

## Isaiah 42:14-25 **Yahweh's promise to Help – Israel's Stubborn Disobedience**

### Yahweh's Past readiness to Help Rejected – Time for Judgment

14 "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once.

15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools.

### Help for the Blind

16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them.

### Hope for Repentance in Messiah Yahweh's Servant – Law Exalted and Made Honorable

17 They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.'

18 "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see.

19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant?

20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear."

21 The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

### Israel's Obstinate Disobedience Caused Judgment – Search for One to Understand

22 But this is a people robbed and plundered; All of them are snared in holes, And they are hidden in prison houses; They are for prey, and no one delivers; For plunder, and no one says, "Restore!"

23 Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for plunder, and Israel to the robbers? Was it not the Lord, He against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in His ways, Nor were they obedient to His law.

25 Therefore He has poured on him the fury of His anger And the strength of battle; It has set him on fire all around, Yet he did not know; And it burned him, Yet he did not take it to heart.

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Facts Revealed:

### Yahweh's Past readiness to Help Rejected – Time for Judgment

✧ "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once.

I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools.

[\[Isaiah 42:14-15\]](#)

✧ As today, Yahweh has restrained Himself, been still and held His peace.

- ✧ Because of continued growing wickedness on the part of the nation, even though there are a few righteous people in it, the time of patience does come to an end and God will bring on His judgment and wrath.

### Help for the Blind

- ✧ I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. [\[Isaiah 42:16\]](#)
- ✧ The blind who were dependant on their teachers who taught lies in the name of Yahweh, are innocent in their hearts and Yahweh will show them the truth enlightening them in the ways He desires.
- ✧ Darkness of confusion will be turned into light before them enabling them to walk straight paths before Him.

### Hope for Repentance in Messiah Yahweh's Servant

- ✧ They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' [\[Isaiah 42:17\]](#)
- ✧ When enlightenment comes, those who followed idolatry are ashamed of their past and will accept Yahweh as the only true and living God.
- ✧ "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see.  
Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant?  
Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." [\[Isaiah 42:18-20\]](#)
- ✧ Messiah Yeshua took on Himself their blindness and deafness, to set them free that they may see and understand.
- ✧ To those who come to Him in repentance for Salvation, He will turn a blind eye and deaf ear toward their sins and iniquities as He forgives them and casts the remembrance of the sins into the depth of the sea of His forgetfulness. [\[Hebrews 8:10-12, 10:16-17, Micah 7:10-19, Jeremiah 31:33-34\]](#)

### The Law made honorable

- ✧ The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable. [\[Isaiah 42:21\]](#)
- ✧ With understanding, the Law becomes honorable and righteousness will prevail.

### Israel's Obstinate Disobedience Caused Judgment to fall on them

- ✧ But this is a people robbed and plundered; All of them are snared in holes, And they are hidden in prison houses; They are for prey, and no one delivers; For plunder, and no one says, "Restore!" [\[Isaiah 42:22\]](#)
- ✧ Israel's rebellion is the cause of their misfortune and plight.
- ✧ No one has called them to repentance that they may be restored.

### Search for One wise man to Understand

- ✧ Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?  
Who gave Jacob for plunder, and Israel to the robbers? Was it not the Lord, He against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in His ways, Nor were they obedient to His law.  
Therefore He has poured on him the fury of His anger And the strength of battle; It has set him on fire all around, Yet he did not know; And it burned him, Yet he did not take it to heart. [\[Isaiah 42:23-25\]](#)

- ✧ God is looking even now for someone who will take time to listen to His word and understand to prepare the people for the coming judgment.
- ✧ We need to understand that it is because of our sins against the Lord that we have been given into the hands of those who plunder us. [\[Isaiah 59:1-2, Jeremiah 5:25\]](#)
- ✧ Our sins have caused the loving Lord God to pour out His fury and bring on enemies who make war against us.
- ✧ Still it is human tendency to blame it on nature or others and fail to take it to heart that we may repent and be saved.
- ✧ Oh how our nation and the world needs to repent and turn fully to Yehovah the Creator that we may be blessed again as we were in the past when we followed His laws.
- ✧ Instead, human pride and arrogance will continue to take us blindly down the path of destruction until we find the Great Tribulation coming down on our heads.
- ✧ This is a warning for our good, and we need to take heed to the message before it is too late and judgment has come.