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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,

Where is the bill of your mother's divorce whom I have put away? or to which of My creditors have I sold you? / where is the written record? Where

is the certificate, of your mother's divorce? Can you find it? / actually, this verse needs help, because we are left with the impression the Lord GOD officially divorced Mother ISRAEL – the 10 northern tribes; Ezekiel 23 says: [the Assyrians took her sons and daughters... and slew her with the sword](#); so somewhere her sons and daughters were lost to history carrying with them... ALL the birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and **Ephraim**. On this verse, James Moffatt's translation is very clear:

What writ of divorce did I ever hand to your mother? When did I part with you and sell you to some creditor? The LORD did not divorce Ephraim's ISRAEL; though He did send her children away!

Look, for your willful crimes have I sold / NO! for your willful crimes you sold yourselves, and for your stepping over the line your mother was sent away / for rebellion, stepping over the line, so like the blessed song they all knew: even the Lord did not stand in the way of this sinning Mother Israel.

² Why was there no **man when I came? When I called, why did no one answer? Is My hand too short that it cannot rescue? Have I no power to save?** / in Hebrew: no **ishi** like, no Irish, no Scottish, no English, no Danish; they let the phone ring. Why? We all do it! Is His hand too short to reach and rescue?

Look / pay attention, by My rebuke I dry up the sea; I turn into a wilderness: their fish stink, because there is no water, and dies for thirst.

³ I clothe the heavens in black; I make sackcloth their covering / the Lord God our Creator appeals to his creation, He says: the heavens mourn; do we occasionally frustrate God? In the past, the Lord regretted He made man. Do we really believe that? Or, do we really live in a meaningless, closed system of naturalism. The daily choice is always: time or eternity. Yet listen to this beautiful promise given by God. [All the promises of God in Christ... are Yes and Amen, to us!](#)

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a disciple, that I should know how to speak a word in season to the weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple / to the fatigued; aren't we all to be His disciples?/ every morning, for many years, the Lord GOD does! as a lifelong learner, He still wakes me!

5 The Lord GOD opened my ear, and I was **not disobedient, nor did I turn back.**

6 I gave my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who tore off my beard; I never hid my face from shame and spitting / I let them hit me; I let them give me their best shot!/ many brothers and sisters in the Lord... sitting in prison throughout the world this day... for Christ's sake; they know that smiting and spitting... having faithfully followed their Lord... who took that abuse for us. We need to pray for them... **that their faith does not fail!**

7 For the Lord GOD helps me; so, I am not baffled / I am not confused: I set my face like a flint, and I know I will not be ashamed.

8 He is very near who **justifies me** / tsadaq... the word for: **right**: the One who is always right judicially declares my rightness, He will never abandon His students.

Who will contend with Me? Let us stand closely united together / the Lord is speaking, but we can also say it: / God calls some out of the crowd, to step up! Who wants to argue with Me? Come on! Like scoundrel Jacob... you're next! God is not intimidated. Come on! Let's stand closely together! He will train us up; He will pound and thump our nose until we are united with Him. God is not afraid of the hotheads! The hot- or cold-heads! It is the lukewarm ones... that bother Him.

Now, who is left?

Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me! / Paul says, We all were enemies afar off brought near by the blood of Christ. And God is not intimidated by anyone; come a little closer! And even the men of old are repetitious; we read a second time;

9 Look/ pay attention, the Lord GOD helps me / Jesus said, Keep asking; keep seeking; keep knocking, don't stop! We might have to do it more than once... twice... three, four, five times. God wants us to know if we're serious, if we've counted the cost; and why do we need His help? Because things are heating up,

And for a third time...

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Who is he that condemns me? / who is left in the crowd? Who will condemn me? Romans 8 says: **We are more than conquerors**. Who is he who condemns us? A fool! Christ Jesus died for us; He will not condemn us! There are fools in this world, but Jesus is alive and intercedes for us;

And listen to the beautiful response...

lo, / **LO...** that little Hebrew word means: mark this; **highlight this**; draw a line under what you are going to hear, draw a circle around what I'm going to say... put your bookmark in this spot, hide these words in your heart, because the Lord GOD knows there are hard-heads in life;

lo, **who is he that condemns me? they will all grow old like a garment; and a moth / that pesky little thing will eat them up /** so don't worry about those people who love to condemn. Like Dr. Gene Scott said, Forgive them and drop it! Let them go! What can they do to us? Nothing.

they will all grow old, and a moth will devour them.

And now, the prophet asks this most beautiful verse that Dr. Gene Scott preached on each year;

Isaiah asks:

10 Who is among you that fears the LORD who obeys the voice of His Servant, who walks in darkness? / earlier Isaiah said: make the Lord your fear and your dread, and He will be your sanctuary; **Jesus the great Suffering Servant** said: My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me, and another they will not follow; this is not addressed to a disobedient person.

Many years ago, in the church world, my dearest, oldest friends [Jack and Sarah Coleman](#) went from great success and faithful testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ touching untold numbers of people throughout the world – they quite possibly touched your life too: check out the link.... But when they became sick and in the hospital, I heard religious leaders mutter: They must be under the curse of God! **No!** They were going through the trial of their faith, tested by fire – people, even the church world is not worthy of. God asks His greatest people to sometimes **walk in darkness**. Locked up in solitary confinement... all over this world... are mighty men and women of faith.

Who is among you that fears the LORD, who obeys the voice of His Servant, who walks in darkness, and has no light? Let him trust / lean confidently on the name of the LORD, and be anchored on our God.

What name do we need? The Lord is my peace; or maybe, the Lord is my healer... the Lord is my righteousness. Or for direction, the Lord is my shepherd. Or in the battle, the Lord is my banner. Call on His name. **Psalms 91** says, **He will hear! and He will answer.**

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Call on Him. Even if you are confused or overwhelmed, don't worry!
Call on **JESUS**: He will help His people;

and be anchored on our God.

The last verse is a footnote of warning...

11 But pay attention, all of you who kindle a fire, who surround yourselves with sparks, walk in the light of your fire, and in the little sparks that you have kindled / with your little match box. Dr. Moffatt says, You want to set the world ablaze! Go ahead! We can walk in the effort of what we've created. The Lord values freedom; He won't always stand in our way and say, Halt! though we like to blame Him... when we mess things up.

But the Lord says to those who don't want to be tested... and trained in the darkness:

This you will have from My hand; you will lie down in sorrow / if the light is not His light, who is the Light of the world, then how grave is our condition; just wandering in darkness, we will end in sorrow.

Who is among you that fears the LORD, who obeys the voice of His Servant, who walks in darkness, and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD; and be anchored on our God.

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Why in Hebrew does: Brit +ish = promise man, and Brit+ain = promise land; Who gave them the promise? And why did these people of this land give the world the KJV Bible, and in missions open up the world from its endless oppression?

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