

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VI. Isaiah’s Divine *Prophecies* of Consolation for **Israel** (40:1-48:22)

- A. The *Pronouncement* of Judah’s time of Comfort (40:1-11)
- B. The *Proclamation* of the Greatness of God (40:12-31)
- C. The *Prophetic Power* of God (41:1-29)
- D. The *Presentation* of God’s Servant—Messiah (42:1-8)
- E. The *Proclamation* of “New Things” (42:9-25)
- F. The *Prophecies* of Israel’s Restoration (43:1-44:28)

G. The *Preeminence* of the God of Israel (45:1-48:22)

- 1. The *Elevation* of King Cyrus (45:1-4)
- 2. The *Excellence* of the Sovereign God (45:5-13)
- 3. The *End-time Conversion* of the Gentiles (45:14-25)

4. The *Exceeding Power* of God (46:1-13)

- a. *His Subjugation* of the Babylonian gods (46:1-2)

¹**Bel** has *bowed down*, **Nebo** *stoops over*;
their **images** are *consigned* to the **beasts** and the **cattle**.
The things that you **carry** are **burdensome**, a **load** for the **weary beast**.

²They *stooped over*, they have *bowed down* together;
they could **not rescue** the **burden**,
but have themselves **gone into captivity**.

- b. *His Sustaining* of Israel in every age (46:3-4)

³“Listen to Me, **O house of Jacob**,
and all the **remnant** of the **house of Israel**,
You who have been **borne by Me** from **birth**
and have been **carried** from the **womb**;

⁴Even to *your old age* I will be the **same**,
and even to *your graying years* I will **bear you!**
I have done *it*, and I will **carry you**; and I will **bear you** and I will **deliver you**.

- c. *His Superiority* over Heathen Idols (46:5-7)

⁵“To whom would you **liken Me** and make **Me equal** and **compare Me**, that we would be **alike?**”

⁶“Those who lavish **gold** from the purse and weigh **silver** on the scale hire a **goldsmith**, and he makes it *into a god*; they **bow down**, indeed they **worship it**.

⁷“They lift it upon the **shoulder** and **carry it**; they set it in its **place** and it **stands there**. It does **not move** from its place.

Though one may cry to it, it **cannot answer**; It **cannot deliver** him from his **distress**.

d. His *Strong Plea* for Israel to “**Remember**” (46:8-11)

⁸“**Remember this**, and **be assured**; **Recall it** to mind, you *transgressors*.

⁹“**Remember** the **former things** long past, for **I am God**, and there is **no other**; *I am God*, and there is **no one like Me**,

¹⁰Declaring the **end** from the **beginning**, and from *ancient times* things which have **not been done**,

Saying, ‘**My purpose** will be **established**, and I will **accomplish** all **My good pleasure**’;

¹¹Calling a **bird of prey** from the **east**, the **man** of *My purpose* from a **far country**. **Truly** I have **spoken**; **truly** I will bring it **to pass**. I have **planned it**, *surely* I will **do it**.

e. His *Sovereign Promise* of **Salvation** (46:12-13)

- 1) *Denouncing* the “**stubborn-minded**” (46:12)
- 2) *Disclosing His* coming **righteousness** (46:13a)
- 3) *Declaring* **salvation** in **Zion** (46:13b)

¹²“**Listen to Me**, you **stubborn-minded**, who are *far* from **righteousness**.

¹³“I bring near **My righteousness**, it is **not far off**; and **My salvation** will **not delay**.

And I will grant **salvation** in **Zion**, and **My glory** for **Israel**.

Personal Application

Tonight we read that **God exhorted Israel** to:

“Remember this, and be assured;..

“Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other, I am God, and there is no one like Me,” (46:8a, 9)

As Believers, we also need to Remember—

1) We need to Remember the Sovereign Power of God→

→ The *Power* that Conceived Israel—

Now the LORD said to Abram,..
...”I will make you a great nation,...(Genesis12:1a, 2a)

→ The *Power* that Redeemed Israel (from Egypt)—

Say, therefore, to the **sons of Israel**, ‘I am the LORD,
and I will **bring you out** from under the **burdens** of the Egyptians,
and I will **deliver you** from their **bondage**.

I will also redeem you with an **outstretched arm** and with **great judgments**.
(Exodus 6:6)

→ The *Power* that Preserves Israel

“Listen to Me, **O house of Jacob**,
and all the **remnant** of the **house of Israel**,
you who have been borne by Me from **birth**
and have been carried from the **womb**;

Even to *your old age* I will be the **same**,
and even to *your graying years* I will bear you!
I have done *it*, and I will carry you; and I will **bear you** and I will deliver you.
(Isaiah 46:3-4)

Behold, **He** who keeps Israel will **neither slumber** nor **sleep**. (Psalm 121:4)

2) We need to Remember the Sacred Precepts of God→

This **book of the law** shall **not depart** from **your mouth**,
but you shall **meditate** on it **day and night**,
so that you may be careful to do according to **all** that is **written in it**;
for then you will make your way **prosperous**,
and then you will have **success**. (Joshua 1:8)

The law of the LORD is **perfect**, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is **sure**, making wise the simple.
The precepts of the LORD are **right**, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the LORD is *pure*, enlightening the eyes.

The **fear of the LORD** is **clean**, enduring **forever**;
The **judgments of the LORD** are *true*; they are **righteous altogether**.
(Psalm 19:7-9)

I will never forget **Your precepts**,
For **by them You** have given me life. (Psalm 119:93)

Thus says **the LORD**,
“**Stand** by the ways and see and **ask** for the ancient paths,
Where the **good way is**, and **walk in it**;
and you will find **rest** for **your souls**.
But they **(Israel)** said, ‘We will **not walk in it**.’ (Jeremiah 6:16)

3) We need to *Remember* the **Steadfast Promises of God**→

A. The *Promises* given to Israel:

- The *Promise* of **God’s Everlasting Love** (Jer. 31:3) (Deut. 7:7-8)
(Rom. 11:28)
- The *Promise* of **Israel’s Final Salvation** (Jer. 23:3-6) (Isa. 45:17)
(Rom. 11:26-27)
- The *Promise* of **Israel’s Final Restoration** (Amos 9:14-15)
(Jer. 32:37-41) (Zeph. 3:20)

B. The *Promises* given to Believers:

- The *Promise* of an **Everlasting Love**

For I am **convinced** that neither **death**, nor **life**, nor **angels**, nor **principalities**,
nor things **present**, nor things **to come**, nor **powers**,
nor **height**, nor **depth**, nor any other **created thing**,
will be able to **separate us** from the love of God,
which is in **Messiah Jesus our Lord**. (Romans 8:38-39)

- The *Promise* of a **Final “Physical” Salvation** (Rom. 8:23)

Blessed be the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**,
who...has caused us to be **born again** to a **living hope**
through the **resurrection** of **Jesus the Messiah** from the **dead**,
who are **protected** by the **power of God** through **faith**
for a salvation ready to be **revealed** in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

- The *Promise* of a **Future Glory**

For those whom **He foreknew**, **He** also **predestined**
to **become conformed** to the **image of His Son**,..

and these whom **He *predestined***, **He** also ***called***;
and these whom **He *called***, **He** also ***justified***; and these whom **He *justified***,
He also **glorified**. (Romans 8:29-30)