

## **The Servant Messiah Isaiah 42-48**

**Over this section of Isaiah Chapters 40-48, three Servants are mentioned. First: The Coming Messiah, Second: Fleshly Israel the Nation and Third: the Persian King Cyrus the Great. Last lesson ended**

**Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew (Hebrew Exchange) *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.**

**The Messiah-Servant is presented here as the tender Prophet; and clearly the Servant is here presented as an individual, not as the nation of Israel. Christ the antitype of Israel, and also the antitype of Cyrus. The mention of God's Spirit given to Christ upon the occasion of his baptism emphasizes that the Servant is an individual, standing out from the mass of Israel.**

**Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.**

**“Behold my servant, ...” Hebrew servant *eh’-bed* from bondage, bondman or servant. God owns Him as one employed for Him. Though He was a Son, yet as a Mediator, He took on Him the form of servant, learned obedience to the will of God.**

**How do we know this prophecy is about Jesus the Messiah Servant?**

**The Apostle Matthew tells us in N.T. and the point of Matthew is the Messiah is doing exactly what he is prophesied to be doing ...**

**Matthew 12:9-16 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: 10 And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if**

**it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. 15 But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; 16 And charged them that they should not make him known:**

**Jesus was no street-corner egotist preacher, bawling for attention. Techniques of the rabble-rouser, the sensationalist, and the soapbox orator were beneath His dignity. The meaning is that he will not seek publicity and popularity.**

**On Times Square in New York City, one often sees screaming advocates of this or that doctrine jostling the throngs pouring forth out of the theaters. Although their zeal may be commendable, one cannot help remembering that the Christ drew and attracted the throngs to Himself.**

**Matthew 12:17-19 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. 19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.**

**He did not invade them, beating on a bucket, and yelling for the attention of the passers-by. Nor was He a spellbinder of miracles as self-promoting signs. Note Matthew says V:16 fulfills Isaiah 42.**

**Matthew 12:20-21** A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust

**Philippians 2:5-11** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Isaiah 42:1** Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

**V:1** *whom I uphold*, Hebrew: “*eth-mach bo*”, on whom I lean alluding to the custom of Kings leaning upon the arm of their most beloved and faithful servant.

**V:1** *I have put my spirit upon him*, cf:

**Matthew 3:17** Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a

**dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

**The Spirit not only came to rest upon Him, not by measure as on God's other servants but without measure cf:**

**Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;**

**John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.**

**V:1 "*he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles,*" This is the work which He was appointed to do by the Father. Before the servant Jesus God has not worked with the Gentile Nations as He has with the Jews**

**Psalm 147:19-20 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.**

**The Hebrew word, *mish-pat* translated judgment, means rule, form, order, plan, judicial process, condemnation, acquittal, deliverance and mercy. It certainly means, the Gospel of the New Testament is to be published by The Messiah to the Gentiles.**

**Isaiah 42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.**

**Notice the mildness and tenderness with which He pursues His mission. It shall not be proclaimed before Him; Lo, here is Christ or there, as when great princes ride in procession or make a public**

**entry. He shall have no trumpets sounded before Him or any noisy minstrels following Him.**

**Isaiah 42:3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.**

**The opposition He meets with, He shall not strive against, but He shall patiently endure the contradiction of sinners against Himself. Since the Kingdom of God is spiritual its weapons are not carnal nor its appearance pompous. Those that are wicked He will be patient with when He has begun to crush them, so that they are as bruised reeds, He will give them space to repent and not immediately break them ... even though they are very offensive as smoking flax cf:**

**Isaiah 65:5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.**

**Therefore, He will not break the bruised reed, but will strengthen it that it may become a cedar in the house of our God. He will not quench the smoking flax, but He will blow it into a flame.**

**Isaiah 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.**

***“He shall not fail nor be discouraged”*, his force shall not be abated or broken, for He shall complete His mission. Cf:**

**John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.**

**“The isles ...” (Gentiles) shall wait for his law, or wait for the gospel and bid it welcome as if it had been a thing they had long waited for. They shall become His disciples and sit at His feet and be ready to receive the way of salvation.**

**Isaiah 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:**

**God the Creator of all things, now lets us know who is speaking.**

**Isaiah 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;**

**V:6 “... and give thee, for a covenant, , ...” Hebrew *ber-ith*, should be translated covenant sacrifice for the people, the coming Messiah will be the New Covenant Sacrifice or sin offering for the people.**

**V:6 “... for a covenant of the people, ...” Hebrew *ol-am*, the covenant of the age to come, or, the everlasting covenant.**

**V:6 “... for a light of the Gentiles ...” Christ the Messiah brings light and liberty to the Gentile nations cf:**

**Matthew 4:14-16 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zab’u-lon, and the land of Neph’tha-lim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; 16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. (This is Quoting Isaiah 9:1-2 - remember what’s next, Isaiah 9:6-7)**

**John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

**John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

**John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.**

**Then Jesus applies the same metaphor to all His disciples - Christlike.**

**Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

**Acts 13:46-47 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.**

**Isaiah 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.**

**In this verse, the prophet sets forth the spiritual redemption under images used from physical blindness. The spiritually blind will be enlightened and receive deliverance. Jesus speaks to the Apostle Paul about this spiritual blindness cf:**

**Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive by faith that is in me.**

**V:7 "... to bring out the prisoners from the prison, ..."** and **"... them that sit in darkness ..."** from the spiritual prison where Satan has them bound in sin.

**Isaiah 42:8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.**

**Consider the authority of Him who makes these promises ... the Lord This is the famous Tetragrammaton, or the name of four letters,**

**YHWH, which we write as Yahweh or Jehovah.**

**The Jews never pronounced it, and, the true pronunciation of it is utterly unknown. Now God will send the Messiah to turn blind men from the service of dumb idols to the living God.**

**Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.**

**Predictive Prophecy – Our God Tells us the Future as Proof He is God**

**Study this subject as a footnote at end.**

**When these things come to pass the Church will sing to the LORD.**

**Isaiah 42:10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.**

**Sing a New Testament song. David's songs or Psalms were in the language of the Jews but the Gentiles will sing to God New Songs**

**Romans 15:9-11 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. 10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. 11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.**

**V:10 "... ye that go down to the sea, ..."** Means navigators, sailors, traders and such as do business on the oceans and seas. It is a term used by the Hebrews for distant nations, the islands, and the dwellers on the sea coast all over the world.

**Isaiah 42:11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their* voice, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.**

**... wilderness ...” the most uncultivated countries with the most rude and uncivilized people. They shall celebrate with thanksgiving the blessing of the knowledge of God imparted to them in the Gospel.**

**... “Kedar” was a clan of Arabians the rocky country was Petra Arabia. It is interesting to note that as the Roman army approached Jerusalem Christians recognized Jesus’ prophecy of Matthew 24 as a warning to them and they fled to Petra for safety.**

**... inhabitants of the rock” are true believers, and the singing is rejoicing for the salvation that they have received.**

**Isaiah 42:12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.**

**Isaiah 42:13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.**

**This verse is not limited to God's judgment of pagan nations but applies to all mankind, Jew and Gentile alike.**

**Isaiah 42:14-15 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.**

**“I have long time ... refrained myself ...” reminds us of Paul's words in Romans 9:22ff, where is mentioned the "longsuffering" of God in putting up with the repeated rebellions of the Jews. This paragraph shows that God's grace, just mentioned, is not a mere relaxing of God's requirements, or a softening of his attitude toward evil. On the other hand, "This paragraph shows God's fury against evil and his**

**pent-up zeal to punish it ... salvation will only come through judgment, and it will not be for those do not repent.**

**Isaiah 42:16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.**

**The Gentiles who ask the way to Zion, He will lead and bring them home Himself as a Father leadeth His child.**

**Isaiah 42:17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, *Ye are our gods.***

**There are certainly overtones of the final judgment in this paragraph, another instance where temporal judgment to be executed in 722 BC upon Israel by Assyrian captivity. In 701 Assyria destroyed everything in Judah but Jerusalem. The Jews fail to repent and in 100 years Jerusalem & the Temple are destroyed and they go into Babylonian captivity.**

**Isaiah 42:18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.**

**Isaiah having spoken comfort and encouragement to the believing Jews, here turns to the un-believing. Notice the word “Ye” or “You”.**

**Isaiah 42:19-20 Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant? 20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.**

**Here the Servant is the fleshly nation of the Jews, the Old Israel, one of the Three Servants prominent in this section of Isaiah.**

**From the very first, God had determined that only the Messiah could redeem any one. When God revealed his purpose to Abram in the promise that, "in thee and thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed," the reference was not to the fleshly nation in any sense whatever; but as Paul declared,**

**Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

**It was through Christ, that God promised Abraham that all the nations of the earth would be blessed. There is nothing in the whole Old Testament that suggests fleshly Israel would be the means of God's blessing all nations, except in a very inferior and secondary role, was their acceptance and preservation of the Law and their existence as the fleshly tribe of Judah through whom the Christ would be born.**

**It is the hardening of Israel that looms in this paragraph. Note that in spite of their blindness and deafness, they are nevertheless commanded "to hear," indicating that their inability to hear was a willful inability on the part of Israel.**

**The pitiful status of Israel during the captivity was designed to discipline and correct them. It was only a pitiful handful of the nation, however, that came to God with repentance.**

**Isaiah 42:21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make *it* honourable.**

**If men will not magnify the law by obeying it, God will magnify it Himself by obeying perfectly the law in the person of Jesus Christ.**

**Isaiah 42:22 But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.**

**The Babylonian captivity is coming as punishment for this attitude.**

**Isaiah 42:23 Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear for the time to come?**

**Isaiah 42:24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.**

**The Assyrian Captivity in 722 BC proves the wickedness of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.**

**Isaiah 42:25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.**

**Israel and Samaria are people thoroughly hardened and wedded to their Idols and sins. Now Judah follows, they represented as being a house on fire and even scorched with the flames they fail to perceive their danger or any feeling of hurt.**

**This picture of mental incompetence is their sad state to this present day. Many efforts have been made to Christianize them without effect.**

**Why should we be amazed at this? Denominational Christianity tells them how great they are, how learned, how wise, how much they owe them, and that they are still the peculiar chosen people of God.**

**If all this is true, what can they gain by converting to Christianity?**

**Whereas a more proud, hardened, stupid, ignorant people can scarcely be found in the civilized world and they as their fathers are most grossly ignorant of their own scriptures.**

**Romans 10:1-3 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being**

**ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

**During Isaiah's day Idolatry and its associated sexual sins is Israel's and Judah's great downfall. In the section 40-49 God makes fun of idols rebuking the stupidity of worshiping graven images. God through this section challenges the false gods, images, idols or men to tell the future. Predictive prophecy is how we know the real God from false.**

### **Predictive Prophecy vs. Idolatry**

**Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.**

**Isaiah 43: 8-14 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. 9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, [It is] truth. 10 Ye [are] my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I [am] he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me 11 I, [even] I, [am] the LORD; and beside me [there is] no saviour. 12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when [there was] no strange [god] among you: therefore ye [are] my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I [am] God. 13 Yea, before the day [was] I [am] he; and [there is] none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? 14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry [is] in the ships**

**Isaiah 44:6-9 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. 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]. 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.**

**Isaiah 44:24 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; (No such thing as a council of the gods Joseph Smith etal)**

**Those who do not believe in predictive prophecy say this must have been written after Cyrus came to power ... because of the naming of Cyrus the Great 576 – 530 BC long before he was born.**

**They have no evidence other than their presupposition and prejudice against God, Divine inspiration and the belief that no one can tell the future. Yet God says predictive prophecy is exactly the way you can know He is God, and His Word is true.**

**Isaiah 45:1-6 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; 2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: 3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call [thee] by thy name, [am] the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not**

known me. 5 I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else, [there is] no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that [there is] none beside me. I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else.

Isaiah 45: 20-23 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye [that are] escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god [that] cannot save. 21 Tell ye, and bring [them] near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? [who] hath told it from that time? [have] not I the LORD? and [there is] no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none beside me. 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else. 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth [in] righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, [As] I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

In this section of Isaiah there is great mockery of the stupidity of Idolatry. The idolatrous Babylonians hear the Persians are coming ... let's build an idol to confront them is their response. What happens?

Isaiah 46:1-10 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages [were] heavy loaden; [they are] a burden to the weary [beast]. 2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity. 3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne [by me] from the belly, which are carried from the womb: 4 And [even] to [your] old age I [am] he; -- (Septuagint Greek: "*Ego a me*" is a TITLE cf: 43:13, John 8:58 & 9:8-9) -- and [even] to hoar hairs will I carry [you]: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver [you]. 5 To whom will

ye liken me, and make [me] equal, and compare me, that we may be like? 6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, [and] hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. 7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, [one] shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. 8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring [it] again to mind, O ye transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure

**“... I Am He ...” is a title not a figure of speech cf:**

**John 8: 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. (“He” is omitted by KJV translation).**

**Greek *Ego a me* = “I AM He” is a Title Note how used cf:**

**John 9: 8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? 9 Some said, This is he: others [said], He is like him: [but] he said, I am [he].**

**Same Greek words “*Ego a me*” = “I AM He” is a Title**

**Isaiah 46: 9-10 Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

**Isaiah 48: 3-7 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did [them]**

**suddenly, and they came to pass. 4 Because I knew that thou [art] obstinate, and thy neck [is] an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; 5 I have even from the beginning declared [it] to thee; before it came to pass I shewed [it] thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. 6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare [it]? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. 7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.**

**Pay attention to God's predictive prophecy, not one word has failed of all the promises He has made the fathers, now God makes new promises for the New Covenant or New Testament.**

**Sources: KJV Bible. e-Sword, Coffman's commentary, Clarks Commentary & Matthew Henry's Commentary.**