

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapters 46-48

1. **CHAPTER 46** Chapters 46-48 deal with the fall of Babylon, the nation who will take the remaining Jews in Southern Kingdom Judah and Jerusalem captive for 70 years. Isaiah is speaking of the **fall of Babylon 100 years before the Babylonian Empire arises!** Isaiah is repeating Chapters 13 and 14. Remember in Isaiah Chapter 14 he speaks of the future King of Babylon falling, but then begins to speak of a SUPERNATURAL and SPIRITUAL KING OF BABYLON, **Lucifer, the anointed cherub that covereth**, and how Lucifer fell from Heaven. These chapters will again reiterate that **Cyrus, King of Persia**, will overcome Babylon. He will give the decree for the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple. **AMAZING, AMAZING SPECIFICITY OF THE PROPHECIES OF ISAIAH!!! AGAIN, NO OTHER BOOK CAN MAKE THE CLAIMS TO FULFILLED PROPHECIES AS THE BIBLE CAN!!!!** The prophecies validate the Bible as being the infallible, **EXCLUSIVE** and inspired Word of God. Remember, the **testimony** (TRUTH and PROOF) of **Jesus** is the **Spirit of Prophecy**. (Revelation 19:10)

Verse 4: "And even to your **OLD AGE** I am He; and even to hoar (gray) hairs **will I carry you:** I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you."

This is God reinforcing His Covenant with the nation of Israel, BUT we who have received Christ as Savior are also in COVENANT with the Lord. This is our promise as we enter OLD AGE, as **David Carraway and Pastor Dean Register already have!** 😊

Verse 10: "Declaring the **END from the BEGINNING**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and **I will do all my pleasure.**"

After God states again through Isaiah that He is God and there is none else, none like Him, He states in this verse the CLINCHER, the AUTHENTICATOR--the **One True and Living God, Jehovah, can tell the end of all things AT the BEGINNING.** Because He is **OMNISCIENT**, He can **EFFECTUATE** His plan in human history--even with His creation being given FREE WILL! As the scripture declares, "Our times are in His Hand." (Psalm 31:15)

QUESTION: Does this help in understanding *why* and *how* the scriptures can state that Jesus was the **Lamb SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD?**

Remember: God's lesson in captivity is always repeated in this manner--captivity takes us **back into** what God had **brought us out of!** God had brought the father of the nation of Israel, the **Patriarch Abraham**, centuries earlier, **OUT OF Ur of the Chaldees.** That was the **geographic location of Babylon.** Now, the seed of Abraham, was headed right back into it!

2. **CHAPTER 47**

Verse 3: "Thy **nakedness** shall be **uncovered**, yea, thy **shame shall be seen:** I will take vengeance, and **I WILL NOT** meet thee **AS A MAN.**"

Although God is speaking of **judging Babylon** after the 70 years Babylon had enslaved His people, this scripture also relates **to us**, when we were separated from God and taken captive by **the enemy** of our souls. Remember, Adam and Eve, when they became UNHOLY and rebellious, KNEW they were NAKED and tried to cover themselves with fig leaves, **BUT FIG LEAVES CANNOT COVER SIN!!! ONLY THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE LAMB OF GOD CAN DO THAT!** Not only, as this scripture predicts, will God judge Babylon and her evil by using King Cyrus of Persia, **BUT** He would come, **NOT with the limitations of a man**, but as **GOD IN THE FLESH** in the **Person of His Son**, to **JUDGE the Babylon (fallen, sin nature) in EACH OF US!** Keep in mind that this typology carries all the way through to the **Book of Revelation**, when the world's **FALLEN SYSTEM (Babylon) is one day JUDGED by GOD ALMIGHTY.**

Remember!!! It is very **SIGNIFICANT** that when Jesus was atoning for the sins of the world upon the Cross of Calvary, He spoke in an ancient **CHALDEAN** dialect!!! **WOW!** The **language of ABRAHAM**, with whom God began His Covenant Plan for humanity!!! This is why those at the cross mistakenly **thought He was calling for Elijah.** They didn't recognize the language He spoke. So, not only was Jesus fulfilling the Promise to Abraham, but in using the language of ancient Babylon, **He was also plainly JUDGING THE WORLD'S (BABYLON'S) SINS at Calvary!**

Verse 4: "As for our **REDEEMER**, the **Lord of Hosts is His NAME**, the Holy **ONE** of Israel."

God is further emphasizing that He will **not meet as a man** to judge sin, but as our **REDEEMER**, the Lord of Hosts, the Holy One of Israel. There is but **ONE** Jesus, **ONE** way to be saved, **ONE** Highway to Heaven as Isaiah previously stated in Chapter 35 verse 8.

Verse 13: "Thou (Babylon) art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the **ASTROLOGERS, THE STARGAZERS, THE MONTHLY PROGNOSTICATORS**, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee."

God is telling the empire of Babylon (over 100 years before it even becomes a powerful empire) that its **occultic practices CANNOT SAVE THEM.**

QUESTION: **WHY DOES THE BIBLE STATE IN DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12 THAT...**

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to **pass through the fire**, or that **useth divination**, or an **observer of times**, or an **enchanter**, or a **witch**. Or a **charmer**, or a **consulter with familiar spirits**, or a **wizard**, or a **necromancer**. For **ALL** that **DO** these **THINGS** are an **ABOMINATION unto the Lord**: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee."???

3. CHAPTER 48 God begins speaking to His chosen people, Israel, and tells them that while they swear by the Name of the Lord and "make mention" of Him, they **do not do it IN TRUTH or IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Their **LIFESTYLE and BEHAVIOR** are **NOT MATCHING UP** with the **CHARACTER** of the God they claim to represent!

Verses 3 and 5: "I (God) have declared the **former things from the beginning**...I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; **before it came to pass** I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them."

God keeps reemphasizing that **HE and HE ALONE KNOWS THE FUTURE**. (This is a **REPEATED THEME** in Isaiah.) He's telling His people these prophecies were given to them so that they would know when the prophecies came to pass that **HE IS GOD!** Yet they would **NOT BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE!** **IMPORTANT POINT TO REMEMBER: FAITH IS NOT WITHOUT EVIDENCE!!!** The Lord Jesus Christ asks us to believe IN HIM on the **BASIS** of the **EVIDENCE** of the **resurrection and FULFILLED PROPHECIES!**

Verses 9 and 11: "For my **NAME'S SAKE** will I **DEFER** mine **ANGER**, and for **MY PRAISE** will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee **NOT OFF**...For **MINE OWN SAKE**, even for **MINE OWN SAKE**, will I do it: for how should my **NAME** be **POLLUTED?** and I will not give my glory unto another."

God says that in spite of the disobedience of the nation of Israel, He **WILL NOT CUT THEM OFF!** His reason is "**FOR HIS NAME SAKE.**" God **DEFERRED** His anger until the right moment in time: **CALVARY'S CROSS**. God the **FATHER CUT COVENANT** with the **SON OF GOD** on that cross. "He could swear by no greater, so He swore **BY HIMSELF.**" **GOD DID IT ALL!** And He did it so that **WE COULD BE THE BENEFICIARIES!!!** He **upholds the covenant** based upon **HIS CHARACTER, HIS GREAT NAME!!!** **AND HE CANNOT FAIL!** (Love **CANNOT** fail. Calvary was a "Done-Deal." The scriptures call it the **DETERMINATE COUNSEL** of God. Acts 2:23) *God is very DETERMINED!*

Verse 22: "There is **NO PEACE**, saith the Lord, unto the **wicked.**"

Remember: One of the 5 offerings in the Book of Leviticus (Chapters 3 and 7) was the **PEACE OFFERING**. Both the offerer and the priest **shared in eating the Peace Offering**. Remember, too, that Jesus (the **TRUE AND ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**) **ATE** with the 5,000. He was demonstrating God's Heart for **FELLOWSHIP** with a **REDEEMED** people. Additionally, Jesus was known after His resurrection by the two walking on the road to Emmaus **AFTER THEY BROKE BREAD WITH HIM**. The **PEACE OFFERING** foreshadowed **FELLOWSHIP (reconciliation) with GOD**. The New Testament tells us that **JESUS GAVE US PEACE WITH GOD**. "The chastisement of our **PEACE** was upon Him." (Isaiah 53:5) When Adam and Eve fell, they **LOST THE PEACE OF GOD**. That was part of the curse. **But Jesus took that curse UPON HIMSELF**. Remember that **THORNS** were involved with the **original curse** pronounced by God on Adam and Eve? When the Roman soldiers were mocking Jesus, they unwittingly and symbolically **placed the curse upon His Head** when they make the **crown of THORNS!** The head is where the **MIND** is housed. The Mind is the battlefield for **PEACE**. Jesus bore that on Calvary. **WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD HERE AND NOW!!** God wants to **SUP** (eat supper) **with US!** He wants **FELLOWSHIP with us**. Jesus had the **LAST SUPPER** with His disciples. At the end of the age, He will have a **MARRIAGE SUPPER**. He tells us in the Book of Revelation, chapter 3:20:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will **SUP** with him, and he with me."

What wonderful news! We can "eat supper" with Jesus any time of the day and this kind of supper enriches our soul and spirit--not body weight, ladies!!! 😊

***NOTE:** This is a great example of "scripture interpreting scripture."

