't paying attention, Isaiah uses another word meaning: **to spread out**, and expand; and again, how did he know the universe was expanding? And continues to expand? which is nothing we can see.

Oh! That's right, The LORD told him. / **NO BIG DEAL**



23 Who reduces the rulers to nothing

He makes the judges of the earth a chaotic waste / YAWN – not difficult for Him. / they become meaningless; and that is the truth. It sounds like the lawmakers and the whole damn lawless legal system in our genius 21st century. Recently, one judge in the Pasadena court ordered a wife who had filed for divorce due to an abusive husband who had become dangerous, yet she was court ordered not only to pay for his attorney fees during the 2-year trial, but also, to pay her tithes and offerings to her husband! That is not justice, more like just a stupid ass sitting in a big chair!

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²⁴ **Yes, scarcely planted; scarcely sown: their stock will scarcely be rooted in the earth: and with a puff from Him, they will wither, and the whirlwind will sweep them away as stubble** / the LORD God knows how to uproot the plans of rich and poor alike; who think they are something, when they aren't! YAWN. / **NO BIG DEAL**

²⁵ **To whom then will you liken Me, that I am their equal? says the Holy One** / the Creator, the Savior, the Redeemer and Maker of Israel: God says, really? Don't put Me in your tiny box! He put all this including us in His little box called the universe; and He is still bigger than all of us and it. God is beyond compare!



²⁶ **Lift up your eyes on high and watch** / here God says, Can you disengage your hardhead out of your hindmost dark hole? And see an answer this simple question... but only after you think about it; pay attention and consider,

Who created these things, and brings out their host by number / whether or not He did that 450,000,000,001 years ago, which most really don't believe especially since Mount Helen exploded that theory, since belief is not good, observable science anyways! Well, what's the answer?

He calls them all by name; and by the greatness of His might and by the strength of His power not one is missing. / can you imagine? He knows every star in His heavens by name! Great is our God. So I bet, He is a little smarter than all those drunken thieves chairing the EU; along with all those drunks in the UN who unite nothing but thieves and criminals; as well as all those thieves in all 3 branches in DC where a lot is unaccounted for; yet for God nothing gets lost.

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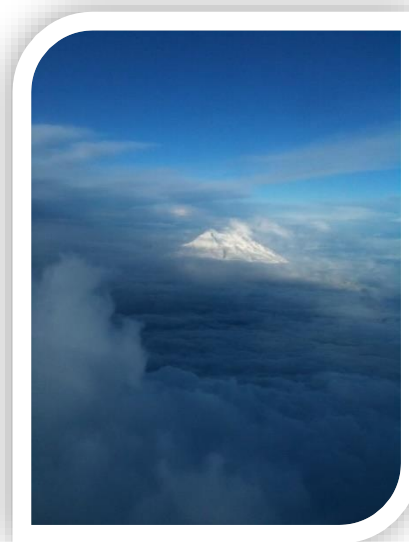
²⁷ Why do you say, O **Jacob**, and assert O **Israel** my way is hid from the LORD; and the due justice I deserve, God has passed over / why do you O **scoundrel**; or you who claim to be **ruled by God**, why do you assert, you are hid, or **you are lost**; really? They talk like juveniles; do you think God who has all eternity to take care of business, does not see what's going on; and He ignores justice for them?

²⁸ Have you **Jacob** **not** known? Have you **Israel** **not** heard, the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, He does not faint, He is not weary? His understanding is inscrutable / He knows that dumb kids lie to their parents... when the crumbs are all over their faces; and their hands were caught in the cookie jar! God is a past-expert working with failures.

²⁹ He empowers the faint **Jacob**; and to those who have **no** might, He increases strength **Israel**.

³⁰ **Even the youth will faint and be weary, and the young men will utterly fall:**

³¹ **But** those **Jacob** who wait patiently upon the LORD, will renew their strength **Israel** / 15 times Isaiah uses this word: He says **wait** expectantly, and while you wait: keep connected to the Lord's agenda, and do what He said to do. You know scoundrels and spiritual sounding folks can do lots of things like complain... we can run ahead of the LORD; or we can lag behind. But Isaiah says: **wait** upon the LORD. If God can lead all the stars, do you really think He frets over complaining Israel whom He sent away to another place. They are not lost, He has not passed over them, Our Father hears their complaint and He says:



But those **Jacob who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength; they **Israel** will mount up with wings as eagles; they **Jacob** will run, and **not** be weary; they **Israel** will walk, and **not** faint.**

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