

ISAIAH – Chapter 42

Vs. 1 Behold, My Servant (in contrast to the nation of Israel, vs. 19). Isa. 41:8,
Mt. 12:15-20 (vs. 21)

NOTE: Jesus, the servant and Israel, the servant are interspersed throughout the remainder of the book of Isaiah.

Isa. 43:10-13

Isa. 49:1-15 (NOTE: Isa. 49:15-16 with Isa. 40:27)

Isa. 52:13-15

Isa. 53:10-11

Phil. 2:5-7ff

My chosen one – 1 Pet. 2:4, 6 KJV

Elect (or Chosen) is an adjective, not a verb. Jesus was not “chosen” by God because He was willing to do the Father’s will – His death on the cross was in harmony with the Godhead’s all inclusive, eternal plan for God’s creation!

The One My soul delights in – Rom. 5:15-19; Mt. 3:16-17; John 17:1-9

I have put My Spirit upon Him – Isa. 11:1-12; 59:20-21; 61:1-2;
Lk. 4:16-21; Mt. 11:2-5; Heb. 2:1-4

He will bring forth justice to the nations (at His 2nd advent) – Isa. 2:4;
Isa. 9:6-7

Vs. 2-4 He will be gentle.

A “weak and useless reed,” He will not break.

A dimly burning wick He will not “put out.”

He will not be disheartened.

He will not be crushed (at His first advent).

until He establishes justice on the earth.

His LAW is established (at His 2nd advent).

Micah 4:1-3

Isa. 2:3

Jer. 31:31-34 (What place does the LAW have in the age to come?
Does “dying with Christ” apply to other ages?
What about natural humans in the millennial age?)

Vs. 5 Thus says the Lord who described Himself in Isa. 40:12-17, 22-24.

Vs. 6 I am the Lord. Isa. 44:6

I have called you (My Servant) in righteousness. Rom. 3:21-26

I will hold you by the hand...watch over you. Heb. 5:7-10

I will appoint you as a covenant to the people. Heb. 10:10-25; 1 John 2:2;
2 Cor. 5:14-21

A light to the nations. Lk. 1:76-79; John 1:1-9

Vs. 7 To open blind eyes. Isa. 29:17-19; 35:4-10; Mt. 11:2-5

Blind, prisoners, dwell in darkness – spiritual side.

Vs. 8 LORD – Yahweh (Jehovah) Ex. 3:13-15

I Am the God who brought you out of Egypt – I will not share my position with another god.

Vs. 9 Yahweh has prophesied before and they have come to pass. He is now declaring new predictions – they will also come to pass.

Name another God who can produce what we find in His Word (Bible).
Isa. 41:21-24

Vs. 10-13 People everywhere – sing praise to the Lord, the God of Israel; Jesus Christ. He matters to every nation and place upon the earth.

Sing His praise from:

- 1) The end of the earth.
- 2) Those who go down to the sea.
- 3) All that is in the sea.
- 4) Islands – those who dwell on them.
- 5) Wilderness.
- 6) Cities.
- 7) Kedar settlements. Isa. 21:16-17 (area in northern Arabia.)
- 8) Inhabitants of Sela. (City of Elam.)
- 9) From the tops of the mountains.
- 10) Coastlands.

Isa. 41:5-7; Isa. 45:22; Isa. 52:10

Vs. 14 God has kept silent for a long time (2,000 years) and it has been hard for Him to do it. He has not “desired” to reach the day when He will be “forced” to do something. (Gen. 15:15-16; 2 Pet. 3:9) But that day will come and as painful as it will be for God, He will act, for He has no choice. Rom. 3:25-26

Vs. 15-17 His actions, which will be forthcoming for some:

- 1) He will lay waste the mountains and the hills by destroying their vegetation.
- 2) He will make the rivers into coastlands.
- 3) Dry up the ponds.

That, which He will do for others at the same time:

- 1) Lead the blind by a new way.
- 2) Will turn the darkness to light in the way He leads.
- 3) Rugged places into plains.

He will do the above – we have His Word on it!

Vs. 17 Those who put their trust in idols (molten images) will be turned back and put to shame. Isa. 44:9-11

Vs. 18-19 Israel is deaf and blind – to God’s revelation, law, servant. So deaf and blind that he is not aware of his own state. 1 John 2:9-11

No one has become as deaf and blind as God’s chosen servant Israel.

NOTE: The degree of deafness or blindness is a reflection of the degree of revelation given by God and ignored by the recipient!

Vs. 20 Israel has seen many things – did not observe.
Israel has heard many things – did not hear.

Vs. 21-22 Deut. 28:15-68 has been and is being fulfilled in the life of the nation.

Vs. 23 Is there anybody who will listen and see and know why things have worked out the way that it has.

Vs. 24-25 Israel’s experience as people and a nation are not the result of “random chance!” It is the God of Israel (Jesus Christ) who has put them where they are and as an historical note: As of today, 2007, they still disregard the God who determines their experiences.