

Isaiah 48

King James Version (KJV)

48 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. (They claim to be followers of God, but teach false interpretations of it. Many are in it for the tithe money)

²For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name. (They claim to be Christians but teach traditions of men instead of God's Word)

³I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. (God proved His Word is the truth over and over again, with miracles and prophecies that were fulfilled)

⁴Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; (They are stubborn and refuse to learn the truth. Even all the proofs in verse 3 don't convince them to trust God. Instead, they choose to follow the traditions of men)

⁵I 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 foretold us of events so we would believe in Him; and still, men don't believe)

⁶Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. (They are just now beginning to happen, and yet God told us thousands of years ago)

⁷They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

⁸Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. (Even from birth, they were rebellious and arrogant)

⁹For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. (So that the heathen will not say – Their God couldn't save them. God wants all people to believe and follow Him to salvation)

¹⁰Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. (God humbles them rather than destroying them; to get them back into line and living the righteous way, so that they can be saved)

¹¹For 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. (Everyone needs to learn that there is a living God in heaven; not just Israel. God won't allow His name to be polluted, because that would rob the gentiles if the opportunity to seek Him for their salvation)

¹²Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. (Alpha & Omega – no other) see Revelation-1

¹³Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. (God created all things, and HE is still in charge)

¹⁴All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. (Chastisement on Babylon for having abused Israel)

¹⁵I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. (God used the Babylonians to chastise Israel, because they had become as the heathen. Then Babylon went too far when they abused Israel and mocked God. HE used Cyrus the Persian to defeat Babylon, and to allow the Israelites to return to Judah and rebuild the temple. Cyrus even funded the rebuilding. God named Cyrus 137 years before he was even born)

¹⁶Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. (This is Isaiah, speaking of himself)

¹⁷Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by

the way that thou shouldest go. (God always shows us the right way. We never listen to Him)

¹⁸ O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: (Blessings would have been unending if we just obeyed God)

¹⁹ Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

²⁰ Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob. (Babylon = confusion – come out of confusion and learn God's Word)

²¹ And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. (When Israel left Egypt, for the Promised Land; God took good care of all of them and their herds in the wilderness)

²² There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. (God gives us peace of mind. Go against Him and you will have no peace)