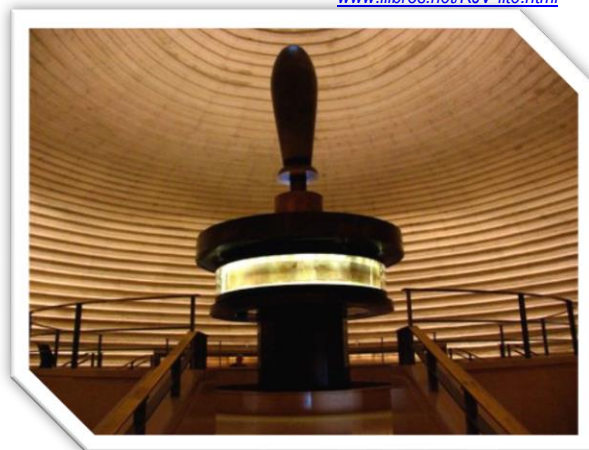


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The book of Isaiah has two great divisions; **first:** chapters 1–39; God’s Criticism of both rebel houses **Israel** and **Judah**, thereby affecting all the local neighbors in the hood; and **second:** chapters 40–66; God’s Consolation to both houses 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.



¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus / thus says the One who spoke to Noah: the One who spoke to Moses; and now, the One who speaks to the Persian -- a foreigner: a type of the Messiah King to come: the Creator God like a Potter can choose anything to use from His creation; our great God He alone is active in the lives of His people – He is no distant Deistic retiree,

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus...

whose right hand I grasped to subdue nations before him; I strip kings of their protection; to open doors before him; and the gates will **not be closed.**

² I go before you, leveling mountains: I shatter the gates of brass, and cut through iron bars / nothing stands in the way of our God:

³ I give you the treasures of darkness -- hidden riches of secret places, that you know I am the LORD, the God of Israel... who calls you by name.

⁴ For the sake of My servant **Jacob; for My chosen **Israel** /** said a little differently,

For the sake of My people who too often are **crooked scoundrels; and too infrequently are **ruled by God**,**

I called you by name: I surnamed you / Cyrus, honoring you with a specific, designated name,

though you have **not known Me.**

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no one else, there is **no God beside Me:**

I girded you / the Lord just said, *I strip kings of their protection*; He disarms kings; while He arms His own people; including those He calls to work His purposes,

though you have **not known Me:**

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6 That they know **from the rising to the setting of the sun**, there is no one beside Me / the people of God following the sons of Joseph... who received the birthright promises first given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, so were greatly blessed by God that... by the time the Gentile nations in the later days come to a close; they would become a blessing to all the nations of the earth. They were to make the Name of their great God known to the ends of the earth – **Malachi 1**.

I am the LORD, and there is none else / Dr. Dallas Willard, philosopher at USC; said, we know God is powerful; so if His power is anything like electricity, then we know He is also dangerous; and we better learn to approach Him correctly.

7 I form light and create darkness:

I make peace and create calamity, I the LORD do all these things

8 Shower down, O heavens above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:

let the earth open and bring forth salvation / let the earth – where Adam was created who, in his lineage, would give birth to... **yesha**, a Hebrew diminutive of **Yeshua**... where we get the name: **Jesus**,

and let rightness spring up together; I the LORD create it.

9 Woe / how terrible it will be... **to him who quarrels with his Maker – him who is a mere potsherd among the potsherds of the earth.**

Will the clay say to the Potter, what are you making? / will the lump of clay pretend to be wiser than the Potter and therefore think to advise Him?

Does his work say, He has no hands? / Does the clay think he can control the Potter?

10 Woe / how terrible it will be... **to the one who asks his father what he is producing;**

or his mother what has she given birth / sounds like those sniveling geniuses of the 21st century; those products of science and research – even covered up and closeted research – all the research that goes against their godless, merciless, heartless perverted agenda of deception and lies.

11 Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel / the Savior, the King, the Redeemer and the Creator;

and his Maker, concerning things to come, do you question Me about My children? / children who can't provide for themselves without someone's assistance; children who have not held a responsible job for years, who have no car or life or medical insurance policy;

Do you dictate to Me about the work of My hands?

12 I made the earth, and created mankind on it: / in 6 days; what did you or I do in the last 6 days?

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I stretched out the heavens with My hands, / Check out: [Our Created Solar System](#)

I commanded all their host.

¹³ **I raised him up in rightness** / and though this first applies to Cyrus, it is clear the Lord God will similarly raise up the Messiah,

I will direct all his ways: he will build My city, he will release My captives, not for price nor reward, says the LORD of hosts.



¹⁴ **Thus says the LORD, The productive Egyptians, and the marketing Ethiopians, and the tall Sabeans will come over to you, and will be yours** / still speaking to Cyrus:

walking behind you in chains, they will come over, bowing to you, they will plead with you:

Surely God is in you; and there is no one else, no other God.

¹⁵ **Truly you are a God who hides Himself,**

O God of Israel, the Savior.

¹⁶ **All the makers of idols will be bos boshet** / see the previous chapter,

and humiliated, all of them: they will depart disgraced / through Moses, God repeatedly warned His people not to follow the godless practices of their surrounding neighbors; they were to utterly destroy the idols and obliterate their memory from among them – [Deut.4-12](#).

¹⁷ **But Israel** / remember this name means: **ruled by God**... so this verse would be better translated:

But the ones ruled by God... will be saved in the LORD with an everlasting help / deliverance:

you will not be bos boshet nor disgraced... world without end.

¹⁸ **For thus says the LORD who created the heavens** / modern science reveals in our 21st century the magnificence of God's creation. Now days, we learn only about 3,000 stars are visible to the naked eye. So when Jeremiah wrote, *the hosts of the heaven cannot be numbered; the sand of the sea cannot be measured* -- [Jeremiah 33:22](#); this would have sounded ridiculous, and certainly the best scientist of his day laughed, because they could count all the stars, they had done so.

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But with our better technology, we now see: 100 – 200,000,000,000 galaxies; and each galaxy contains about 100,000,000,000 stars; which totals about 10^{22} stars; or 100,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars. That is an incomprehensible number.

If you could count 1 star every second, it would take you over 317,000,000,000,000 – that's 317 trillion years; so God was not kidding; nobody can number the stars -- except Him; He tells us,



He knows them all by name;

The apostle Paul wrote, *there are heavenly bodies; there is one glory of the sun; and another glory of the moon; and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory* -- **1 Corinthians 15**. And for most of human history, the most erudite philosophers and scientists would **not** have agreed with either Jeremiah or Paul;

and though some stars show slight variation; yet most stars visible to us don't look any different than the next; nonetheless, the biblical account is accurate.

As Dr. Daniel Skupien points out in his video: [What You Aren't Being Told About Astronomy—Vol.II](#) ...

we now know the creative handiwork of our God includes stars which vary color from: **white blue red orange** and **yellow**; stars vary in type, from: white, brown and red dwarfs; medium sized yellow stars; and blue, red and orange giants; some are single; many are found in binary pairs; and others in multiple star-systems; stars vary in brightness; some white dwarfs shine at 1/1,000,000 the brightness of the sun... while some enormous stars that shine 8,000,000,000 times brighter than our sun; stars differ in rotation, in composition and in other features too numerous to mention; so sufficient, we say with Paul: *for star differs from star in glory*;



God himself formed the earth and made it; He established it,

He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited:

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I am the LORD; and there is none else.

¹⁹ I never spoke in secret, in dark corners of the earth: I never told the seed of Jacob, Seek Me in vain / grope around for Me blindly:

I the LORD speak truth, I declare what is right.

²⁰ Gather together and come; assemble, you escapees of the nations: they have no knowledge who carry their wooden idols, they pray to a god that cannot save.

²¹ Declare and bring them near; yes, let them take counsel together:

who declared this from old? who foretold this from that time? / Isn't it interesting that in the sacred books of the major world religions; none speak prophetically about future events; prophecy is only found in the God of the Bible.

Was it not I the LORD?

there is no God beside Me; a just God and Savior; there is none beside Me.

²² Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth / there is not a nation on planet earth – not in the middle east, or far east; not north, south... east or west which hasn't learned about Moses and the prophets; and in the last days: Jesus... oh, there are many individuals who have not heard, but God will deal with those who knew and suppressed the knowledge. Check out: our [Brothers and Sisters in VANUATU](#) – the remote islands of the Pacific, if these wonderful people have heard, then all the world is without excuse.

for I am God, and there is none else.

²³ I swear by Myself, the word is gone forth from My mouth in righteousness,

and will not be recalled,

To Me every knee will bow, every tongue will confess / to the Philippians, Paul wrote of Jesus the Messiah: *God has highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus – Yeshua, every knee will bow of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth; and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father --* [Philippians 2](#).

²⁴ Surely, they will say: in the LORD is rightness and strength, and they will come to Him;

and all who are incensed with Him will be bos boshet.

²⁵ In the LORD, all the seed of [Israel](#) are made right, and will glory / all who are made right by Him, will glory, and boast, and brag... about Him.