

ISAIAH 42 vs 1

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. **Where is Israel?**



1 Look, My servant, whom I uphold; My elect in whom My soul delights, I have put My Spirit on Him, He brings justice to the Gentiles / **this is the Messiah of Israel** -- The One who is **ruled by God**: The One who in infinite wisdom made this choice: HE is God's choice;/ God's Spirit came to rest on this Israel; this One **ruled by God** without measure; to bring justice to all the non-Jewish people; in other words, by Him, by this faithful Servant all the rest of the world will be invited to know God's justice.

2 He will not cry out, or raise His voice, or cause His voice to be heard in the street / Moffatt said He will not be loud and noisy; He will not shout in public. Matthew Henry said, No trumpet will be sounded for Him; and no noisy retinue will follow after Him.

3 He will not break a bruised reed, and He will not quench the smoking wick; He will bring true justice/ the flickering wick, He will not extinguish. In gentleness, He will do His work; not with violence and throwing stones. He patiently endures the contradiction of sinners against Himself; the hallmark of His government is truth. We will know His government because He speaks truth. He brings forth **judgment**... in Hebrew: **mishpat**... literally: **the One... who shuts... the serpent's... mouth**; and He shuts up that father of lies by bringing forth and speaking truth.

4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, until He establishes His justice in the earth, the isles will wait for His law / isn't that good news?! He has work to do; and He will not stop, until He silences that accuser of our soul. We have words for earth and land and country; this word means: **islands**... which are found at the end of the earth... start there, where the birthright descendants of Abraham through Joseph and his two sons are found; and **His law** -- the same law of Him who sent him: it's the law of God! And what is that great law? It's not a complicated thing. It's simple: **love God with all your heart**. And what is the second great law? Simple: **love our neighbor as our self!**

5 Thus says the LORD God, He who created the heavens, and stretched them out / how did Isaiah know that the universe was expanding? That is something no individual could ever observe in their lifetime;

He who spread forth the earth, and what comes from it; He who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk in it / and that is not just air. That's the breath of life! / in His law... and this verse sure shoots holes in the evolutionist's monkey business, don't it? The choice is still simple: Time versus Eternity. I mean, we've all had to endure some of the most dim-witted educators – clueless teachers and professors lecturing... not even knowing why they are here. They seem to overpopulate the educational institutions on this planet. I've sat in more graduate courses and listened to fools more times than I'm ashamed to admit.



Here Isaiah reminds us: The LORD God generously gives breath of life... and spirit... to the people who walk on this earth... even though we so often, ignore Him:

6 I the LORD have called You in rightness, and will hold Your hand, and keep You and give You for a covenant for the people for a light of the Gentiles, / My Servant, God will personally guide and guard this Servant; His Servant, God's promise; God's written contract, for all the nations of the earth;

7 to open the blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from their prison, and those who sit in darkness from their prison house. / and no, this is not about fools releasing thugs and mass murderers – who had they lived in Isaiah's days, who were found guilty and eliminated. Isn't it amazing that with laser eye-surgery and contact lenses, still many are without insight; there's a difference between sight and insight; **lots of people daily walking our 21st century streets, are not free.**

8 I am the LORD / I AM YAHWAH. He said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM. Some have translated His name: I AM WHO I AM... and with His Name the Lord is telling us: I AM WHOEVER or WHATEVER... I need to be. No situation confounds our great God: **that is My name:**

and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to any graven images.

9 Look, the former things happened and new things I declare before they spring forth I tell you of them.

/ the old things that were foretold occurred just the way God said they would; and don't be so obtuse to say, ahuh! I know. The Lord is a Good Teacher, He says watch! Listen and learn! Think differently; just the way we expect the kids we send to school to think; until we think correctly. God is telling us about: NEW things; not -- that's the way we've always done it things. New things to be found in His Word... just sitting there... waiting to be discovered! Honorable men like Martin Luther and others have sat every day of their life, opening the Word of God and saying: Teach me!

10 Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it; the isles, and its inhabitants / isn't it amazing how the people of God sing, / the prophet looking west towards those isles where the sun sets; Isaiah says, there's something about those islands... those people need to Sing unto the LORD a new song!



Isaiah... next turns to the east... where the sun rises... he declares...

11 Let the wilderness and the cities of it raise their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits, let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains / so lots are singing, the second son of Ishmael, those in Arabia to the east; let them sing to the LORD a new song; even the poorest; the most isolated; let the loners sing to the LORD a new song!



Let all of them SHOUT! And so typical of our great God, this verse is sort of funny. Through the generations, He has heard some lousy, just awful singing! We all have! So, for all the non-singers, the Lord graciously says, **Shout!** Go ahead. A joyful noise is better than some out of tune singing!

Definitely, you can shout! [Where is Israel?](#)

12 Let them boast about the Lord, and declare His praise in the islands / start there, let all of them boast, and brag, and blow your trumpet; and declare His prize; proclaim His costly worth; but don't stop there, run as fast as we can to the rest of the world!

Check out: [The Songlist -- Brothers and Sisters singing His praise throughout the world!](#)

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13 The LORD will go forth as a mighty man, He will stir up jealousy like a man of war: He will cry out, yes, roar; He will prevail against His enemies. / when Messiah comes in power and great glory – finished at the battle of Armageddon – **the 6th Day of the LORD.**

14 I have held my peace; I have kept still, and restrained Myself: but now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will both gasp and pant / the LORD will do what He never imagined do when He first created in the beginning, when all He made was very good; but notice, the LORD will not shy away from what He only can do; as He starts the clean-up.

15 I will waste the mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; I will overflow islands, and dry up the pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they did not know; I will lead them on paths they have not known I will turn darkness into light before them, and smooth the rough places. These things I will do to them, and not leave them undone. / He would guide them; He was not like an absent father who would just abandon them:

17 They will be turned around, they will be greatly ashamed those who trust in graven images, those who say to the metal images, you are our gods / a Hebrew phrase you won't forget they will be **bos boshet**, / they are **bos boshet** / more **bos boshet**.

Israel's Failure to Hear and See,

18 Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see / since they were not really sheep, so not physically deaf or blind; but were hardheads royal jackasses; so they were: **bos boshet**.

19 Who is blind, but my servant? or so deaf, like My messenger that I sent? who is so blind a devotee, so blind as the LORD's servant? / the chosen houses of **Israel** and **Judah**, greatly blessed by the Lord; charged to take His good news to the world; but instead, luxuriated in their embezzled blessings; and for nearly 1000 years ignored Moses' fair warnings;

20 For all you saw, you observed nothing, for all your listening ears, you heard nothing / nothing registered; nothing He taught them sunk into their thick skulls. **Where is Israel?**

²¹The LORD was pleased for His sake to do things right to make His law of love great and glorious / somethings He won't compromise:

To love God supremely and to love one another as He loved us; is greater and more glorious than any of us can imagine. He said, that is what we can work on, while He takes care of everything else. Thankfully, He is very long-suffering and merciful toward us. We are to consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest we grow weary in doing what is right – **Hebrews 12**. The fact that Jesus could have returned to His Father at any time is really quite amazing; what He gained when He first came eludes me. When He said, I must go away, but I will come again to you and receive you to myself that where I am you might be also. Why would He do that? I wouldn't. Obviously, Jesus knows the big picture; and it is something beyond what we can fully understand and appreciate. .

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He was pleased to do things right; how about His people?

²²But this is a people plundered and looted; all of them entrapped in caves, hidden in prisons totally in the dark: with none to rescue as they are ravaged; with none to restore as they are looted.

²³Who among you will give ear to this? who will listen and heed what I say in the future? / watch the timeline: **when Ephraim's Israel is resettle in Assyria.**

²⁴Who let **Jacob be spoiled, and **Israel** be plundered? **Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned?** And in His ways, they would **not** walk, and in His law, they did **not** obey.**

²⁵So, venting on **him the heat of His anger -- the fierceness of war: burning him all around, yet he did **not** know / either he did not recognize, or he had no clue what was going on; and it scorched him, yet **he** did **not** take it to heart / he did not care; he certainly paid no attention. **Where is Israel?****

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