

Isaiah 44

King James Version (KJV)

44 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: (God chose Israel to be the lineage of Jesus – God in the flesh. He did that in promises to Abraham, Jacob, and later to King David)

² Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. (Jeshurun- a term meaning Israel is supremely happy but fickle. "Good time Charleys" and "fair weather friends" that forget God in good times. But they return to Him when they are in trouble and need His help)

³ For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: (God is everlasting life; Satan is death; choose God)

⁴ And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. (If you teach your children to love and obey God, they will thrive and prosper because of His blessings)

⁵ One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel. (Today, we call ourselves Christians because we follow Jesus Christ – God with us)

(Christianity is the New Covenant that God made with us. Christianity is not just a religion. It is reality. People need to wake up and notice)

⁶ 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. (God is the Alpha and Omega – HE is the first and the last) see Revelation-1:8

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. (If anyone else claims to be a God, let him show you the plan, the past and the future. He can't because he isn't God. There is only one God. HIS name is Yahoveh – I Am That I Am) Exodus-3:14

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. (God = rock< in the Hebrew>; as the word is used in the Song of Moses, in the Book of Deuteronomy-32.

Deuteronomy-32 (God is our Rock; and our Rock is not their rock. Them = the Kenites; the sons of Cain = the son of Satan and Eve) see Genesis-3:13-16

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. (These are the ones who fall away from God, for the temptations of the world. Their earthly wealth, power and luxuries won't help them in the end)

(They're so blinded by their greed and the pursuit of power that they aren't even ashamed of what they do. They go through life as if in a drunken stupor. They will have a rude awakening when Jesus returns to end this Age)

¹⁰ Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? (Which earthly idol has ever been able to help anyone? It's all nonsense, created by fools)

¹¹ Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together. (When Jesus returns, they won't be able to say "there is no God". They will be looking right at Him)

¹² The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint. (Man is weak, when compared to God. The smith was considered almost a religious person, in those pagan cultures, because he made their idol gods for them)

(God put the whole universe together and yet, He never gets hungry or weak. HE is almighty and everlasting)

¹³ The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and

maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. (Same with the carpenter)

(The wooden idol remains in the house because it is not living. It's just an inanimate object. Yet people worshipped these objects as if they were gods. That's pathetic)

NOTE: (Today, man's idols are wealth and power. These cannot save the man any more than the heathen statues that these people used to make. People are as pathetic today as they were in the days of this writing)

¹⁴ He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. (Man may plant the tree, but it is God who created the tree in the first place. It is God's nature that feeds it and keeps it alive)

¹⁵ Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. (Man makes a god out of wood and worships it. Wood was only meant to burn, to cook and to build with – not to worship. This is all foolishness on man's part)

¹⁶ He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: (Simple minded people are easily satisfied. They can't see beyond this physical world. They can't think beyond their day to day lives)

¹⁷ And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. (That idol deity can't save anyone. It can't do anything at all for him. It's just a piece of wood or a piece of metal)

¹⁸ They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. (They don't understand because they won't even try to see the truth. The truth is all there – in the Bible. All they have to do is to read it)

See 2Thessalonians-2:9-12 (If they don't care about God; or if they prefer to live in delusion and want to believe a lie, God will send them strong delusion)

¹⁹ And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? (They have no common sense. No one stops to think about what they are doing)

(And yet, all they have to do is seek the Word of God. It will change their lives for the better. They will receive God's blessings and His protection from this corrupt world)

NOTE: (An idol is anything that you put before God. It can be your business, or your financial investments. It can be your cars or boats, your house, your toys, etc. Always put God first in your life and you can enjoy those other things)

²⁰ He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? (Am I worshipping a lie or a fraud? He is so deceived that he doesn't even ask that question. He just goes on, day to day, living in the ways of the world)

²¹ Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. (God won't forget you; if you don't forget Him)

²² I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. (God forgave all of man's sins when he repented. He redeemed all men even when they crucified Him. HE paid the price for our redemption. Return to God and be blessed and be saved)

²³ Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. (There's nothing wrong with nature. In fact, it is beautiful and useful. Enjoy it and thank God for it. But don't worship it instead of God)

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; (There is only one God. HE created everything, including all of us)

²⁵ That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; (tokens = false evidence from false preachers) (Their wisdom is foolishness)

(Their "evidence" is usually pertaining to God and how He sent these false preachers; usually to collect tithes) see Jeremiah-14:14, Jeremiah-23:21

(It can also be "evidence" that there is no God, from college educated intellectuals and scholars. They can only see what's right in front of them. They can't think beyond this short flesh life)

(God denounces their falsified evidence with His Word. But we have to read it in order to understand and learn the truth. Most people have not done that)

²⁶ That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: (God fulfills all of the prophecies that He gave to His prophets. We can count of God's Word to come to pass)

²⁷ That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: (God controls all things, including nature itself)

²⁸ That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. (Cyrus, king of Media-Persia, was prophesied of and even named here, 137 years before he was born. It was also foretold that he will decree that Jerusalem will be rebuilt, after the 70 year occupation by the Babylonians; 137 years later)

(Cyrus was not an Israelite. He was a Gentile king of Persia. God uses whoever He wants to in order to fulfill His plan) see Ezra-1:1-2

NOTE: (Isaac, Solomon, Joseph and Cyrus – 4 people that God named before they were born. HE used them to fulfill His plan)