

Mankind does not know his origin nor does he know his future. God knows both Man's origin and future and has revealed both to Man within the Word of God. Secular Man, for the most part, does not put any credence into the reading of the Word of God and does not believe what God has stated, even though he knows that God exists.

At present, the common explanation for Mankind's existence is that he has evolved from lower life forms over vast periods of time. The evolutionary theory promotes that all forms of plants and animals have evolved from lower life to their present state. The evolutionist cannot believe there is purpose to life, for Man's existence is at best a freak of nature, an accident. Therefore, if there is no purpose to life, then what a human being does with his life should not matter; morals, mores, beliefs, ethics, and actions should be of no consequence.

There have been various other secular theories in history to explain away our existence, but none of them satisfy and none of them have lasted, although they have been replaced by the next theory. With all of this said, I do sense a growing desire in people not only to know their origin, but also to find purpose and hope for their future.

Recent interest in the end-times prophecies has been promoted amongst people via authors like Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins of the Left Behind series or even secular movies like Armageddon or Deep Impact. God has also made us so that we inwardly know that there is more to this life than just the living out of sequential events. The book of Romans tells us that everyone knows that God is, but those who do not want to know Him personally, will make the decision to avoid or ignore Him. In a very real sense, they become "God-haters" or "God-avoiders." Because of their rebellious and disobedient hearts, God will finally give them over to their own lusts and they will fall into idolatry, love of self, and homosexual behavior.

This week, we will again be looking at Isaiah 40-48 as a whole entity. We are going to bring into our view what God has to say about Man's origin, Israel's origin, and their respective destinies, with or without God in their lives. We will also discern what hope God has given to both Israel and the Gentile Believers.

### **Day 1 – Destiny of the Unrighteous and the Righteous – Romans 1:28 – 2:16**

I would like you to read Romans 1:18-32. From this passage, make a timeline progression of unrighteous man, whether Jew or Gentile.

Isaiah Part 5: Deliverance and Comfort for the Faithful                      Isaiah 40-48, Romans 1,2  
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What ultimately happens to the Gentile or the Jewish unbelievers?

Is there any hope for these along the road of life? Can this downward spiraling vortex be stopped? If so, what is necessary for God to intervene?

Continuing on in the Book of Romans, read chapter 2:1-17.

What is Mankind's destiny if he consciously makes the decision to continue in his sins? This is an additional timeline for the unbeliever.

What is Mankind's destiny if he makes the decision to believe God and surrender his life to Him (can be Jew or Gentile)? Again, do a timeline for the believer as revealed in this second chapter of Romans.

### **Days 2–3 – Mankind's Origin - Isaiah 40-48**

I would like you to separate out what God has to say about Mankind's origin and destiny from Isaiah chapters 40-48. Those passages where He specifically addresses Israel should be written down in one color of ink and those passages that could be interpreted for both Jews and Gentiles alike in another color of ink. If this seems overwhelming for you to do, please pick some of the references to do and leave the others. For some of the references, you will need to look at the context.

Before we get started on the Isaiah references, please find where in the Scripture the name "Elohim" is first mentioned. What does this name of God mean? Is there some significance as to where this name is first mentioned?

**Isaiah 40 vs. 12-14, 21-26, 27-28** – hint: this is implied from these passages. Also see Genesis 2:7.

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**Isaiah 41** vs. 4, 8-9 - Also see Genesis 15:4-5.

**Isaiah 42** vs. 5

**Isaiah 43** vs. 1, 7, 13, 15, 21

**Isaiah 44** vs. 1-2, 6-8, 21, 24

**Isaiah 45** vs. 9-10, ,11-12, 18-19, 21

**Isaiah 46** vs. 3, 8-11

**Isaiah 48** vs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 12-13, 16

Do you get the idea from these passages that God made all of Mankind from the beginning? He is the Originator? He is the One who breathed life into the lump of clay He took to form Man from the dirt. Then, from one man who dared to believe Him (God's friend Abraham) God made a nation, the sons of Israel.

What was Cyrus' origin? See Isaiah 44:28-45:7,11-13

### **Days 4–5 – Mankind's Destiny – Isaiah 40-48**

Again, I would like you to separate out what God has to say about Mankind's destiny from Isaiah chapters 40-48. Mark those passages as before where Isaiah specifically addresses Israel's destiny or the destiny of Jews and Gentiles alike. A third category, the destiny of the Gentiles (the Nations) alone, should be in a third color of ink. Again, if this seems overwhelming for you to do, please pick some of the references to do and leave the others. For some of the references, you will need to look at the context. Keep in mind as you work out these verses that the Church was hidden in the Old Testament. For this assignment, I found it best to look at each chapter on the double-spaced worksheets and mark the verses pertaining to Israel or the Gentiles with their respective symbols in the margins. I mark Israel with David's star and the Gentiles with a big blue "G." Also, if you want some direction on the pronouns used and their reference to either the Jews or the Gentiles, then take some clues from the way your actual Bible text is separated into paragraphs.

**Isaiah 40 vs. 1-2, 5-8, 9-11, 15-17, 21-26, 27-31**

**Isaiah 41 vs. 1-7, 8-16, 25-29**

**Isaiah 42 vs. 4, 5, 6, 10-12, 14-15, 18-25**

**Isaiah 43 vs. 1-8, 9, 10-12, 14-28**

**Isaiah 44 vs. 1-5, 6-8, 21-22, 24, 26**

**Isaiah 45 vs. 1, 4, 6, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22-24, 25**

**Isaiah 46 vs. 3-4, 8-11, 12**

**Isaiah 47 vs. 1-15**

**Isaiah 48 vs. 1-11, 12-13, 14, 17-19, 20-21**

What was Cyrus' destiny – see Isaiah 44:28-45:14

Now that you have gone through Isaiah 40-48 rather thoroughly, can you give one possible theme for each of the chapters? If you think you have come up with some good themes for these chapters by doing the exercise above, then you may write these themes on their respective double-spaced worksheets and on your Isaiah-Theme-Summary chart in the Appendix.

Man's Origin	Man's Destiny
<p><b>Isaiah 40:12-17</b> - God was in the beginning when He created Mankind; He created all things &amp; God created Man, Man did not evolve over long periods of time; God created Him on the 6th day.</p> <p><b>Genesis 2:18-23</b> - God created Mankind in His image, male &amp; female.</p> <p><b>Isaiah 40:21-24</b> - God created Mankind &amp; directs his path</p> <p><b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b> - God gives breath &amp; spirit to the people who walk on the earth. He also spread out the people across the earth</p> <p><b>Isaiah 44:24-28</b> - God formed Man from the womb; He is the Maker of all things; therefore He made Man, too. He also directs Man's path.</p> <p><b>Isaiah 45:9-10</b> - God is Man's maker &amp; Man shouldn't quarrel with God and ask why He has made him/her the way He has.</p> <p><b>Isaiah 45:11-13</b> - God created the earth &amp; placed Man upon it &amp; directs his path.</p> <p><b>Isaiah 45:18-19</b> - God formed the earth to be inhabited by Man.</p>	<p><b>Romans 1:18-32</b> Those who are ungodly, unrighteous, those who suppress truth in unrighteous living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they will become futile in speculation</li> <li>-their foolish hearts will become darkened</li> <li>-they will profess to be wise, but will become foolish</li> <li>-they will exchange (covenant term) God's glory for idolatry             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<u>given over</u> to lusts of heart &amp; impurity -</li> <li>-bodies dishonored</li> <li>-exchange truth for lie</li> <li>-worship creature, not Creator</li> <li>-<u>given over</u> to degrading passions &amp; rec`v due penalty to body</li> <li>-homosexual rather than heterosexual relationships</li> <li>-<u>given over</u> to a depraved mind to act improperly</li> </ul> </li> <li>-unrighteous living, wickedness, greed, evil, envying, murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossiping, slanderering, hating God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,w/o understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful</li> </ul> <p><b>Romans 2:1-17</b> Those who consciously decide to continue in their sins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-will remain stubborn &amp; unrepentant</li> <li>-will rec`v due penalty a.t. deeds</li> </ul> <p><b>Romans 2:1-17</b> Those who consciously decide to believe God &amp; surrender their lives to him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Man will repent from the heart</li> <li>-Man will be rewarded for his deeds</li> <li>-Man will persevere in doing good; will seek for glory, honor, immortality - reward eternal life</li> <li>-Man will do good &amp; enjoy glory, honor, peace</li> <li>-Man doers will be justified</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Isaiah</b> - what will transpire in Man's destiny</p> <p>40:21-16 God destines kings &amp; judges - He's sovereign; He will intervene in Man's life</p> <p><b>40:29-31</b> God gives strength, might, &amp; power to the man who waits on Him.</p> <p><b>41:1-7</b> The whole Gentile world - the nations - will come together for judgment</p> <p><b>41:11</b> Those who are angry w/ Israel will be shamed &amp; dishonored; they who contend, will perish</p> <p><b>41:21-29</b> Man thinks he will be greater still. Yet God humbles Man by smashing nations w/ His</p> <p><b>42:1-9</b> God's Messiah will bring justice to nations &amp; they will wait on His law</p> <p><b>42:10-13</b> The ends of the earth will sing God's praise &amp; give Him glory</p> <p><b>42:14-22</b> Blind will be lead, guided by Him; darkness will become light, rough places smooth</p> <p><b>43:8-13</b> Nations will gather to prophesy own destiny; God will witness thru Israelites</p> <p><b>44:1-11</b> God will pour out His Spirit on Israel's offspring, pour out blessings on Israel's descendants , ( includes gentiles, also, see Gen. 12), will prosper &amp; give strength; some will say they are His.</p> <p>44:12-17 Idol makers are mere men, get hungry &amp; thirsty, &amp; weary, burns some wood for fuel, other wood for idols; idolators will bow down &amp; worship idols, will pray to it to deliver the; cannot deliver himself, even ask self if wrong path</p> <p>44:18-20Gentiles will come to faith while Jews are blinded</p> <p>45:1-7 Cyrus will come to power &amp; will prosper. God will intervene politically, God causes well-being &amp; calamity</p> <p>45:14-17 Idol makers will go away together into humiliation - to where? hell? and put to shame</p> <p>45:18-25 nations will gather &amp; consult together; God will save men from all ends of the earth; they will turn to Him &amp; be saved, q. knee will bow &amp; q. tongue swear allegiance to God.</p> <p>46:1-13 idolators will cry out to idols but they cannot save</p> <p>Isaiah 47:1-15 concerning Babylon</p>

## ISRAEL- ORIGIN AND DESTINY

Israel's Origin	Israel's Destiny
<p>40:12-17 God created Mankind &amp; out of Mankind God called Israel</p> <p>43:21 God has formed them for Himself</p> <p>44:1-9 God is establisher of Israel as a nation. He chose &amp; made Israel</p> <p>44:21-23 God has formed Israel &amp; will not forget her.</p> <p>44:24-28 God formed Israel in the womb</p> <p>45:9-10 God is Man's maker &amp; Man should not quarrel w/ God how he is made</p> <p>45:11-13 God is Israel's Maker. They are work of His hands. He has determined that which concerns His sons.</p> <p>45:18-19 God created the earth for Mankind and Israel to inhabit</p> <p>46:1-13 The house of Jacob &amp; all the remnant of Israel have been borne by God from birth &amp; carried by God from the womb. God will be the same to Israel always &amp; He will bear them into their graying years. He is the One who has done it for Israel &amp; He shall carry them &amp; bear them &amp; deliver them</p>	<p>40:27-31 God will give strength &amp; might &amp; power to those who wait upon Him. They will not grow weary.</p> <p>41:8-10 They are chosen by God b/c of their fathers Abraham &amp; Jacob; God will take them from the ends of the earth &amp; from its remotest parts &amp; He will not reject them; Israel will be fearful of what the nations will do to her, but He tells her not to fear. God will strengthen &amp; help them, uphold them w/ His righteous right hand</p> <p>41:11-16 Israel will seek those who quarrel w/ them, but will not find them, for they are no more; Israel will seek those who war w/ them, but will not find them; their redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Israel will be made a new, sharp threshing sledge w/ double edges and they will thresh the mtns., and pulverize them and make the hills like chaff. They will winnow them and the storm will scatter them. Israel will rejoice in the LORD and glory in the HOI.</p> <p>41:17-20 Israel will be thirsty and God will give them water. He will also put the trees in the wilderness and the desert so that Israel may see and recognize that the hand of the LORD has done all of this and that He has created it.</p> <p>41:21-19 God will cause the work of those Jews who worship idols, to be worthless, like wind and emptiness.</p> <p>42:1-9 Israel will behold God's Messiah. He will bring forth justice for Israel and the other nations. The Messiah will be appointed as a covenant to the Israelites (also see Ezekiel 36, Jeremiah 31). God will declare the future to Israel before the future comes about.</p> <p>42:10-13 The ends of the earth, including the Jews, will sing God's praise and will give glory to the LORD.</p> <p>42:14-22 Israel will see many things but not observe them; hear but not listen. Israel will be a people plundered and despoiled, trapped in caves, hidden away in prisons, become prey w/ none to deliver them.</p> <p>43:1-7 God has redeemed them and called them by name; they are His!. God will be with them thru the rivers and fire. God is their Savior and He will give up other nations in place of them.</p> <p>God sees Israel as precious in His sight, honored and loved. God will be with them and will gather them from all the places that He has scattered them.</p> <p>43:8-13 The nations will gather in order to prophesy or set their own destiny, but Israel will come forth as His witnesses in order for them to know that God is God and there is no other and that He alone is their Savior. God has been God for eternity and what He has said about Israel no one can reverse.</p> <p>43:14-21 Israel will declare God's praise. For Israel's sake, God will bring down Babylon - for their release from Neb's Babylon and also the end-time Babylon.</p> <p>God will bring forth something new for Israel and will make a roadway in the wilderness and rivers in the desert for them so that they may drink.</p> <p>43:22-28 Sometime yet future to Isaiah's day, Jacob will become weary of God (perhaps today is included in this) and not they do not bring Him the offerings &amp; sacrifices to honor Him, but will burden Him w/ their sin. B/c of this God will pollute the priesthood and consign Israel to the ban and to revilement. God will be the One who wipes out their transgressions for His own sake &amp; He will not remember their sins but Israel will also suffer the consequences of her actions along the way.</p> <p>44:1-9 God will pour out water on Israel's thirsty land; will pour out His Spirit on their offspring (Gentiles &amp; Jews); will pour out His blessings on their descendants (G &amp; J), Israel will spring up among the grass (that withers) like poplars by streams of water. Some will say that they are the LORD's in various ways,</p> <p>44:21-23 God has wiped out Israel's transgressions, has wiped out their sins, has redeemed Israel &amp; will ask her to return to Him. The heavens will shout, the lower parts of the earth &amp; mtns &amp; forest will be joyful b/c it is the LORD who redeems Israel. Israel will show forth His glory.</p> <p>44:24-28 Israel's word will be confirmed by God. God will perform the purpose of His messengers. Jerusalem will be inhabited b/c God says so. The cities of Judah will be built b/c God says so &amp; God will raise up Judah's ruins again. Cyrus will declare that Jerusalem will be built and the temple's foundation laid.</p> <p>Isaiah 45:11-17 God has caused Cyrus to build His city and let His exiles go free without payment or reward</p>