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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.



In the previous chapter we learn: crooked Jacob, and unholy Israel, while luxuriating in all their blessings, responded to God by offering Him their sins and iniquities; much like we see with those who must yearly and weekly and daily... irritate the God of heaven with their manmade hocus pocus... and traditions of men... fashioned after the demonic inspiration of old Babylon. Sort of like getting an expensive holiday present wrapped in a freshly used baby diaper.

But the Lord God has freely, generously, and clearly warned His people for more than 3500 years.

¹ Yet now hear, O **Jacob my servant; and **Israel**, whom I have chosen:**

² Thus says the LORD who made you, and formed you from the womb,

who will help you / I bet they were not chosen for the purpose of irritating Him; yet Jerusalem remains a tired trash heap of every graven image and faithless manmade tradition; someday it will be cleaned up;

Fear not, O **Jacob, My servant; and you, **Jesurun**** / a diminutive term of endearment applied to Israel; at its root meaning; the upright one – Jacob and Jesurun and Israel... were all the same person; here we learn the Lord God works His will with whatever He has to work with that is available: a scoundrel? an upright one? One ruled by God? He will even work His will with Balaam's ass,

whom I have chosen.

³ For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground:

I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,

and My blessing on your offspring / notice the application varies; and these words could have a mundane, physical meaning; or they can have a spiritual application... since God is always in search of men and women willing to be made in His image and His likeness... Jesus said, *Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...* and all the little things of life will follow; in the NT we know His word is powerful; we are washed by His word:

⁴ And they will spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses / *those who meditate on His law day and night, are like trees planted by streams of water -- Psalm 1.*

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⁵ One will say, **I am the LORD's**;

another will call himself by the name of **Jacob**;

another will write on his hand “**belonging to the LORD**” / or raise their hand in solemn oath showing they are the Lord's; or even as the prophet says: *mark on your hand* – **Ezekiel 23**... like we count on our hand... remind our hands they were created to work for the Lord; not to steal, not to create deception; Ezekiel tells us... our hands and our minds (between our eyes) have the mark of God,

and gladly call himself by the name of **Israel**.

/ and did you notice, **not** one of them said, I am an Orthodox Christian, or I am a Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, or other denomination; or even, I am a Christian, though I guess that's okay, too.

But one thing we also note: **none** of these people said: we have NO king but Caesar.

⁶ Thus says **the LORD the King of Israel** / the Lord is their king,

his Redeemer the LORD of hosts;

I am the First, I am the Last;

and beside Me there is **no** God / so beside Him is no deceived pope, no goofy prelate, and no father who is not a real father... nobody but His precious Son sits down next to Him.

⁷ And who is like Me? Let them proclaim and declare it, and recount it for Me in order,

since I appointed / I scheduled... the ancient nation. Let them declare the things that are coming, let them show what will happen.

⁸ Fear **not**, do **not** be alarmed:

Did not I tell you from that time, and declare it?

You are My witnesses. Is there a God beside Me?

Yes, there is **no** Rock / no solid Rock;

I know **not** any / God, who is pretty smart, looked around all His creation and says: there's nobody.

⁹ Those who make a graven image are all useless; their precious things will **not** profit;

they are their own witnesses: they do **not** see or know;

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they are **shameful** / in Hebrew: **bos**, repeatedly, Isaiah tells us, the Lord is not pleased with those who are hellbent on creating and offering their fake images as possessing some power to serve; previously he wrote: *they will be turned back and greatly shamed* / literally, *they will be bos boshet... who trust in idols* – Isaiah 42.

Idolatry replaces God's words with our images. Some will say: **A picture is worth a thousand words**; that may be true when stuttering mankind talks; but **not** when it comes to the Lord who speaks to His people. Try calling emergency 911 and then... text or email them 1000 pictures... of the medical emergency you are experiencing. We were created to respond to God's words: reading or hearing... and learning them. God intends His words to be read and done.



10 Who has formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? / this is nothing new; it has been going on since the serpent in the Garden cause Eve to question the Lord God who created them.

11 Behold, all his companions will be bos boshet / the English says: **ashamed**, but the Hebrew works:

and the craftsmen are mere men. Let them all assemble together, let them stand up; let them fear, let them together be bos boshet.

12 The blacksmith with the tongs both works over the coals, fashioning it with hammers, and works it with his strong arms. Yes, he gets hungry, his strength fails: he drinks no water, and becomes faint.

13 A woodworker stretches out his ruler; he marks its outline. He planes it and outlines it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the beauty of a man; then it sits in the house.

14 He cuts down a cedar for himself, and takes a cypress and oak and it grows for himself. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow.

15 Then it becomes a thing for a man to burn: so he takes one of them, and warms himself; yes, he also kindles a fire and bakes bread.

Yes, he makes a god and worships it; he makes a graven image and falls down before it.

16 Part of it he burns in the fire; this part he cooks a roast and eats meat, and is satisfied: yes, he also warms himself, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

17 but with the rest he makes it a god, his graven image. He falls down and worships it, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me, for you are my god.

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¹⁸ They have **not** known nor understood: for He smeared over their eyes, so they cannot see; and their hearts, so they cannot understand.

¹⁹ And none considers in his heart, there is **no** knowledge or understanding to say, I burned part of it in the fire; yes, and I baked bread on the coals of it; I roasted meat and ate:

will I make the rest of it into an abomination? will I fall down to the block of wood?

²⁰ He feeds on ashes: yet a deceived heart turned him aside / a deceived heart... is always the first to take him off the path,

and he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? / is my skillful right hand really made by God to create abominations that will offend Him?

²¹ Remember these things, O **Jacob** and **Israel**;

for you are **My servant**:

I formed you; you are **My servant**: O **Israel**,

I will **not** forget you.

²² I have blotted out your transgressions like a thick cloud / scattered by the wind,

and, like a cloudy mist, covered your sins.

Return to Me; for I have redeemed you.

²³ Sing, O heavens, **for the LORD has done it**:

shout for joy, you lower parts of the **earth**:

break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it / God finds better use for all those elements wrongly used to fashion disgraceful, atrocious manmade, corrupting tokens and stuff:



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for **the LORD has redeemed Jacob**,

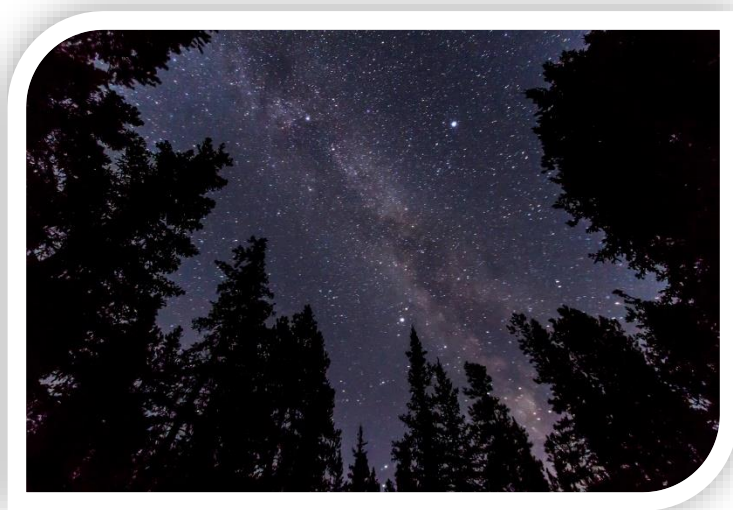
and **glorified himself in Israel**.

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²⁴ Thus says **the LORD, your Redeemer;**

He who formed you from the womb, I am the LORD who makes all things; who alone stretches forth the heavens, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself / except that the Lord God told him, how could Isaiah know the heavens are expanding?

²⁵ **Frustrating the tokens of liars, and making diviners crazy** / truly the Lord must be in His heaven laughing at much of what goes on... frustrating their plans – especially the most powerful plans; if they send violent people... then He sends a storm to rain on their parade; if they predict the future... then He causes the opposite to happen; which is good to know.



Just because a final government will seek to rule the whole world... does not mean God will let them; but if His sleepy people do nothing, He certainly has the prerogative **not** to interfere in order to wake them up;

turning wise men to retreat, and making their knowledge foolish / including global warming;

²⁶ **Confirming** / and stabilizing... **the word of His servant,**

and performing the counsel of His messengers;

I... say to Jerusalem, You will be inhabited / though they went away captive, they would return; whether or not the neighbors, or the EU, or the United Nations – that organization that unites nothing but criminals... to plunder the funds given them... or any other roman project like it;

and to the cities of Judah, You will be rebuilt / they all should have paid attention to the Lord,

I... raise up her ruins:

²⁷ **I... say to the depths of the sea, Be dry; I... dry up your rivers:**

²⁸ **I... say of Cyrus, My shepherd, he will perform all My desire:**

even saying of Jerusalem, she will be rebuilt;

and of the temple, its foundation will be re-laid ...so don't capitulate with the romans or Herodians