

July 27/ Day 208

Isaiah 44

Verse 1

- In what way was Israel to be God's servant?
- Did they accomplish this?
- Does this have anything to do with the "new thing" God will do through Jesus?

Verse 2

- Who made you? Who formed you? Where?
- If God formed us there, then we are never mistakes; therefore, who is man to terminate life in the womb?

Verses 3-5

- What will one say?
- What will be written on the other's hand? Does it have to literally be written there in order to belong to the LORD?

Verse 6

- What are we told about God in this verse? His names, character, and attributes?

Verses 7-9

- In what way does this paragraph differ from the writing style of the previous verses?
- It is possible to fashion a graven image in our minds. It doesn't have to be with our hands. Anything can be an idol.
- What does futile mean? What is futile?
- What will put the people to shame?

Verses 12-17

- What kinds of ancient tools are mentioned here?
- Can man be delivered by a graven image?

Verses 18-20

- An abomination is a "detestable object of loathing".

Verses 21-22

- A return to God after having a change of mind is the definition of “repentance”.

Verse 23

- Who redeemed Jacob (Israel)?
- To redeem means “to buy back”. We are born into sin and into bondage to sin. We are purchased out of this captivity at salvation; hence, redeemed.

Verse 24

- Who forms us in the womb? Who then is man to terminate this form?

Verses 25-28

- Cyrus was the first ruler of the Persian Empire. This prophecy was spoken about 100 years before he was even born.
- Later, he defeated the Babylonians and allowed the Jews to go back and rebuild the temple.

Isaiah 45

Verse 1

- Cyrus was a pagan king, yet God used him. What does He call him in this first phrase?
- Who would allow Cyrus to do these things?

Verse 2

- Who would go before Cyrus?

Verse 3

- Who called him by name before he was born?

Verse 4

- What does the last phrase of this verse say about Cyrus?

Verses 5-7

- Who forms light?
- Who creates darkness?
- Who causes well-being?
- Who creates calamity?
- Can we trust Him based on his character?

Verses 8-9

- There is a teaching that questioning God is sinful. There a

Verses 10-12

- Who made the earth?
- Who created man upon it?
- Who stretched out the heavens?
- What did He do with all the host?
- To “ordain” means to “give a charge to”.
- We have seen the name of God, “Lord of Hosts” referring to the angel armies. In this context are the host the angels or the sun, moon, stars, and planets? Just to make you think.

Verse 13

- Who has God aroused? Think back to the beginning of the chapter.

Verse 14

- Who will Cyrus conquer?

Verses 15-16

- What will happen to those who manufacture idols?
- Remember, we can make figurative idols as well. What is application for us?

Verse 17

- What kind or how long is this salvation?

Verses 18-20

- Can idols and false gods save?

Verses 21-22

- Is the invitation for salvation only for Israel?

Verse 23

- What will every tongue swear? Has this happened yet?

Verses 24-25

- What will happen to Israel “in the LORD”?
- Is there any other way? What is our application?

Isaiah 46

Verse 1

- “Bel” is the Greek rendering of Baal.
- What has happened to Baal and Nebo?

Verse 2

- Do you find it ironic that the false gods not only could not rescue the people, they too were taken into captivity?

Verses 3-4

- Does God ever change? He may change His mind, but His character never changes.

Verses 5-9

- Earlier the text said to forget the past and former things, now it says to remember them, is this a contradiction?
- Remember context. Before, the forgetting was in regard to the old covenant being replaced with the new. Here the context is to remember who God is and what He has done. No, not a contradiction. If ever it seems like the Bible contradicts itself, we have taken it out of context in some way.

Verses 10-11

- Again, who is the man of His purpose?

Verse 12

- What is said of the stubborn-minded?

Verse 13

Isaiah 47

Verse 1

- Why do you think the women will no longer be tender and delicate? Think about their situation, they are about to go into captivity.

Verses 2-4

- What three names of God are mentioned here?

Verses 5-8

- A person is sensual when they live according to their five senses as well as their lustful desires.

Verse 9

- Sorceries and spells are mentioned here, witchcraft.

Verses 10-11

- What two “d” words will happen here?
- What word describes when this will happen?

Verse 12

- What time phrase tells us how long she has been involved in witchcraft?

Verse 13

- Today we call this consulting of the stars, horoscopes. Notice how God considers them witchcraft.

Verses 14-15

Isaiah 48

Verse 1

- Were their motivations in worship truthful?

Verses 2-4

- What does obstinate mean?

Verses 5-6

- Based on the context of Isaiah, what are the “new things” we have seen?

Verse 7

- When had the new things been established?

Verse 8

- Why did God establish the new things?

Verses 9-10

- The refining process melts off all the trash from the metal.

Verses 11-18

- Have you ever had regrets?
- What is the “if only” here?

Verses 19-22

- For whom is there no peace?

See you tomorrow.