

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapters 41-42

1. CHAPTER 41

Verse 2: "Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings?"

Isaiah is seeing **150 years into the future (WOW!!!)** when God will raise up **Cyrus** (founder of the **Persian Empire**) "from the east" who would **conquer Babylon** and give the command to the Jews to return home to rebuild the Temple after **70 years captivity by Babylon**.

Amazingly, Isaiah will actually **call him by name, CYRUS**, in **Chapter 44:28** and **45:1!!!**

Again, Isaiah was the Prince of Prophets, a consummate prophet, a TRUE PROPHET and not like the psychic lady I told you about earlier...The one who got run over by a bus cause she didn't see it coming! 😊

Verse 4: "Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, **THE FIRST**, and with **THE LAST**; I AM HE."

Question: How can someone be **FIRST** in line at Wal Mart, yet also **LAST** in line?

The Omniscient God "sees" (for lack of a better word) all of human history. Nothing catches Him by surprise. He is giving His prophet, Isaiah, a panoramic view of the conquering hand of Cyrus. Isaiah uses the same terminology as is found in the New Testament Book of Revelation. (Again, that is Scripture interpreting Scripture.) Many folks think the Book of Revelation is only a revealing of all the judgments coming upon the Earth, but **THE REVELATION** of the Book is **found in the very first verse**:

"The **REVELATION** (means **removal of the VEIL**) of **JESUS CHRIST...**" Jesus is revealed or **UNVEILED** in the Book of Revelation. (*Now where did we hear about a **VEIL** in the Old Testament?*)

Question: Did you know that the New Testament tells us **PLAINLY** that the Veil in the Old Testament Tabernacle/Temple worship was a **FORESHADOWING** of **THE TRUE VEIL**, which would be **THE PHYSICAL BODY OF JESUS CHRIST** given as the **PERFECT SIN OFFERING** upon Calvary's Burnt Altar, the Cross?

*(Hebrews 10: 19-20 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the **HOLIEST** by the **BLOOD OF JESUS**, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the **VEIL**, that is to say **HIS FLESH...**")*

In the first chapter of Revelation **Jesus says of Himself** (and Jesus NEVER lies):

"Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith **THE LORD**, which **is** and which **was**, and which **is to come**, **THE ALMIGHTY**." (Revelation 1:8)****This is a great scripture to use when witnessing to those groups who deny the deity of Jesus Christ, or for those who say Jesus was "partly" God but not FULLY GOD. Some of these groups "play around" with the title "Son of God," but they do not teach*

that Jesus was the Son of God in the manner the Bible teaches it, i.e., fully God, yet fully man--the GOD-MAN--the ONLY BEGOTTEN DIVINE SON OF GOD.

"Saying I am **Alpha and Omega, THE FIRST AND THE LAST;**" (Revelation 1:11)

Suffice it to say that we sin-stained mortals cannot comprehend immortality. The finite lacks the "capacity" (for lack of a better word) to comprehend the "infinite," yet **FAITH** is the **BRIDGE** or **DIVINE ENABLEMENT** whereby we gain "**spiritual understanding.**" Faith is **NOT** MERE HUMAN ASSENT, but is far, far more. The concept of FAITH captured the thinking of Martin Luther and was the foundation of the Protestant Reformation. (The Just shall live by Faith.) When Jehovah declares that He is FIRST and LAST it is the same concept as that which the Apostle Paul uttered under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit when he said of God,

"For **in Him** we live, and move, and have our being..." (Acts 17:28)

The **Almighty God is First and Last** and because of that, we and our world and everything that was created, **EXIST**. That fact that we, our world, our universe are still here SHOUTS at us that GOD IS NOT DEAD!!! The writer of Hebrews says it this way,

"...and **upholding** all things by the **word of His power.**" (Hebrews 1:3)

The One True and Living God is the SUM TOTAL of it all!!! Even the "place" or "realm" we call ETERNITY "exists" because He EXISTS!!!

Verse 8 "But thou Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, **MY FRIEND.**"

Abraham's covenant with Jehovah was a **COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP**. Those who have repented and believe in the Messiah, Jesus Christ, regardless of ethnicity, have this Covenant of Friendship. Jesus told His followers:

"Henceforth I call you **NOT** servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you **FRIENDS...**" (John 15:15)

2. CHAPTER 42

Verse 1 "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth **JUDGMENT** to the Gentiles."

This is a spectacular prophecy--the **GENTILES ARE COMING INTO THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF THE THRONE OF DAVID**. Jesus Christ (the Greater David) is this **SERVANT** who brought forth **JUDGMENT upon SIN**. This is wonderful news!!! My sin and your sin **HAVE ALREADY BEEN JUDGED** by and upon JESUS at the CROSS!!! He took the judgment upon HIMSELF!!! This is again stated as **fulfillment in Matthew 12:17-21**.

Jesus Himself said it in John 9:39, "For **judgment** I am come into this world..."

Verse 3 "A **bruised** reed shall He **not break**, and the **smoking flax** shall He **not** quench: He shall bring forth **JUDGMENT** unto TRUTH."

One of my favorite scriptures and fulfilled in Matthew 12:20.

Question: Do you remember the first mention of the word **BRUISE** in Genesis?

Answer: After the fall of Adam and Eve, God gave them the promise of the Messiah coming through Eve's seed which would defeat Satan. God said that **Satan** would **BRUISE** **Messiah's HEEL**, but that **Messiah** would **BRUISE Satan's HEAD** (authority). Jesus' **BRUISED**, nail-pierced **FEET** (remember...the **HEEL**, the Kinsman Redeemer's **SHOE**, Jesus **WASHING** the **FEET** of the **DISCIPLES**--all signifying **REDEMPTION**) at the Cross demonstrated that **our WALK** with God had been **BRUISED in the FALL**, just as **Mephibosheth** (son of Jonathan, David's **COVENANT "brother"**) was **BRUISED** and lame on his **feet** because he **FELL** (see 2 Samuel 4:4). The **FALL** and **SIN** made **us** all **BRUISED UP!!!** But Jesus **did not come** to **BREAK US** just because we were **BRUISED and FAULTY**. Because of sin, we were as a smoking flax--our "fire" had been smothered--we were **DWINDLING OUT**-- but this scripture says that Jesus did **NOT come to PUT OUT** what little bit of us was left!!! He came to **take the JUDGMENT** for us! **HE CAME TO RESTORE US!!!**

Verses 6-7 "...and give thee (Jesus) for a **covenant** of the people, for a **light** of the **Gentiles**; To **open** the **blind eyes**, to bring out the **prisoners** from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."

Fulfilled in Matthew 4:16: "The people which sat in darkness **saw great light...**"

Fulfilled in Luke 4:18 when Jesus went into the synagogue in Nazareth and read from the scroll of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath **ANOINTED** me to **PREACH** the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to **HEAL** the brokenhearted, to **PREACH DELIVERANCE** to the **CAPTIVES**, and **RECOVERING** of **SIGHT** to the **BLIND**, to set at **LIBERTY** them that are **BRUISED**, To **PREACH** the **ACCEPTABLE YEAR** of the Lord.

Remember: The **JEWISH** people knew what it meant to be **CAPTIVES** in a **PHYSICAL MANNER**. Jesus was quoting this to demonstrate the **CAPTIVITY OF SIN**. The word "captives" translates **PRISONERS OF WAR**.

QUESTION: How many people do we meet every day who do not know that a **WAR** is going on, much less that they are prisoners of that war?

Those **BRUISED** from sin, He came to **SET FREE!**

He came to preach, "**THIS IS GOD'S YEAR TO ACCEPT YOU INTO HIS COVENANT OF FAMILY!!!**" This is the **FULFILLMENT** of the **Old Testament "YEAR OF JUBILEE."** **FREEDOM, FREEDOM, FREEDOM!!!** Jesus is **ALL** that the **50th** year of **LIBERTY (JUBILEE)** with **ALL DEBTS ERASED** foreshadowed!!!(Leviticus 25:11) **He is our ETERNAL "50th" YEAR!!!**

CAN GOD WRITE A BOOK, OR WHAT???