

## Isaiah 48:1-22 **Future Foretold For Yahweh's Own Reputation**

### Israel Refined for God's Glory

1 "Hear this, O house of Jacob, Who are called by the name of Israel, And have come forth from the wellsprings of Judah; Who swear by the name of the Lord, And make mention of the God of Israel, But not in truth or in righteousness;

2 For they call themselves after the holy city, And lean on the God of Israel; The Lord of hosts is His name:

3 "I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.

4 Because I knew that you were obstinate, And your neck was an iron sinew, And your brow bronze,  
5 Even from the beginning I have declared it to you; Before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you, Lest you should say, 'My idol has done them, And my carved image and my molded image Have commanded them.'

6 "You have heard; See all this. And will you not declare it? I have made you hear new things from this time, Even hidden things, and you did not know them.

7 They are created now and not from the beginning; And before this day you have not heard them, Lest you should say, 'Of course I knew them.'

8 Surely you did not hear, Surely you did not know; Surely from long ago your ear was not opened. For I knew that you would deal very treacherously, And were called a transgressor from the womb.

9 "For My name's sake I will defer My anger, And for My praise I will restrain it from you, So that I do not cut you off.

10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another.

### God's Ancient Plan to Redeem Israel

12 "Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.

13 Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens; When I call to them, They stand up together.

14 "All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these things? The Lord loves him; He shall do His pleasure on Babylon, And His arm shall be against the Chaldeans.

15 I, even I, have spoken; Yes, I have called him, I have brought him, and his way will prosper.

16 "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me."

17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.

18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

19 Your descendants also would have been like the sand, And the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; His name would not have been cut off Nor destroyed from before Me."

20 Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing, Declare, proclaim this, Utter it to the end of the earth; Say, "The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!"

21 And they did not thirst When He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out.

22 "There is no peace," says the Lord, "for the wicked."

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Facts Revealed:

### Israel Refined for God's Glory

✧ "Hear this, O house of Jacob, Who are called by the name of Israel, And have come forth from the wellsprings of Judah; Who swear by the name of Yahweh (the Lord), And make mention of the God of Israel, But not in truth or in righteousness;

For they call themselves after the holy city, And lean on the Elohey Yisrael (God of Israel); Yahweh Tsebavta (The Lord of hosts) is His name: [\[Isaiah 48:1-2\]](#)

✧ The message is for the hypocrites of the whole house of Israel, both the people of the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.

✧ They lay claim to the city of Jerusalem and the God of Israel, but their lives are far from being holy.

✧ They take oaths in the name of Yahweh but give false witness and expect God to continue carrying them.

✧ Yahweh Tsebavta (The Lord of Hosts) is the Name of the God of Israel.

✧ "I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.

Because I knew that you were obstinate, And your neck was an iron sinew, And your brow bronze,

Even from the beginning I have declared it to you; Before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you, Lest you should say, 'My idol has done them, And my carved image and my molded image Have commanded them.' [\[Isaiah 48:3-5\]](#)

✧ From the beginning Yahweh has demonstrated His omniscient power by speaking of things to come long before the doing of it and providing evidence that He is the true and living God.

✧ All predictions from God always come to pass in their appointed time.

✧ That is something no other so-called god or idol is able to do.

✧ "You have heard; See all this. And will you not declare it? I have made you hear new things from this time, Even hidden things, and you did not know them.

They are created now and not from the beginning; And before this day you have not heard them, Lest you should say, 'Of course I knew them.'

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Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another. [\[Isaiah 48:6-11\]](#)

✧ Ignorance of mankind exposed as God reveals new things to come.

- ✧ The things revealed are for God's own reputation as He demonstrates the fulfillment of new revelations.
- ✧ Fulfillment of prophecies brings us to realize that God is true and all He said will come to pass proving the revelations truly are from The living God.
- ✧ Yahweh's deferred anger is for the sake of His people so He would not cut them off altogether.
- ✧ The testing of His people is for the purpose of preventing Yahweh's name from being profaned.
- ✧ God will not allow His glory to be given to another.

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- ✧ "Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last. Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens; When I call to them, They stand up together. [\[Isaiah 48:12-13\]](#)
  - ✧ The message is directed to Israel.
  - ✧ Yahweh identified Himself as the First and the Last, the creator and controller of the Heavens and the earth.
- ✧ "All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these things? Yahweh (The Lord) loves him; He shall do His pleasure on Babylon, And His arm shall be against the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken; Yes, I have called him, I have brought him, and his way will prosper. "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me." [\[Isaiah 48:14-16\]](#)
  - ✧ The message is for all the people of Israel to hear.
  - ✧ The question is "Who has declared these things?"
  - ✧ Since idols cannot speak and only Yahweh Himself is the One who has declared the end from before the beginning, then the One Who has declared it all must be God the Word speaking through His prophets.
  - ✧ Yahweh loves the messenger and His way will prosper for He was called and sent by God.
  - ✧ Yahweh will do all His pleasure on Babylon and against the Chaldeans.
- ✧ Thus says Yahweh (the Lord), your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am Yahweh Eloheym (the Lord your God), Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea. Your descendants also would have been like the sand, And the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; His name would not have been cut off Nor destroyed from before Me." [\[Isaiah 48:17-19\]](#)
  - ✧ Yahweh identified Himself as Yahweh Eloheym (His Name), and added the description of His person as the Holy One Who teaches Israel to profit and leads them in the paths of righteousness.
  - ✧ The heart cry from Yahweh is "Oh, that you had heeded My commandments!"
  - ✧ Obedience to the commandments of Yahweh would have provided the blessings of **Peace**, pictured as being like a river and the waves of the sea.
  - ✧ Obedience would also have blessed the fruit of their bodies as the nation would have been as numerous as the grains of sand.
  - ✧ Obedience would have also proven to be their national security and longevity and fame. [\[Deuteronomy 11:8-9\]](#)

- ☆ Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing, Declare, proclaim this, Utter it to the end of the earth; Say, "The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!"  
And they did not thirst When He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out. [[Isaiah 48:20-21](#)]
- ◇ As when God is ready to send His judgment on Babylon the Great, here God calls His people out of the line of judgment before He punishes Babylon of the Chaldeans. [[Revelation 18:4-8](#)]
- ◇ Yahweh reminded the people of Israel of how He had redeemed them from bondage in Egypt and provided for them in the wilderness 40 years on their way to the Promised Land.
- ◇ Yahweh is able to help His people today just as He did in the past.
- ☆ "There is no peace," says the Lord, "for the wicked." [[Isaiah 48:22](#)]
- ◇ The wicked have no hope of peace, but only the certainty of eternal judgment.
- ◇ For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. [[Hebrews 10:26-27](#)]