

Isaiah 44

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44 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: (God chose Israel to be the lineage of Jesus – God in the flesh. He did that in promises to Abraham, Jacob, and later to King David)

² Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. (Jeshurun- a term meaning Israel is supremely happy but fickle. Good time Charleys that forget God in good times, and return to Him only when they are in trouble and need His help)

³ For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: (God is everlasting life; Satan is death)

⁴ And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. (If you teach your children to love God, they will thrive and prosper in God's blessings)

⁵ One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel. (Today, we call ourselves Christians because we follow Jesus Christ – God with us)

⁶ Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. (God is the Alpha and the Omega – Revelation-1)

⁷ And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

⁸ Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. (God= rock- in the Hebrew; as the word is used in the Song of Moses & in Deuteronomy-32; God is our Rock and our Rock is not their rock)

⁹ They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses;

they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. (Those who fall away from God, for the temptations of the world. Their earthly luxuries won't help them in the end. They're so blind that they aren't even ashamed of what they do)

¹⁰ Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? (What earthly idol has ever been able to help anyone? It's all nonsense created by a fool)

¹¹ Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together. (When Jesus returns, they won't be able to say "there is no God")

¹² The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint. (Man is weak, as compared to God. The smith was considered almost a religious person, in these pagan cultures, because he made their gods for them. God put the universe together and HE doesn't get hungry or weak)

¹³ The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. (Same with the carpenter) (The idol remains in the house because it is not living. It's an object)

¹⁴ He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. (Man may plant the tree, but it is God that created the tree and feeds it)

¹⁵ Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. (Man makes a god out of wood and worships it. Wood was meant to burn, to cook and to build with)

¹⁶ He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: (Simple people are easily satisfied and can't see beyond this physical world)

¹⁷ And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. (It can't do anything. It's just a piece of wood)

¹⁸ They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. (Because they won't even try to see the truth; the truth is there – in the Bible. All they have to do is read it)

¹⁹ And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? (No common sense)

(An idol is anything that you put before God. It can be your business, your cars or boats, your house, your toys, etc...)

²⁰ He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? (Am I worshipping a lie or a fraud?)

²¹ Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. (God won't forget you; if you don't forget Him)

²² I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. (God forgave all his sins when he repented. He redeemed all men when they crucified Him. Return to God and be blessed and saved)

²³ Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. (There's nothing wrong with nature. In fact, it is beautiful and useful. Just don't worship it instead of God)

²⁴ Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; (There is only one God. HE created everything, including all of us)

²⁵ That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; (tokens= false evidence from fake preachers - usually pertaining to God, and how HE sent them, to collect tithes) (God frustrates their evidence with His Word, if you read it)

²⁶ That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: (God fulfills the prophecies that He gives to His prophets)

²⁷ That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: (God controls all, including nature itself)

²⁸ That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. (Cyrus, king of Media Persia, is foretold of and even named here, 137 years before he was born. It is also foretold that he will decree that Jerusalem will be rebuilt, after the occupation of the Babylonians) see Ezra-1:1-2 > 137 (years later. Cyrus was not an Israelite. He was a heathen king of Persia)

NOTE: (Isaac, Solomon, Joseph and Cyrus – 4 people that God named before they were born. HE used them to fulfill His plan)