

ISAIAH – Chapter 41

Vs. 1 God sends out a call to all the nations of the world. Let them come...come together for judgment. Let them gather and realize the truth of His words.

Vs. 2 God has aroused one from the east (Cyrus, King of Persia, who will subdue Babylon in 539 B.C./701 to 539 B.C.). Isa. 44:28 and 45:1

This king from the east will serve God's purpose, fulfilling God's righteous plan on the earth – human history, built around Judah and Jerusalem will progress. Cyrus fulfilling his part even though he is unaware of his place in it. Isa. 10:5-7a; 45:5

God will:

- 1) deliver up nations to Him.
- 2) subdue kings.
- 3) turning his enemies to dust and chaff.

Vs. 3 The path this conquering king will take will be a new path to him.

Vs. 4 Capstone reminder – everything that will happen will happen because it is the Lord who brings all things to pass.

Vs. 5-6 The nations that Cyrus marches upon will join together in an attempt to overcome his attack. Each one will encourage his fellow object of the attack.

Vs. 7 These nations will look to their idols for help. Isa. 40:18-20

Vs. 8-9 But you Israel:

- 1) My servant.
- 2) Chosen. Amos 3:2
- 3) Descendant of Abraham – recipient of God's unconditional covenants.
- 4) God's friend. John 15:12-17
- 5) The ones taken by God from the ends of the earth. Deut. 30:1-6
- 6) Called from the earth's remotest parts.

God has said to Israel:

- 1) You are my servant.
- 2) I have chosen you.
- 3) I have not rejected you.

Vs. 10 Do not fear, Israel:

- 1) I am with you.
- 2) Do not anxiously look about, (look up) for I am your God.
- 3) I will strengthen you.
- 4) I will help you.
- 5) I will uphold you – with my righteous right hand.

Vs. 11 In contrast to God’s feelings and actions toward Israel, He will not protect nations who oppose her – they will perish!

Vs. 12 How utterly God will destroy them. They will become non-existent.

Vs. 13 Israel is different in God’s eyes. The nations will find no help either from another or their idols, vs. 6-7. God will help Israel.

Vs. 14 Israel is reminded that it is not because of who she is (Deut. 7:6-8) that victory will come, but because He will enter on Israel’s side and

Your redeemer is the Holy one of Israel:

- 1) Israel’s deliverance will not be the result of a superior power entering on her side, but rather a God who will redeem her assuring her deliverance!
- 2) Being the object of God’s redemptive work, Israel is to “fear no longer.”

Isa. 41:10
43:5
44:2, 8
54:4

- 3) Your redeemer, “the Holy One of Israel” is a name (title) for God.
Isa. 43:14; 48:17; 49:7; 54:5 (appears 25 times in the O.T.)

Vs. 15 Israel, who will be dispersed throughout the entire earth for 2,000 years, will become God’s primary instrument when He separates the peoples of the earth.
Deut. 4:26-38

NOTE: Threshing sledge (sharp instruments)

Vs. 16 You will accomplish the work of a threshing sledge.

You will rejoice in the Lord.

You will glory in the Holy one of Israel.

Vs. 17-18 The circumstances at the time of Israel's deliverance will be one of:

- 1) seeking water, finding none.
- 2) tongues parched with thirst.

(Looking at the arid conditions of Palestine today and knowing the conflict that exists over water rights, especially in the occupied lands.)

God, himself, will provide them with water, abundant water without the assistance of any other nation.

Vs. 19 Seven kinds of trees will begin growing in the land of Israel; trees which do not grow in arid land!

Vs. 20 In the millennial kingdom, all people will know that the Holy One of Israel has provided all this for His people Israel!

Vs. 21-24 The God of Israel has presented His plan. It is now time for the idols the nations worship to be brought forward so that they can tell what lies in the future. Not only can they not predict the future, but they also can't recall past events either. The inability of their idols to do this proves that they are worthless. God makes the observation that any human that would choose such a worthless god is an abomination.

Vs. 25 The Lord has aroused the coming victor. He will come and he will accomplish all that God has said He will.

Vs. 26 Only a God can reveal accurately that which will come to pass. The God of Israel has written it all down in a book. Where are the accurate predictions of the other candidates for god?

Vs. 27-28 The God of Israel has sent His prophets and they have spoken. Wait and see if their words do not come to pass.

God is waiting for the idols to reveal their plans, He hasn't heard anyone speaking their words.

Vs. 29 God's assessment of all the nations' idols:

All of them are false.

All their works are worthless.

All their gods are wind (hot air) and emptiness.