

BOOK OF ISAIAH
Outline
Conclusion of Chapter 40

1. CHAPTER 40

Verse 10: "Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, His **REWARD IS WITH HIM**, and His work before Him."

Scripture interprets Scripture. This is an example with its fulfillment in Revelation 22:12 where Jesus is returning as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He says,

"And behold, I come quickly, and **MY REWARD IS WITH ME**, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Verse 11: "He shall feed his flock like a **SHEPHERD**: He shall **gather** the lambs with His **arm**, and **carry** them in **His bosom**, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

Scripture interprets Scripture. Jesus said, John 10:11

"**I AM** the good **SHEPHERD**: the good **SHEPHERD** giveth His life for the sheep."

Verse 22: "It is He that sitteth upon the **CIRCLE** of the earth..."

*Note: In the old days, some Bible readers thought the earth was **square**, because the Bible refers to the **4 "corners"** of the earth in Isaiah 11:12 and Revelation 7:1. However, the **number 4** relates back to **day 4** in Genesis 1, where the greater light, lesser light and stars were made for the **PURPOSE TO DIVIDE THE LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS** and to be there for **4 reasons**: Signs, Seasons, Days, Years. **Day 4** heralded the completion of the **structural**, component of creation and is associated with many 4's throughout scripture, such as

4 corners on the Brazen Altar of Burnt Offering in Tabernacle Worship and Temple

4 "corners" to the Cross of Christ,

4 Cherubim with **4 faces**

4 Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John,

Daniel's vision of **4 world kingdoms** of Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, Roman

4 directions of North, South, East, West

4 days Lazarus was in the tomb

Verses 28-31: "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the **everlasting God**, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is **no searching of His understanding**. He giveth **power** to the **faint**; and to them that have **no** might, He **increaseth strength**. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But **they that WAIT upon the Lord shall renew their strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; **they shall run, and not be weary**; and they **shall walk, and NOT faint**."



There is **no SEARCHING**...no capacity within us as finite and mortal beings to begin to comprehend God. The word "**UNDERSTANDING**" is **FEMININE** for **WISDOM** and **KNOWLEDGE**.

REMEMBER: In the Book of Proverbs, God personifies His Wisdom by calling Wisdom "She" and "Her."

QUESTION: WHY DOES GOD USE THE FEMININE PRONOUN IN DESCRIBING SOME OF HIS ATTRIBUTES? (*Hint: The answer can be found back in Genesis when He created Adam. Read how God described the initial creation of Adam and remember that Adam was **CREATED IN THE IMAGE (SHADOW, LIKENESS)** of God and the next verse states that "God created He him (Adam); male and female created He THEM."* Genesis 1:26-27 **This was BEFORE** any mention of EVE.

*Just a little sideline and diversion here: Also note that when Eve was created, **GOD PUT ADAM TO SLEEP!**

QUESTION: WHY IS THIS SIGNIFICANT?

ANSWER: God put Abraham to **SLEEP** when He cut covenant with him in Genesis 15:12. That is a sign of **COVENANT**. **MARRIAGE IS A HOLY INSTITUTION. IT IS A COVENANT**, the purpose of which is to reflect the **GREATER, ETERNAL COVENANT** of **CHRIST (Bridegroom)** and His **CHURCH (the Bride)**.

Even with the Fall of Adam and Eve (Adam was probably having second thoughts regarding Eve by now with all that "***cursed is the ground for thy sake***" talk by God and the "***thorns and thistles, in the sweat of thy face***" part, too)----



YET THE COVENANT STILL STANDS BECAUSE GOD HAD A PLAN **BEFORE** THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD!!! GOD WAS THINKING AHEAD! **OMNISCIENCE** TENDS TO DO THAT!!! :-)

Back to the ending of the scripture in Isaiah who saw the PLAN: "He giveth **POWER**."

QUESTION: WHAT POWER IS THIS TALKING ABOUT?

ANSWER: ACTS 1:8 and **JOHN 1:12** "But ye shall receive **POWER**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." "But **as many as received Him**, to

them **gave He POWER to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on His Name."

Not only did Jesus give us POWER to become the SONS of GOD, but He gave us "POWER over all the power of the enemy" (Satan)--**POWER to "tread upon serpents and scorpions" IN HIS NAME.**"

Additionally, in the Isaiah passage above, we are told that this "power" and this "increased in strength" is given to **THOSE WHO WAIT** upon the Lord.

This is exciting in this passage! We know from the context that Isaiah is seeing a day of people becoming a NEW CREATION--those who will have ETERNAL YOUTH, so to speak.

BUT HOW DOES THIS BEGIN?

BY WAITING!

The word "WAITING" means to **TARRY** for something for which we HOPE!

IMPORTANT!!!

In His post resurrection appearance, Jesus told the disciples to go TARRY!

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but **TARRY** ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with POWER from on high." (Luke 24:49)

It is repeated in Acts 1:4

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **WAIT** for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

QUESTION: According to Isaiah, what is the EFFECT of this WAITING or TARRYING?

Answer: Mounting up with wings as EAGLES!

REMEMBER: **One of the 4 faces of the cherubim was that of an EAGLE.** The Cherubim are associated with the GLORY of God, as vindicating HIS HOLINESS and the Cherubim's 4 faces each represent the ministry/role, aspect of Jesus Christ.

The "woman" in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 12, verse 14, is thought to be the nation of Israel. Some say it is the church, pictured in a time of great persecution:

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great **EAGLE**, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

The **EAGLE** signifies the **HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE** and **POWER IN THE AIR.**

Remember, the Scriptures refer to **Satan** as the "**Prince of the Power of the Air.**" But, because of Calvary we have a **KING IN THE AIR** and **KINGS** are **SUPERIOR** to a prince! Furthermore, Jesus has made **US** **KINGS AND PRIESTS** before our God.

IN CLOSING: NOW IS THE TIME FOR GOD'S CHURCH TO QUIT ACTING LIKE TURKEYS! WE WERE MADE TO BE EAGLES! SOAR, LITTLE CHILDREN, SOAR!