

## Isaiah Forty four

Transcribed from tape of Jeremiah using the New American Standard Translation.

As the "light gets brighter and brighter as the perfect day progresses." (Prov. 4:18), the servants of YAHWEH begin to realize gradually, with increasing certainty, that YAHWEH has chosen no one but Israel. And they have to in the same gradual process eliminate the lies that they have been taught. For instance any true GODly person would have been proud to be called "christian"; "you're a real good christian." That's a nice term. It used to sound very nice to anyone who did not know the truth. But now we find as I said, as the light progresses, that the ones who please YAHWEH, and the ones that HE has chosen, and the ones whom HE is using, are called Israel. Now the Forty-fourth chapter of Isaiah has to do with Israel, and the importance of the mission that Israel is to accomplish. I'm going to read from the New American Standard Translation:

Verse 1:

But now listen, O Jacob, My servant; And Israel, whom I have chosen:

"..now listen O Jacob My servant." Remember Jacob's name was changed to Israel. Israel is Jacob. YAHWEH is merely using these two terms to represent the same man who became Israel because of his "striving for YAHWEH'S blessing." (Gen. 32:24-28). He had the same heart, the same desire to serve his GOD when he was Jacob as when he was Israel, its the same individual. YAHWEH named him after HE blessed him.

"Now listen O Jacob, My servant, and Israel whom I have chosen." There is not a mention of anything else in here by Israel. But the increasing light makes it clearer that it is Israel that YAHWEH is using. We are a "servant" so we are going to be used. There is no mention of any other servant. There is nothing said here about any christians, any protestants, or catholics; not even any witnesses, unless they are Israel. If you are a witness, you must be Israel. Now Yahshua being a "faithful and true witness." (Rev. 3:14) was also an Israelite, born of the tribe of Judah. Not only an Israel of the flesh, but one whose heart was right, who fulfilled the Israel of promise.

Verse 2:

Thus says the Lord who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you, Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

This is indicating that YAHWEH who created these individuals, knew what they would turn out to be from the very beginning. YAHWEH knows the "end from the beginning." (Is. 46:10) HE knows all things. HE is the one that will "help you." HE is speaking these words, indicating that at this time Israel is having a rough time. These are the people

HE has chosen. HE says "Do not fear, O Jacob, My servant." Again HE shows the closeness between HIMSELF and Israel. "..and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen." Jeshurun means upright one, the righteous one. HE associates Jacob, and Israel with the righteous one. These are the righteous ones. If anyone proves to be righteous, he must become Israel; because this is the pleasure and the will of the Almighty GOD. He will not go his own way, and give himself another brand of religion like the nazerenes, or the redeemer, or anything of that nature. He will obey the Living GOD, and become part of the servant of YAHWEH and form a portion of HIS nation.

Verse 3:

For I will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams  
on the dry ground, I will pour out My Spirit on your  
offspring, and My blessing on your descendants;

This is not literal, but is referring to individuals that are thirsty, as "thirsty land" and as "dry ground". These are those who are "hungering and thirsting after righteousness." (Matt. 5:6) And you know that a land that is really dry and you get a good downpour; how the water is absorbed into the earth with such vigor, with such pleasing reception, such a thirsting and beautiful effect. This is the same with the individuals who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness when the truth strikes them--they absorb it, they devour it. YAHWEH likens them to "vultures eating on a carcass" (Matt. 24:28), they don't even have any manners, they devour. This shows tremendous hunger. And this is as it should be because the truth has been withheld from you. The desire of your heart has not been fulfilled. There has been a longing throughout your entire life, throughout the time of your life when you able to reason. And the questions in your heart were not answered. The hope was not there. And when YAHWEH pours HIS Spirit, which HE likens to "waters", onto "thirsty lands", the righteous individuals will absorb it with joy.

"I will pour out My spirit on your offspring." The offspring of Israel is Israel. HE is referring to Israel. "..and My blessings on your descendants." Indicating that there would be another generation of Israel, which is the Israel of promise in reality.

Verse 4:

And they will spring up among the grass like poplars by  
streams of water.

In other words, they are going to spring up all of a sudden. I guess you have noticed that type of phenomenon when the weather turns warmer, and you see all kinds of things begin to pop up out of the ground overnight, everything turns green. This indicates that there is going to be a fulfillment of great rapidity. Israel, in YAHWEH'S due time will really sprout. "..poplars by streams of water." This would indicate that they will flourish because they get all the moisture they need; Israel will truly be fed with an abundance of truth. Having all their questions answered, being able to meet their enemies and really defeat them. We are not going to fight just for

the sake of fighting. We are not going to argue with anybody who doesn't want to hear. Remember, the word of YAHWEH is precious, and you are not just going to cast it to swine. So when people argue, you are not going to show your superior knowledge to them because it doesn't mean anything. A pig doesn't understand. And it is kind of silly on your part to be talking to them. So make yourself as clear as possible, and that is it. And if they continue to fight, let them go. But the knowledge is going to be a benefit to those who are hungry and thirsting like yourself. If they want answers, Israel has them. And you will find that one out of twenty is Israel. They must be reached, they must be motivated. There must be a seed planted in their hearts that will begin to sprout in order for you to see the response. Right now all of Israel throughout the earth is nothing but heathen, like the rest of them. The devil has them. The only thing that the devil has not changed is their righteous heart. These are the ones that are "sighing and crying for the wrongs that are done in the midst of the earth." (Ez. 9:4) And YAHWEH promises that they will hear and they will follow.

Verse 5:

This one will say, I am the Lord's; and that one will call on the name of Jacob; and another will write on his hand, belonging to the Lord, and will name Israel's name with honor.

When they come in; "I belong to YAHWEH." Who belongs to YAHWEH? Israel. The Authorized Version says "another shall call himself by the name of Jacob." Who is Jacob? Israel.

"..and another will write on his hand, Belonging to the Lord." This again is Israel. "..and will name Israel's name with honor." Will call himself Israel as the Authorized says "will surname himself by the name of Israel." So it all goes back to Israel, because there is nothing else, there is no other servant that YAHWEH chooses other than Israel. So if he belongs to YAHWEH, he is Israel, he is part of that nation.

Verse 6:

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last, and there is no GOD besides Me.

Now the way this is worded it makes it look like there are two of them speaking, but it is actually YAHWEH. I will read this in another translation later, but I want to explain it in this one. YAHWEH is King over all kings. "..and his Redeemer the Lord of hosts." Who's Redeemer? Israel's Redeemer. So it is the King of Israel and his Redeemer; Israel's Redeemer, "..the Lord of hosts." YAHWEH again. Now Moffatts makes it clearer:

Here is the word of the Eternal, King of Israel, Israel's Deliverer, the Lord of hosts.

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In other words, it is not like some say where it first speaks of YAHWEH, then Yahshua, the Redeemer. No, it is speaking of one, it is speaking of YAHWEH because YAHWEH is everything. Without YAHWEH there would be no Yahshua. Yahshua is the Son whom HE sent to redeem mankind. So it is referring to YAHWEH alone here.

"..I am the first and the last, and there is no GOD besides ME." No GOD beside HIM means that there is definitely no one that is HIS equal. HE is the true GOD, and no one can measure up to HIM because HE is from "everlasting to everlasting." (Ps. 90:2) Everyone else in the universe is a creature, who has been created, who did not exist before. But YAHWEH always existed, there had to be someone there always in order to start anything. You don't just go back like the stupid scientists and say 'Well, who made him and whom made him?' I don't care how far back you go, if that is the process you are going to follow, you are going to keep on going forever. But eventually you have to arrive at a point where someone was there all the time, and this is HE, this is YAHWEH. Because if there was not someone there all the time, nothing would ever be started.

### Verse 7:

And who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; yes, let him recount it to Me in order, from the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming and the events that are going to take place.

Tell me everything in order, all about creation, everything that I established, and also tell me the future. HE is asking these so-called wise men who claim to know so much, who start their own religion, who ignore YAHWEH, and who ignore the position of YAHWEH. They don't understand anything concerning YAHWEH'S purpose; these who go in business for themselves and make a good living. These are actually holding HIM up to ridicule. HE says "Let him declare to them the things that are coming, and the events that are going to take place." Now HE continues to speak to Israel:

### Verse 8:

Do not tremble and do not be afraid; have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there and GOD besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none.

HE says here, you are My witness. Who is HIS servant? Israel. In what capacity does he serve? HE bears testimony to YAHWEH. HE says that "His name would they declare throughout the earth." (Ex. 9:16) "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be declared throughout the earth." (Matt. 24:14) So YAHWEH'S Servant must announce, must make clear the purpose of the Almighty GOD for the human race. In order to do this he must understand the entire purpose, he must understand the true priorities of YAHWEH, and the primary, most important thing, is the establishment of HIS Kingdom, and the abolishment of wickedness in the

entire universe, so that all lovers of righteousness may live in peace and prosperity forever.

Verse 9:

Those who fashion a graven image are all of them futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be put to shame.

In other words, even their own witnesses, or those associated with them don't understand. And the time comes when they will be put to shame.

Verses 10,11:

10 Who has fashioned a god or cast an idol to no profit?  
11 Behold, all his companions will be put to shame, for the craftsmen themselves are mere men. Let them all assemble themselves, let them stand up, let them tremble, let them together be put to shame.

The Smith translation renders it thus:

10 Whoever then fashions a god, or casts an image that is good for nothing,  
11 all who hold to it will be put to shame. Since the workmen are but human beings, let all of them assemble and take their stand, and be put to terror and shame themselves.

Verse 12:

The man shapes iron into a cutting tool, and does his work over the coals, fashioning it with hammers, and working it with his strong arm. He also gets hungry and his strength fails; he drinks no water and becomes weary.

HE goes on to ridicule these people who think that they can get any salvation in something that they make with their own hands. Making an idol, either out of wood, or out of stone, is really no different than people building their own organizations. A statue is made by men, and the world order of things that you see now is fabricated by men, and one is as useless and stupid as the other. YAHWEH says "Except the Lord build the house, they that build it labor in vain." (Ps. 127:1) Some are building statues, others are building houses or organizations, or places of refuge. Anything made by man without YAHWEH'S direction, is going to end up in disgrace.

"..the man shape iron to a cutting tool, and does his work over the coals, fashioning it with hammers. and working with his strong arm, He also gets hungry and his strength fails. He drinks no water, and becomes weary." Here is the man that is making this god. He doesn't even drink, he faints, and if he keeps it up long enough he dies. So what kind of a god is this that the maker can't even hold up without assistance, without being fed?

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### Verses 13,14:

13 Another shapes wood, he extends a measuring line; he outlines it with red chalk. He works it with planes, and outlines it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the beauty of man, so that it may sit in a house.

14 Surely he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a cypress or an oak, and raises it for himself among the tress of the forest. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow.

So he takes these trees, and cuts them down. Notice that the rain makes it grow, something that man has no control of. So this tree that is created by YAHWEH, this man takes control of and fashions a god.

### Verses 15,16,17:

15 Then it becomes something for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself: he also makes a god, and worships it; he makes a graven image, and falls down before it.

16 Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat as he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says "Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire."

17 But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says "Deliver me, for thou art my god."

This is the stupidity of man. And yet, don't you dare touch those statues, as though you are turning you hand against YAHWEH. "He falls down before it, He also prays to it and says 'deliver me, for thou art my god.'" We see a lot of this going on, especially in the biggest religious organization on the face of the earth. They have skilled men to fashion these things, and they actually believe that their salvation is in these stones. In fact this is what made me leave the catholic church at 10 years of age. I can't see how stupid they can be. They spend their lives falling down to these statues.

### Verse 18:

They do not know, nor do they understand, for He has smeared over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend.

Does YAHWEH literally cover their eyes, and blind their hearts? Does HE really keep the truth from them. The only way that anyone can receive the truth is if he opens his heart and desires for it. If he wants what is right, the truth will pour in. So actually it is withheld from them. YAHWEH could force it in there, but remember, this is something precious. The person must appreciate it; must want it. So if a person desires it, they get it. If they do not desire it, it is held back.

Verse 19:

An no one recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I fall down before a block of wood!"

In other words, there is not enough intelligence with these 'creators' with the people who do these things, and worship idols, to really think what they are doing. How in the world can something that is even weaker than man, that is subject to man, that a man can shape into anything he wants to, be far greater than man, so that this thing can save him? In other words, what catholic that has some statue on his dashboard could be delivered by this image if he were killed in an accident. This could not deliver them. But one comical witness said that he had a statue on his car but it fell down and broke. So the statue couldn't save itself.

Verse 20:

He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside.  
And he cannot deliver himself, nor say "Is there not a lie  
in my right hand?"

Or, "am I not being deceived somewhere? Isn't something wrong somewhere?" How can they go on throughout this entire life without really realizing that something is radically wrong. It is amazing; the intelligence of these men. Many of them know several languages, many are very well advanced, scholarly ones. But remember, unless your heart is right, you will not understand because Paul says "the very things we know the angels desire to look into." (1st Pet.1:12) They don't understand. So when YAHWEH wants to shut a door, HE shuts it, and HE is not going to open it up to anyone unless their heart is right. And then if you do have it, imagine the preciousness of the blessing you have received. It is immeasurable, because it is shut off from everyone else, you have it, and they don't. Because they don't have the proper characteristic, that quality.

Verse 21:

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My  
servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.

Who does HE remember when the time comes? HE remembers Israel. Now in the past HE says "I dealt with no other nation but Israel, no one knows His commandments or statutes but Israel." (Ps. 147:19,20) Now HE says that "HE will remember Israel, I have not forgotten you."

Verse 22:

I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud,  
and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have  
redeemed you.

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Now one of the transgressions of Israel, HE is not speaking of the israel of the flesh. HE is speaking of the Israel of Promise. The only transgression of Israel is inherited sin. And HE has sent HIS beloved Son as a sacrifice for our sins, and HE says "blessed is he whose sins are covered." (Ps. 32:1,2) Indicating that the people would continue to sin, but they would be covered. Now this is not a willful sin, this is inherited sin. This sin will not continue forever because you will gradually be restored to perfection. So remember that. HE doesn't say as soon as you come into the truth you are perfect. But "blessed is he whose sins are covered." How are they covered? Those who accept the sacrifice that YAHWEH has caused, (HIS Son) to die for the sins of man. And we prove the acceptance of this sacrifice by "following HIS beloved Son wherever He goes." (Rev. 14:4)

"..I have wiped out their transgressions like a thick cloud, and their sins like a heavy mist. Return to me for I have redeemed you." This is the days of blessing when Israel can actually reap the blessings of following the truth. This is not a hopeless case like the israel of the flesh, they were just going their own way, they were proving to be a stubborn, stiff-necked people. They were making it clear that man going his own way would be a complete failure.

Verse 23:

Shout for joy, O heavens for the Lord has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the Lord has redeemed Jacob and in Israel HE shows forth His glory.

In other words everything. The time of rejoicing has come for all of creation. The Authorized brings out: "..and glorified himself in Israel." Who glorifies YAHWEH? Israel alone, no one else. Anyone who claims to be serving the Lord Jesus Christ, and is not Israel, who claims to be a christian, and is not Israel, anyone who fights the Israel of Promise, who resists the understanding, is going to be truly put to shame. The same as those who make these molten images, and these statues. There will be no answer, they will not have the understanding, all their problems will begin to pile up, and increase with each passing day, and their answers will fly from them, and they will be left destitute. Israel however, will be led with a bright shining light, knowing where they are going, because Israel is YAHWEH'S servant, YAHWEH is pleased with Israel.

Verse 24:

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, I, the Lord, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself, and spreading out the earth all alone,

HE is talking to Israel alone. HE doesn't talk to anybody else, just to us. Then we make contact with the rest of the earth. It is



up to us to approach everyone, and see that everyone hears it. We are not going to force everyone because we must remember that the only ones who are going to make it are those who are "hungering and thirsting." Now when a man is hungry and he sees food, he goes towards it. If he is thirsty, and he sees water, he goes toward, He doesn't turn away from food if he is hungry, and turn away from water if he is thirsty. If we are holding up the signs, and they do answer the desires of their heart, if they turn away from them continually, this man is not thirsting after righteousness. Now it may take a little time for the seed to begin to grow, but this is the way to do it. Let them see it, let them see the food and the drink. Don't knock their door down, and push it on them. Don't chase anybody down the boardwalk and ask them to take literature. {side one of tape ends.}

Verses 25-28:

25 causing the omens of boasters to fail, making fools out of diviners, causing wise men to draw back, and turning their knowledge into foolishness.

26 Confirming the word of His servant, and performing the purpose of His messengers. It is I who says of Jerusalem "She shall be inhabited!: And of the cities of Judah, "they shall be built." And I will raise up her ruins again.

27 It is I who says to depth of the sea, "be dried up." And I will make your rivers dry.

28 It is I who says of Cyrus, "He is my shepherd! And He will perform all My desire." And he declares of Jerusalem "she will be built." And of the temple, "Your foundation will be laid."

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Ezra 1:1-3 states:

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord, by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled. The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia.

Now remember, Jerusalem had been desolate for 70 years. Cyrus the persian had conquered babylon, and then Jerusalem was delivered.

Verse 2 continues:

..The Lord GOD of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and hath charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Or HE has permitted him to conquer the earth.

Verse 3:

Who is there among you of all his people? His GOD be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord GOD of Israel.

So the prophecy was fulfilled, a king named Cyrus came forth and conquered babylon, and freed the jews, and actually helped them to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. Now the greater Cyrus who actually fulfills this is Yahshua. Yahshua is the one who truly builds the temple, and the entire Jerusalem. Now the true temple, and the new Jerusalem, is made up of living stones, like Peter says about the 144,000 "we are living stones which make up a spiritual temple." (1st Pet. 2:5) The New Jerusalem is the Bride of Yahshua, whose measurements measure 144,000 and the builder of this, and head of this is Yahshua.

QUESTIONS

Q-1: (Verse 24) When it says YAHWEH "stretched forth the heavens alone." Wasn't Yahshua with HIM at that time?

A: Yes, Yahshua was there, but what HE is showing us here is that there is no one over HIM. That it was HE alone that ordered all things; had things done. Without HIM there would be nothing made. In other words, there would be no creatures, there would be nothing without HIM. That is why HE calls HIMSELF the CREATOR, even though Yahshua, under HIM created all things besides himself. This is why YAHWEH is "everything to everyone." (1st Cor. 15:28) You must distinguish the difference between the two.