

## Isaiah 40:1-31 **Comfort My People says Eloheykm (your God)**

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3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:" Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;

5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

6 The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?"

"All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

9 O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

10 Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.

11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

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12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has taught Him? 14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All nations before Him are as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.

18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

### Foolishness Of Human Folly

19 The workman molds an image, The goldsmith overspreads it with gold, And the silversmith casts silver chains.

20 Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution Chooses a tree that will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman To prepare a carved image that will not totter.

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless.

24 Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.

25 "To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God"?

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29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

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31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

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- ✧ Looking forward to the Kingdom age, Isaiah indicates that the time of trouble for Israel is ended, her iniquity is pardoned, and she has paid double for her sins.
- ✧ That includes all the trouble Israel faced in their fall to the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the time of Greek Hellenism, the time of the Maccabees, and their final scattering after being crushed by the Romans, followed by the persecutions throughout the time of their scattering among the nations, the Holocaust of second world war, their trouble through the Church age, and the Great Tribulation, and the masses lost at the purge of evil from the earth at the start of the Kingdom age.
- ✧ Israel will certainly have paid double for all her sins then and now.
- ✧ This includes their tenacious clinging to the traditions of Judaism and rejection of the Savior Yahweh sent to bring understanding of the heart and love of Almighty God by the age of Grace.

- ✧ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. [Isaiah 40:3]
  - ◇ This prophesy is fulfilled in the person of John the Baptist. [Matthew 3:3, Luke 3:1-4]
- ✧ Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." [Isaiah 40:4-5]
  - ◇ The message looks forward to the Kingdom age as described in these verses.
  - ◇ The topography of the earth will be radically changed, and all flesh will indeed see the Glory of the Lord reigning in their presence for a thousand years.
- ✧ The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." [Isaiah 40:6-8]
  - ◇ Compared to the Eternal Word of God, the frail life in the human flesh is indeed brief and fades away in a very short time at best.
- ✧ O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" [Isaiah 40:9]
  - ◇ The message of the Kingdom age is Emanuel (God with us), as the Lord will be physically present and visible to all on the Throne of David in Zion, where they will be literally able to say, "Behold your God" and everyone will be able to see Him with their own eyes and hear Him with their own ears. [Job 19:25-27, Isaiah 2:2-4, 24:23, Micah 4:1-4, Zechariah 8:3]
- ✧ Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. [Isaiah 40:10]
  - ◇ Yeshua is coming to reign with a Rod of Iron over a totally righteous Kingdom of Peace. This will be a strictly enforced righteousness with a Judge that knows the truth and cannot be manipulated in judgment. [Psalm 2:9, Revelation 2:27, 12:5, 19:15]
  - ◇ When He comes, He will reward both good and evil for what they have done in the lifetime they were allotted in the flesh to the Day of Judgment. [Romans 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10]
  - ◇ This applies to the Saints of all time and to the mortals who survive the Great Tribulation. [Matthew 25:31-46]
  - ◇ The work that is before Him is the Judgment Seat of Christ to purge away evil from the earth followed by a thousand years reign as King of kings and Lord of lords in the Righteous Kingdom of God and of Christ. [Malachi 3:1-5, 4:1, Ezekiel 20:33-38, Matthew 13:36-43, 47-50]
- ✧ He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young. [Isaiah 40:11]
  - ◇ The Rod of Iron is strictness against any kind of evil, but for the righteous the Lord is tender and protective. [Revelation 7:9-17]

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[\[Isaiah 40:31\]](#)

✧ The glorified spiritual bodies promised for the Saints of God in the Kingdom age is a reward for waiting in faith for the day it is fulfilled. [\[1 Corinthians 15:42-49\]](#)

✧ Time of this fulfillment will come when Yeshua sets up His Millennial Kingdom.