

Isaiah 44:6-20 **One God Only – Idolatry Rebuked**

There Is No Other God

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; Besides Me there is no God.

7 And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him 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 show these to them.

8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one."

Idolatry Is Foolishness

9 Those who make an image, all of them are useless, And their precious things shall not profit; They are their own witnesses; They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.

10 Who would form a god or mold an image That profits him nothing?

11 Surely all his companions would be ashamed; And the workmen, they are mere men. Let them all be gathered together, Let them stand up; Yet they shall fear, They shall be ashamed together.

12 The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals, Fashions it with hammers, And works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint.

13 The craftsman stretches out his rule, He marks one out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, And makes it like the figure of a man, According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house. 14 He cuts down cedars for himself, And takes the cypress and the oak; He secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it.

15 Then it shall be for a man to burn, For he will take some of it and warm himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships it; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it. 16 He burns half of it in the fire; With this half he eats meat; He roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." 17 And the rest of it he makes into a god, His carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, Prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"

18 They do not know nor understand; For He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, And their hearts, so that they cannot understand. 19 And no one considers in his heart, Nor is there knowledge nor understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it; And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" 20 He feeds on ashes; A deceived heart has turned him aside; And he cannot deliver his soul, Nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ "Thus says Yahweh (the Lord), the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

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appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show these to them. [Isaiah 44:6-7]

- ✧ Yahweh identified Himself as the King and Redeemer of Israel, the Lord of Hosts.
- ✧ Then declared that He is the First and the Last, and that there is no other God beside Himself.
- ✧ As evidence that Yahweh is God, He challenged the idolaters to demonstrate their ability to make proclamations like He does, revealing truth from before the beginning and revealing what is presently coming and future events before they happen.
- ✧ Yahweh is the One who appointed the time and place of the ancient people.
- ✧ Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one." [Isaiah 44:8]
- ✧ Because God has revealed things from the beginning of creation to the present, we have no reason to fear any other.
- ✧ Israel has been called as a witness for God through their experience from the time Yahweh called Abraham, their deliverance from Egypt, to the present, as they lived through the mighty works Yahweh did on their behalf and what was revealed through Moses and the prophets.
- ✧ Yahweh knows and has stated clearly that there is no other God beside Himself. There is no other Rock for them to hold to and trust in.

Idolatry Is Foolishness

- ✧ Those who make an image, all of them are useless, And their precious things shall not profit; They are their own witnesses; They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed. Who would form a god or mold an image That profits him nothing? Surely all his companions would be ashamed; And the workmen, they are mere men. Let them all be gathered together, Let them stand up; Yet they shall fear, They shall be ashamed together. [Isaiah 44:9-11]
- ✧ The lifeless images of idols can not benefit anyone, and on the day of Judgment those who trust in them or fear them will be ashamed before God.
- ✧ The images will prove to be entirely useless and cast away. [Isaiah 2:20]
- ✧ The **blacksmith** with the tongs works one in the coals, Fashions it with hammers, And works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint.
The **craftsman** stretches out his rule, He marks one out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, And makes it like the figure of a man, According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house. He cuts down cedars for himself, And takes the cypress and the oak; He secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it.
Then it shall be for a man to burn, For he will take some of it and warm himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships it; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it. He burns half of it in the fire; With this half he eats meat; He roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." And the rest of it he makes into a god, His carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, Prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!" [Isaiah 44:12-17]
- ✧ The materials used to make idols and the men doing the work of forming the idol described and demonstrated to be foolishness.
- ✧ Why would anyone worship an image made out of metal or wood by either a blacksmith or craftsman with their respective tools.

- ☆ They do not know nor understand; For He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, And their hearts, so that they cannot understand. And no one considers in his heart, Nor is there knowledge nor understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it; And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" He feeds on ashes; A deceived heart has turned him aside; And he cannot deliver his soul, Nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?" [\[Isaiah 44:18-20\]](#)
- ◇ Because idolaters have turned their backs on Yahweh the only true living and powerful God, Yahweh has blinded their minds and turned them over to a reprobate mind to do all kinds of wickedness. [\[Romans 1:18-32\]](#)
- ◇ At that point they truly can not discern between right and wrong nor recognize the foolishness of their ways that are leading them to the fires of Hell and the Lake of Fire.