

Isaiah

Part Seven

The God Who Comforts and Chooses (chapters 40-48)

God is RESCUER – 42:10 – 47:15

- The Lord rescues but you are blind and deaf – 42:10-25
 - Sing to the Lord a new song – 42:10-12
 - The Lord (not idols) will rescue – 42:13-17
 - The blind and deaf servant – 42:18-25

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- I will Rescue you in the Future as I did in the Past – 43:1—44:5
 - God assures the servant – 43:1-7
 - Don't fear
 - I've redeemed you
 - I've called you
 - I'll be with you

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- I will Rescue you in the Future as I did in the Past – 43:1—44:5
 - You are my witnesses – 43:8-13
 - Which idol of the nations foretold the future?
 - Israel, you are my witnesses!
 - I am the YHWH (Jehovah) and besides me there is no other Savior

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- I will Rescue you in the Future as I did in the Past – 43:1—44:5
 - A new deliverance from Babylon! – 43:14-21
 - Don't dwell in the past – I'm doing a new thing – 43:16-21
 - Despite all that, you've not called on me – 43:22-28
 - I am the God who blots out transgressions
 - Quit trying to act innocent

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- I will Rescue you in the Future as I did in the Past – 43:1—44:5
 - A bright future under God – 44:1-5
 - His abruptness changes to “But now”
 - Jacob – my servant whom I have chosen
 - JESHURUN – a term of affection or endearment
 - Water on a thirsty land = my Spirit on your offspring

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- **Trusting in Idols is Foolish; Remember the Lord – 44:6-23**
 - **Is there any other rock? – 44:6-8**
 - **Apart from me there is no God – v6**
 - **Who is like me? – v7**
 - **Is there any God besides me – v8**
 - **No, there is no other Rock; I know not one – v8**
 - **Challenge to the idols – give any evidence otherwise!**

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- **Trusting in Idols is Foolish; Remember the Lord – 44:6-23**
 - **Idols vs Israel's God – 44:9-20**
 - **All who make idols are nothing**
 - **Craftsmen work tirelessly choosing the best trees**
 - **The tree is chopped down**
 - **Half goes to make an idol; half goes for firewood**

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- Trusting in Idols is Foolish; Remember the Lord – 44:6-23
 - Idols vs Israel's God – 44:9-20
 - Their idols can't see or understand anything
 - No one stops to think he is bowing down to a block of wood!
 - What if you're burning your idol and worshiping your firewood?

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- **Trusting in Idols is Foolish; Remember the Lord – 44:6-23**
 - **What God does for Israel – 44:21-23**
 - **You are my servant**
 - **I won't forget you**
 - **Why not return to me?**
 - **Israel's response – Sing for joy!**

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- I will choose Cyrus to deliver you – 44:24-45:19
 - I am Redeemer and Creator – 44:24-25
 - God created men
 - Men created idols
 - Who is more powerful?

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- I will choose Cyrus to deliver you – 44:24-45:19
 - God’s word to Cyrus – 45:1-8
 - I will subdue nations before you – 45:1-3
 - Babylon did not fall by the might of Cyrus
 - Cyrus is God’s “anointed” Messiah to do his work
 - He called him by name about 150 years beforehand!
 - God must be responsible; no idol could do that!

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- God's word to Cyrus – 45:1-8

- Why God raised up Cyrus – 45:4-7

- For the sake of his servant Jacob
- So from the rising to the setting of the sun, people would know He was God!
- Another of many evidences in Isaiah that God wants all nations to know Him!

- God's plan for growing righteousness – 45:8

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- I will choose Cyrus to deliver you – 44:24-45:19
 - God’s word to skeptical Jews – 45:9-19
 - Woe to him who quarrels with his maker – 45:9-10
 - Does the clay criticize the potter?
 - Does the newborn criticize the parents?
 - I created the world; I’ll raise up Cyrus – 45:11-13
 - I created the world; I can raise up Cyrus!
 - Cyrus will let the exiles go not because he is paid a huge sum of money – but because it’s what God wants!

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 - God’s word to skeptical Jews – 45:9-19
 - The results of God restoring them – 45:14-17
 - Nations recognize God is with Israel
 - Makers of idols put to shame
 - I have not spoken in secret – 45:18-19
 - He didn’t create the land to be a waste place
 - He hasn’t spoken in secret so no one will know

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- **God can save; idols cannot – 45:20-47:15**
 - **God's word to the nations – 45:20-25**
 - **To the nations – come together and defend your idols**
 - **If an idol had power it wouldn't need you to carry it**
 - **Pray to an idol that has *ears of wood*?**
 - **There is no other God besides Me!**

Assignment

Read Isaiah 45-49