

## GOD'S MESSAGE CONCERNING JUDAH'S FUTURE

### Isaiah 40 - 48

Although glimpses of Judah's future appear in Isaiah 1 - 39, this phase of Isaiah's message is seen in its fullness in chapters 40 - 48. Study now selected passages from these chapters, which sum up God's predictions in this regard:

**A. God's Description of Himself:** Read Isaiah 40:1-2, 12-31

1. Why should Jerusalem be comforted at the time spoken of in Isaiah 40:1-2?  
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2. Who would come to her to accomplish this? Isaiah 40:3b, 5a, 9b, 10a  
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3. How did the Lord describe Himself in Isaiah 40? In terms of a man, tell:
  - a. what He could hold in the follow of His hand? Isaiah 12a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. how wide the heavens would be to Him: Isaiah 12b \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. how much all the dust of the earth would be to him: Isaiah 12c \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. what He could do with the mountains and hills: Isaiah 12d \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. what all the nations would be like to Him: Isaiah 15a, 17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. what He could do with all the islands: Isaiah 15b \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. how much it would take to make a fire for Him: Isaiah 16a \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. how much it would take for Him to make a sacrifice: Isaiah 16b \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the answer to the questions in Isaiah 40:13-14?  
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5. Is it possible to make an image that would represent God in all this glory? See Isaiah 40:18-24  
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6. What is another proof of God's greatness? Isaiah 40:25-26  
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7. Because God is so great, what is He able to do for His people? Isaiah 40:28-31  
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**B. God's Challenge to the Idols and Images:** Read Isaiah 40:18-20, 44:9-20, 41:21-24

1. What kind of image would the rich man make? Isaiah 40:19  
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2. What kind of image would the poor man make? Isaiah 40:20  
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3. Notice what they would say as they were making these images? Isaiah 41:6-7  
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4. Notice how they would go about making these idols: Isaiah 44:10, 13  
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5. What would they do with the rest of the tree from which they had made an idol? Isaiah 44:14-20

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6. What did God challenge the idols to do, to prove that they are gods? Isaiah 41:22a, 23a

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**C. God's Answer to His Own Challenge: Red Isaiah 44:21 - 45:25**

1. What was God's message at this time to Jerusalem and Judah? Isaiah 44:26

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2. What great person who had not yet been born did God call by name? Isaiah 44:28, 45:3b, 4

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3. What did God say he would do? Isaiah 44:28

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4. What would God do for him to make this possible? Isaiah 45:1-3

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5. What did this prediction prove about God? Isaiah 45:5-6, 18b, 21b, 22b

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Is there anything in the future about which God does not already know, which He could not predict if He so chose?

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2. If God is as great as this, what should I do? Isaiah 44:22a

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