



APART FROM ME there is no other
ISAiah 44 - 47

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Apart from Me, there is no God!
Isaiah 44:6



Historical Context

Isaiah 1:1

¹ The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.



Historical Context

Isaiah 1:2-3

2 Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth!

For the LORD has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against Me.

3 The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner's manger, but Israel does not know, My people do not understand."



Historical Context

- ▶ **Assyrians – Isaiah 10**
- ▶ Conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- ▶ Captured all the fortified cities of Judah and came up to the gates of Jerusalem.
- ▶ But God delivered King Hezekiah and Jerusalem from the Assyrians.
Isaiah 36 & 37.





Historical Context

- ▶ **Babylonian** - **Chapter 39**
- ▶ **Persians** - **Chapter 44 / 45**



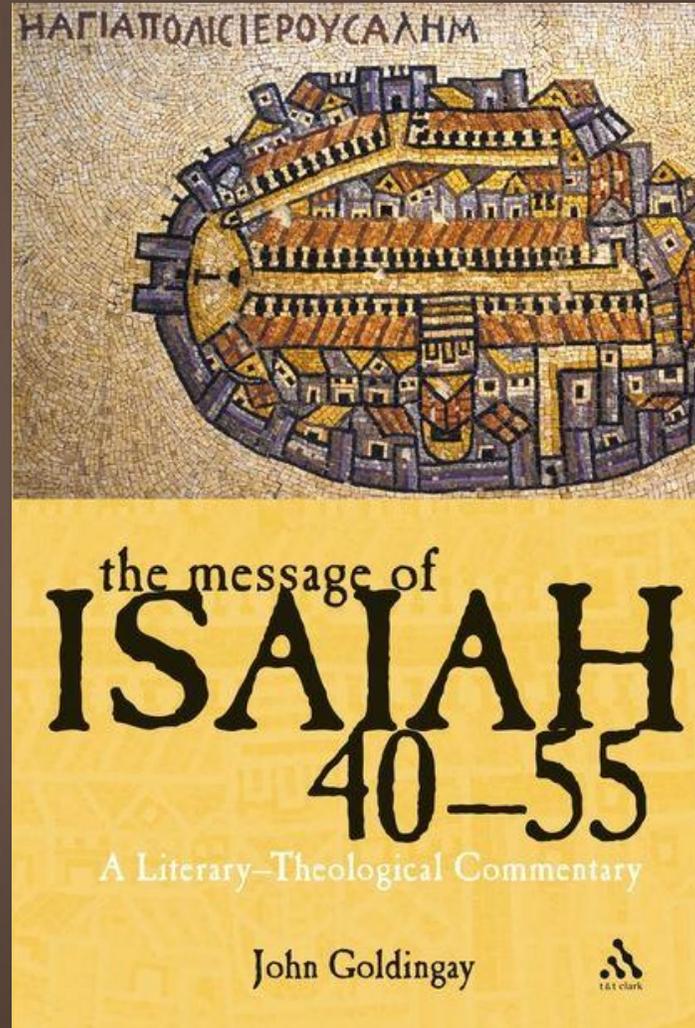


The Message of Isaiah





A Message of Hope





Strong encouragement (43:1-44:5)

#1 - *'Fear not, for I have redeemed you'*

Isaiah 43:1

But now, this is what the LORD says-- He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.



Strong encouragement (43:1-44:5)

#2 - *'You are my witnesses,' declares the Lord*

Isaiah 43:10

10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,
"and my servant whom I have chosen, so that
you may know and believe Me and
understand that I am He. Before Me no god
was formed, nor will there be one after Me.



Strong encouragement (43:1-44:5)

#3 - *'I am the Lord ... your King'*

Isaiah 43:15

I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator,
your King."



Strong encouragement (43:1-44:5)

#4 - *'See, I am doing a new thing!'*

Isaiah 43:19

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the desert and streams
in the wasteland.



Strong encouragement (43:1-44:5)

#5 - 'I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions'

Isaiah 43:25

"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for My own sake, and remembers your sins no more.



Strong encouragement (43:1-44:5)

#6 - 'I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring'

Isaiah 44:3

**3 For I will pour 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.**



Isaiah 44:1-5

1 "But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, Israel, whom I have chosen.

2 This is what the LORD says –

He who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you:

Do not be afraid, O Jacob, My servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.



Isaiah 44:1-5

- 3 For I will pour 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.**
- 4 They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams.**



Isaiah 44:1-5

5 One will say, 'I belong to the LORD'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and will take the name Israel.



Key Point #1

Apart from Me, there is no God



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Isaiah 44

6 "This is what the LORD says—

Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD
Almighty:

**I am the first and I am the last; apart from
Me there is no God.**



Apart from me, there is no God

Isaiah 44

⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid.
Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are My witnesses.

Is there any God besides Me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."



Apart from me, there is no God

Isaiah 45:5-6, 18, 21, 22

It is as if God had to remind His people many times.



Apart from me,

there is no one comparable

Isaiah 46

4 Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you.

I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

5 "To whom will you compare Me or count Me equal? To whom will you liken Me that we may be compared?"



He is the one who forgave Israel of their sins and redeemed them.

► **Isaiah 44**

²² I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."



He is the Creator of everything.

► **Isaiah 44**

24 "This is what the LORD says—
your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb:
I am the LORD, who has made all things,
who alone stretched out the heavens,
who spread out the earth by Myself,



What are idols?

Isaiah 44:9-20

9 All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless.



Key Point #2

God is Sovereign!



God is Sovereign

He will rebuild Jerusalem and restore them.

Isaiah 44

²⁶ who carries out the words of His servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers, *who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited,' of the towns of Judah, 'They shall be built,' and of their ruins, 'I will restore them,'*



God is Sovereign

He will raise

Cyrus – King of Persia

Isaiah 44

²⁸ who says of Cyrus, '**He is My shepherd** and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid.'"



God is Sovereign

Isaiah 45

1 "This is what the LORD says **His anointed**, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:



God is Sovereign

Isaiah 45

13 I will raise up Cyrus in My righteousness:
I will make all his ways straight.
He will rebuild My city and set My exiles
free, but not for a price or reward, says the
LORD Almighty."



God is Sovereign

Isaiah 46

10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.

I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.



God is Sovereign

Isaiah 46

11 From the east I summon a bird of prey;
from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my
purpose. What I have said, that will I bring
about; what I have planned, that will I do.



Conclusion and Implications

1. Apart from me, there is no God

- ▶ Don't turn to idols.
Don't put your trust in another.
- ▶ There is only One God –
our Lord Jesus Christ.



Conclusion and Implications

2. God is Sovereign

Psalm 33

10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance.

Conclusion and Implications

Psalm 33 – Right Spiritual Posture

16 No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.

17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.

18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those
who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His
unfailing love,

Conclusion and Implications

Psalm 33 – Right Spiritual Posture

19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

20 We wait in hope for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.

Conclusion and Implications

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been called according to His
purpose.

Conclusion and Implications

**3. Now this One and Only God,
this Sovereign God wants to pour His Spirit
upon you.**

Isaiah 44

3 For I will pour 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.