

Isaiah 41:1-20 **The World called for Judgment – Israel Encouraged**

Yahweh the Awesome God calls the nations to Judgment

1 "Keep silence before Me, O coastlands, And let the people renew their strength! Let them come near, then let them speak; Let us come near together for judgment.

2 "Who raised up one from the east? Who in righteousness called him to His feet? Who gave the nations before him, And made him rule over kings? Who gave them as the dust to his sword, As driven stubble to his bow? 3 Who pursued them, and passed safely By the way that he had not gone with his feet?

4 Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the Lord, am the first; And with the last I am He.'"

Gentile Idolatry

5 The coastlands saw it and feared, The ends of the earth were afraid; They drew near and came.

6 Everyone helped his neighbor, And said to his brother, "Be of good courage!"

7 So the craftsman encouraged the goldsmith; He who smoothes with the hammer inspired him who strikes the anvil, Saying, "It is ready for the soldering"; Then he fastened it with pegs, That it might not totter.

Encouragement for God's Chosen People

8 "But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away:

10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

11 "Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish. 12 You shall seek them and not find them — Those who contended with you. Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing.

13 For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

14 "Fear not, you worm Jacob, You men of Israel! I will help you," says the Lord And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 "Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth; You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, And make the hills like chaff.

16 You shall winnow them, the wind shall carry them away, And the whirlwind shall scatter them; You shall rejoice in the Lord, And glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Refreshing of the Kingdom age following the Battle of Armageddon

17 "The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, Their tongues fail for thirst. I, the Lord, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

18 I will open rivers in desolate heights, And fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, And the dry land springs of water.

19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, The myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the cypress tree and the pine And the box tree together,

20 That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the Lord has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.
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Facts Revealed:

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Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the Lord, am the first; And with the last I am He.'" [\[Isaiah 41:1-4\]](#)

✧ Yahweh calls the nations (Gentiles) to keep silent before Him.

✧ When Yahweh calls the nations together before Him, it will be an awesome day, no-one will be able to speak before a Holy God.

✧ Then He calls them to come together for Judgment.

✧ On Judgment Day, God will reveal everything and demonstrate totally righteous justice in judgment because He knows the total truth.

✧ Yahweh then identifies Himself as the One who has been in control from the beginning to the End.

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✧ The Gentiles knew about the God of creation, but they made their own idols anyway. [\[Romans 1:18-23\]](#)

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Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' [\[Isaiah 41:8-10\]](#)

✧ Yahweh still affirmed that Israel is His chosen people and assured them that He will help and uphold them. Israel is not and will not be cast away by God.

✧ "Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish. You shall seek them and not find them — Those who contended with you. Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing.

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✧ God has not cast away His people Israel. [Jeremiah 33:23-26, Romans 11:1-12]

✧ At the Battle of Armageddon when all the nations of the world are gathered against Jerusalem and all hope is gone for the people of God, Yahweh assures Israel that the opposing forces are as nothing.

✧ The Lord will descend from Heaven with the armies of Heaven following him. [Revelation 19:11-16]

✧ From the air like birds flying, Yahweh will defend Jerusalem and Mount Zion. [Isaiah 31:4-5]

✧ Yahweh will speak the Word and the enemies will dissolve becoming like nothing. [Revelation 19:19-21, Zechariah 14:12-15]

✧ The repetitiveness of the assurance indicated its certainty.

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✧ After all evil is purged from the earth, Yahweh will be near those who survive and will provide abundantly through out the thousand year reign of Christ.

✧ From the outset of the Kingdom, Yahweh wants the people to have no doubt that He is the one who has made all the blessings available to those who are part of it all.

✧ This will be the time of refreshing spoken of by Peter. [Acts 3:19-21]