

## Isaiah 48

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**48** Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. (They claim to be followers of God; but teach false interpretations of His Word. Many of them are in it for the tithe money and for an ego boost)

Matthew 15:8 (Jesus said - This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me)

<sup>2</sup>For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name. (They claim to be Christians but teach traditions of men instead of God's Word. They preach sermons that they wrote; instead of teaching God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

(Learn what God says, not what some preacher says)

<sup>3</sup>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. (God proved His Word is the truth over and over again; with miracles and prophecies that were all fulfilled)

<sup>4</sup>Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; (They are stubborn and refuse to learn the truth. Even all the proofs written in verse-3 don't convince them to trust God. Instead, they choose to follow the traditions of men and the ways of the world)

<sup>5</sup>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. (God foretold us of future events so we would believe in Him when they happen; and still, people doubt Him)

NOTE: (Studying God's Word every day renews our faith and reminds us that the ways of the world are not as important as living by God's Word. That gives us true happiness and peace of mind every day)

<sup>6</sup>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. (These hidden things are just now beginning to happen; and yet God told us about them thousands of years ago. No man can arrange that. The fulfillment of these prophecies should strengthen our faith in God and in His promises)

<sup>7</sup>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. (We are seeing the prophecies of the end days coming true, right before our eyes)

<sup>8</sup>Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. (Even from birth, they were rebellious and arrogant. They know very little and yet they claim to know everything)

(We tend to let every success heighten our self pride; instead of thanking God for those successes. It is His blessings that make us successful; not our "wisdom". Pride was Satan's sin; don't make it yours)

<sup>9</sup>For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. (So that the heathen will not say – "Their God couldn't save them". God wants all people to believe and follow Him into salvation because He loves them all. Some will and some won't)

<sup>10</sup>Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. (God humbles them rather than destroying them. HE does that in order to get them back into line; and living the righteous way; so that they can be saved)

2Peter-3:9 (The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance)

<sup>11</sup>For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another. (Everyone needs to learn that there is a living God in heaven; not just for Israel)

(God won't allow His name to be polluted. Because that would rob the Gentiles of the opportunity to seek Him for their own salvation)

<sup>12</sup> Harken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. (I Am Alpha & Omega – there is no other) see Revelation-1:8

<sup>13</sup> Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. (God created all things, and He is still in charge. All nature obeys God. The whole universe belongs to Him)

See Job-38:1-12 (Who made the heavens and the earth? Who created nature itself? God did it for us. HE commands it and it obeys)

<sup>14</sup> All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. (This is chastisement on Babylon for having abused Israel. God sent Cyrus of Media-Persia to defeat Babylon and to free the Israelites)

<sup>15</sup> I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. (God used the Babylonians to chastise Israel, because they had become as the heathen. Then Babylon went too far when they abused Israel and mocked God)

(God then used Cyrus the Persian to defeat Babylon, and to allow the Israelites to return to Judah and rebuild the temple. Cyrus even funded the rebuilding of the temple and of the city. God named Cyrus 137 years before he was even born)

<sup>16</sup> Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. (This is Isaiah, speaking of himself. God sent him to prophecy and to teach)

<sup>17</sup> Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. (God always shows us the right way. We just don't listen to Him, sometimes. That's why we fail)

(Our redeemer is Jesus Christ. God took the form of a flesh man to come among us and to save us. If we believe in Him and follow Him, He will grant us eternal life with Him in the eternity)

<sup>18</sup> O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: (Our blessings would have been unending if we just obeyed God; and lived by what His Word teaches)

(It's not too late. We can choose to do that today, and God's blessings will follow)

<sup>19</sup> Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me. (The descendants of the 12 tribes of Israel are settled all over Europe and North America. We are as numerous as the sands of the sea)

<sup>20</sup> Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob. (Babylon = confusion)

(Come out of confusion and learn God's Word. Teach it to others who wish to learn. That is as important today, as it was then)

<sup>21</sup> And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. (When Israel left Egypt for the Promised Land, God took good care of all of them and their herds in the wilderness for the entire 40 years)

<sup>22</sup> There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. (God gives us peace of mind when we live righteously, in His Word. Go against Him and you will have no peace)