

# THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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## **“GOD KNOWS” – PART 1**

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Prophecies of Isaiah

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**Introduction to the Text:            Isaiah 48:1-22**

Here in chapter 48, we come to the close of a section that began back in chapter 40 with the theme of: Greatness of God’s ability to Deliver.

### **Keep in mind as we study this chapter.**

#1 Cyrus of Persia has not yet been born.

#2 There was no Babylon to speak of, not for another 100 years.

#3 Everything about this chapter 48 is yet in the future from on Isaiah’s calendar - It’s on his calendar for the future. It’s on the schedule.

### **He Rebukes Them Regarding**

Their hard hearts /

Their desire to listen to themselves /

The fact that they “Carved out Idols for their own comfort and needs”

So just how does someone create an idol anyway?

“you start with sugar and spice and everything nice”

# God Knows

1.) What is in the confession

vs. 1-2

“Hear this, O house of **Jacob**, who are **called** by the name of **Israel**, and have come forth from the wellsprings of **Judah**; who **swear** by the name of the **LORD**, and make **mention** of the God of **Israel**, but not in truth or in righteousness; **2** for they call themselves after the holy city, and lean on the God of **Israel**; The **LORD** of hosts is His name:

## Jacob / Israel

### Genesis 25:26

Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau’s heel; so his name was called **Jacob**.

Jacob = heel-catcher or supplanter – meaning one who advances by ambition, seizing the moment)

( the struggle within her was two nations )

### Genesis 32:24-30

Then **Jacob** was left alone; and a **Man** wrestled with **him** until the breaking of day. 25 Now when **He** saw that He did not prevail against **him**, **He** touched the socket of **his** hip; and the socket of **Jacob’s** hip went out of joint as **He** wrestled with **him**. 26 And **He** said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” :27 So **He** said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “**Jacob**.” :28 And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called **Jacob**, but **Israel**; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.” :29 Then **Jacob** asked, saying, “Tell me Your name, I pray.” And He said, “Why is it that you ask about My name?” And **He** blessed him there. :30 So **Jacob** called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”

**The name “Israel” means “to be governed by God”.**  
**The name is a description of what happens to every person that truly encounters God personally.**

### Galatians 6:15-16

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. :16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon **the Israel of God**.

## There's a change in the government of our heart & mind.

(1) "Hear this, O house of **Jacob**, Who are "**called**" by the name of **Israel**, and have come forth from the wellsprings of **Judah**; who "**swear**" by the name of the **LORD**, and make "**mention**" of the God of **Israel**,

**You say you're "Called". You "Swear" that you know me.  
You "mention" God all the time!!!**

(1c) but **not** in **truth** or in **righteousness**;

**I feel like the flight attendant saying** *"Attention Please: The Captain has indicated that there is turbulence ahead so please fasten your seatbelt"*

**Notice that God is saying "You call yourselves "Israel" but you're the one telling people that when they should be saying that of you.**

**The Bible says that** "The disciples were first called 'Christians' in Antioch." **In Acts 11:26 because that's how the non-Christians made fun of the Believers.**

### **Here's the Question;**

Do non-believers mock you with the label "Christian" as a slam against you?

**"It is absolutely irrelevant that you call yourself a Christian.  
What is relevant is if the world calls you one." - Me**

Very Few People who say they are Christians, are actually Christians.

### **Matthew 7:20-23**

Therefore by their fruits you will know them. :21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

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### 2.) What is in the heart

vs. 3-8

**3** “**I have declared the former things from the beginning**; they went forth from My mouth, and **I caused them to hear it**. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.

**Again, The God of the Bible stresses the fact** that He alone is God because only God can know the future in advance.

**4** Because I knew that you were obstinate, and your neck was an iron sinew, and your brow bronze, **5** even from the beginning **I have declared** it to you; before it came to pass **I proclaimed it to you**, Lest you should say, “My idol has done them, And my carved image and my molded image have commanded them.’

**6** “You have heard; see all this. And will you not declare it? I have made you hear new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them. **7** They are created now and not from the beginning; and before this day you have not heard them, lest you should say, “Of course I knew them.’ **8** Surely you did not hear, surely you did not know; surely from long ago your ear was not opened. For I knew that you would deal very treacherously, and were called **a transgressor from the womb**.

**transgressor** paw-shah´; to break away from God. to throw off authority. to willfully trespass, to apostatize. a rebel.

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### 3.) What He must do

vs. 9-11

**9** “For **My name’s sake** I will **defer** My anger, and for My praise I will **restrain** it from you, So that I do not cut you off.

**This is Important. God is saying;**  
“My anger is just. The praise that is due to Me is proper.”

“But I must defer. I must refrain because “Judgment” is coming.  
My praise is yet future.”

**What is it that God has done...**  
**“So that He does not cut you off.”**

**Isaiah 53:5-6**

But He was wounded for **our transgressions**, He was bruised for **our iniquities**; The chastisement for **our peace** was upon Him, And by His stripes **we are healed**. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him **the iniquity of us all**.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

For He made Him who knew no sin (sinlessness) to be sin for us, that we might **become the righteousness** of God in Him.

**2 Corinthians 5:19b**

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their **trespasses** to them.

**Colossians 2:13-14**

And you, being dead in your **trespasses** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all **trespasses**, (somebody ask how?) **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has **taken it out of the way**, (somebody ask how?) having **nailed it to the cross**.

**10** Behold, I have **refined** you, but not as silver; I have **tested** you in the furnace of affliction. **11** For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; for how should My name be profaned? and I will not give My glory to another.

There is a responsibility to us  
**to honor Him.**

He has a responsibility to Himself  
**to honor His word.**

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4.) What the future holds

vs. 12-15

**12** “Listen to Me, O **Jacob**, and **Israel**, My called: **I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last**. **13** Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; when I call to them, they **stand up together**. **14a**“All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these things?

**Jerome writes in 380 ad.** that *“It is clear that the One speaking is the pre-incarnate Christ Himself for it is confirmed to us in those words “I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST” for none but Christ could say such a thing.”*

**Revelation 1:10-11,17-18a**

I (John) was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, :11 saying, “I am **the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,**” :17 When I (John) saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am **the First and the Last.** 18a I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.

(13c) **They stand up together.**

The word means to arise “suddenly”. Creation “jumped” to attention. to come into being at the sound of the word.

**Psalm 33:6**

By **the word** of the LORD the heavens were made,  
And all the host of them **by the breath** of His mouth.

In Genesis 1:3 God said; **“Let there be light”**  
More accurately it reads **“Light be” and Light was”**  
We see in Gen. 1:6 Then God said, “Let there be a **“Firmament”**

**The words used leave no room for evolution,  
not even theistic evolution.**

(14b-15) The **LORD** loves him (Cyrus); He shall do His pleasure (defeat) on Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans. **15** I, even I, have spoken; Yes, I have called him, (Cyrus); I have brought him, and his way will prosper.

Looking ahead – When Jesus Christ returns to earth in His second coming, He too will deal with the spirit of “Babylon”.

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**5.) What we need the most**

**vs. 16-19**

Scholars have scratched their heads over this verse for 2,000 years and I love the fact that this passage causes an itch.  
**( It is Christ-centric in its language and meaning )**

**16 “Come near to Me,** (to take the face) **hear this:** I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there.  
And now the Lord **GOD** and His **Spirit** have sent **Me.**”

**“Come near to Me,”**

**Matthew 11:28**

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**“Hear this: I have not spoken in secret”**

**John 18:20**

Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.

**“From the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there.”**

**John 1:1-3**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**“And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit have sent Me.”**

**Luke 1:26-35**

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel **was sent by God** to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of **the house of David**. The virgin’s name was Mary. **28** And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, **the Lord** is with you; blessed are you among women!” **:29** But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. **30** Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with **God**. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a **Son**, and shall call His name **JESUS**. **32** He will be great, and will be called **the Son of the Highest**; and the **Lord God** will give **Him** the throne of His father **David**. **33** And He will reign over **the house of Jacob forever**, and of His kingdom **there will be no end.**” **:34** Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” **:35** And the angel answered and said to her, “**The Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of **the Highest** will overshadow you; therefore, also, that **Holy One** who is to be born will be called **the Son of God**.”

**God The Highest (Father) The Holy Spirit (Spirit)  
and The Son of God (Jesus) - - deity ascribed to all three.**

(17-18) **This is God and His painful lament**

**17** Thus says the **LORD**, your Redeemer, The Holy One of **Israel**: “I am the **LORD** your God, Who (a) teaches you to **profit**, who (b) leads you by the way you should **go**. **18** Oh, that you (c) had heeded My commandments! Then (d) **your peace would have been** like a river, and (e) **your righteousness** like the waves of the sea.

**“your peace would have been like a river”**

**Luke 19:37-42**

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, **38** saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the **LORD**!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” **:39** And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” **:40** But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.” **:41** Now as He drew near, **He saw the city and wept over it, 42** saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

**another painful lamentation**

“I talked this week with the parents of daughter who has walked away. Mom and Dad recounted how they raised her in the Lord, prayed over her, tucked her into bed, read her bible stories, taught her how to pray and love Jesus, but then she decides, “I want what I want” even if that means going against God’s Himself.

**His pain continues...**

**19** Your descendants also would have been like the sand, and the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; His name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.”

**Disobedience always**, - always, always leads to pain, sorrow and regret.

**Disobedience never**, - never, never turns out well for the offender.

# God Knows

## 6.) What the end is all about

vs. 20-22

**20** Go forth from (come out from) Babylon! (rev. 18:4) Flee from the Chaldeans! (150 years yet ahead) With a voice of singing, declare, proclaim this, utter it to the end of the earth; Say, "The **LORD** has redeemed His servant **Jacob!**" **21** and they did not thirst when He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out.

(22) "There is no peace," says the **LORD**, "for the **wicked.**"

**wicked** heb: rasha (raw-shaw) the (absolute) **morally** wrong. the (absolute) **bad** person. the (absolute) **condemned**, the (absolute) **guilty**, the (absolute) **ungodly**, the man or woman that does (absolute) **sin**.

This could be a reference to "Israel" still being like the "Jacob of Old"

### **Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

### **Galatians 5:16-21**

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. :**19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, no idolaters, no adulterers, no homosexuals, no sodomites, **10** no thieves, no covetous, no drunkards, no revilers, no extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** **Such were some of you.** But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

**Jeremiah 29:11-12**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

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*End of Study*

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