

# BOOK OF ISAIAH

## Outline

### Chapter 44 conclusion - beginning of 45

1. **CHAPTER 44** Both chapters 44 and 45 deal with **150 years into the future.**

Remarkably, Isaiah is prophesying the return of his people to rebuild the temple, while the temple is yet still standing and the people are still living safely in Jerusalem! He even calls the FUTURE empire's ruler by name, **Cyrus of Persia**, who would release the people from their 70-year captivity by the Babylonians to return to Jerusalem and rebuild.

**IMPORTANT:** The Book of Revelation states that **"The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of PROPHECY."** This is a powerful statement! The **prophecies of the Bible are the validation that the Bible is the EXCLUSIVE Word of God and the only TRUE HOLY BOOK, for NO OTHER SO-CALLED "RELIGIOUS" BOOK has such FULFILLED AND PROVEN prophecies!** Prophecies are **PROOF** that the inspiration/guidance came **from outside time and space!** It must be noted that the prophecies of the Bible are of TWO types: **PATTERN** and **PREDICTIVE**.

**QUESTION: WHAT IS MEANT BY PATTERN?**

**ANSWER:** NOAH'S FLOOD, ABRAHAM OFFERING ISAAC, JOSEPH REJECTED BY HIS BRETHREN YET EVENTUALLY BECOMING RULER, THE TABERNACLE, THE 5 GREAT LEVITICAL OFFERINGS, THE BIRTH AND MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE SEVENTY SENT OUT BY JESUS, THE 120 IN THE UPPER ROOM ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, ETC.

**QUESTION: WHAT IS MEANT BY PREDICTIVE?**

**ANSWER:** THE SEED OF WOMAN, THE AGED JACOB PREDICTING THE FUTURE OF EACH OF HIS SONS' LINEAGE, DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 28 PREDICTING THE OUTCOME OF THE HEBREW NATION, THE PROPHET ELIJAH PREDICTING NO RAIN FOR 3 1/2 YEARS, THE PROPHET ISAIAH PREDICTING THE VIRGIN BIRTH, THE PROPHET MICAH PREDICTING THE PLACE OF BIRTH-BETHLEHEM, THE PROPHET JEREMIAH PREDICTING THE 70 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY BY BABYLON, ETC.

**Verse 6:** "Thus saith the Lord the **KING** of Israel, and his **REDEEMER** the LORD of hosts; **I AM** the **FIRST**, and **I AM** the **LAST**; and beside me there is **NO GOD.**"

MONOTHEISM is plainly declared here!!! Again, to see Scripture interpreting Scripture, go to the Book of Revelation. Chapter 1, verse 1 specifically says the purpose of the book is **THE REVELATION** (Greek Word is **apokalupsis** or **UNVEILING**) OF **JESUS CHRIST**. (Remember, the devout Jew knew that God was **VEILED** off from the ordinary person in the Tabernacle/Temple worship.) Verse 11 is the **UNVEILING** of this verse in Isaiah, for Jesus declares to John: "I AM Alpha and Omega, the **FIRST** and the **LAST**..."

Also, God seems to be stating that He is God of the **FIRST** Covenant (Old Testament, the Law) and God of the **LAST** Covenant (New Testament, Grace)

**Verse 7:** "And who, **AS I**, shall call, and shall declare it, and **set it in order for me**, since **I APPOINTED** the ancient people? and the **things that ARE COMING, and SHALL COME**, let them shew unto them."

God, through Isaiah, is almost mocking any other so-called gods, for none of them can predict the future, much less exercise control over the events!

**Verse 8:** "...ye are even my **WITNESSES**. Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is **NO GOD**; I know not any."

God is saying that the purpose of the Messianic nation of Israel was to be **WITNESSES** of the One True and Living God. The **Church** in the Book of Acts became the latter day "Messianic Nation," equipped with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be **WITNESSES**. "Ye shall be **WITNESSES** unto me..." Acts 1:8

**Verse 22:** "I (God) have **BLOTTED OUT**, as a **THICK CLOUD**, thy transgressions, and, as a **CLOUD**, thy **SINS**: return unto me; for I have **REDEEMED** thee.

Notice Isaiah, in speaking for God, says that God has **BLOTTED OUT** our sins as a **THICK CLOUD**.

**QUESTION:** **DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME GOD APPEARED IN A THICK CLOUD IN ORDER TO CALL OUT A GROUP OF PEOPLE UNTO HIMSELF?**

**ANSWER:** Look at Exodus 19:9: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a **THICK CLOUD**, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever..." And verses 16-18: "And it came to pass on the **THIRD DAY** in the **MORNING**, that there were **THUNDERS** and **LIGHTNINGS**, (like Revelation 11:19) and a **THICK CLOUD** upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the **LORD DESCENDED** (remember: **Jesus ASCENDED in a CLOUD**) upon it **IN FIRE**; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a **FURNACE**, (remember: Abraham's covenant in Genesis 15:17--the **FURNANCE**) and the whole mount quaked greatly."

Do you remember that when Solomon dedicated the Temple in the Old Testament with the 120 priests that God **CAME IN AS A GLORY CLOUD** so heavy the priests couldn't stand up? The Bible tells us that the **LAW IS GLORIOUS**, but unattainable by fallen flesh.

Do you remember that a **PILLAR OF CLOUD** followed the Hebrews by day and a **PILLAR OF FIRE** by night? The **CLOUD** seems to be associated with the **COVENANT** of the **LAW** and the **FIRE** with the New Testament Covenant, for Jesus said that in the New Covenant, the believer would be baptized with the Holy Ghost and **FIRE!!!** God would come **UPON** the believer and be **IN** the believer. In the Book of Acts, God **FULFILLED** the **PATTERN** He gave in the 120 priests of Solomon's Temple, for 120 believers were **BAPTIZED** with the Holy Spirit that day. The **PILLAR OF FIRE** that followed them in the wilderness wanderings had now caught up with them!!! Because of Jesus atoning work at Calvary, the 120 were "FIT"

VESSELS to receive the precious Holy Spirit. The scripture states that "Our God is a CONSUMING FIRE."

**NOTE:** Under **THE LAW**, the people could **NOT TOUCH** Mount Sinai, lest they die--just as Uzzah died when trying to stabilize the Ark of the Covenant (**THE LAW**) being hauled on the ox cart. **BUT**, under **GRACE**, because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice for our sins, the Lord Jesus, who was the **EMBODIMENT of THE LAW**, appeared to His disciples and told them to "**HANDLE HIM!**" Because **Jesus has BLOTTED OUT OUR SINS**, He is saying to each of us, **TOUCH ME! I CAN BE TOUCHED!!! I WANT TO BE TOUCHED!!!**

Precious brothers and sisters in Christ, I believe, **IF** God has, or could have, a "**NEED,**" it is the **NEED FOR YOUR LOVE** that **ONLY YOU** can **GIVE HIM!!!**

**Verse 28:** "That saith of **CYRUS**, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, 'Thou shalt be built; and to the Temple, 'Thy foundation shall be laid.'"

Isaiah predicted the name of the leader, **CYRUS of Persia**, who would defeat the Babylonian Empire and release the Israelites to return and rebuild after having been in bondage to Babylon for 70 years. **AGAIN**, no other religious book can do this and the **TESTIMONY** or **PROOF of JESUS** is the spirit of **PROPHECY!**

## CHAPTER 45

**Verse 1:** "Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to **CYRUS**, whose right hand I have holden..."

Again, Isaiah is **BOLDLY** stating the name of a leader of an empire that doesn't **EVEN EXIST YET**--not for 150 YEARS!!!

**Verse 3:** "And I will give thee the **TREASURES** of darkness, and **HIDDEN RICHES** of **SECRET PLACES**, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which **CALL THEE BY THY NAME**, **AM THE GOD OF ISRAEL.**"

Even though God is speaking through Isaiah that 150 years into the future **CYRUS** will know that the God of Israel enabled him and called him by name, this scripture is a **GLORIOUS PROMISE TO US**, too! **GOD KNOWS YOUR NAME!** The scriptures say that Jesus opened up "**dark**" sayings from of old. These are **TREASURES** He has brought to **LIGHT** for us to understand His great Love for us. He gives us **HIDDEN RICHES** found in the **SECRET PLACES of His Holy Word**. Remember one of the most touching scenes of the resurrection was when Mary thought she was asking the gardener where the body of Jesus was taken.

**QUESTION:** How did Jesus answer her?

**ANSWER:** John 20:16 "Jesus saith unto her, **MARY.**"

