

Last week, we studied the origin and the destiny of Man from God's perspective as written in Romans 1-2 and Isaiah 40-48. We also looked at the same two topics in regard to the Jewish people. God absolutely loves the Jewish people and He has bound Himself to them in covenant to bring about three promises found in Genesis 15: the promises of the land of Israel, the seed of the Messiah, and the nation of Israel. He also loves those of the Gentiles who have declared their faith in Him, their allegiance to Him, and have accepted His Messiah, Jesus, as their Savior. God has also made numerous promises to the Gentile nations as well, that speak of His blessings to them. We will review these thoughts concerning the Gentiles in this week's lesson using Genesis chapter 12 as our text.

Also, in this week's time of study we are going to broaden our understanding of the hope that God has given to the Believing Jews and Gentiles. He wants us to hope in Him, to look up to Him, to know for certain that He has not forgotten us, will not forsake us, will not refuse to help us, nor will He leave us behind.

Day 1 – Hope through God's Promises and His Character for the Believing Jews and Gentiles – Genesis 12, Isaiah 40

Start your time out today by praying before you begin your study. Ask God to open up your mind through His Spirit so that you might see what He has for you here and what relevance this will have for you in your daily walk.

Abram (later called Abraham) was the one man in the stream of history whom God called out for Himself. Why did God choose Abram? In Genesis 15 we read that Abram believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness. Perhaps God pursued Abram because He knew that Abram would believe what He would say to him. For sure, God chose Abram so that He could work through one man to bring about salvation. This salvation was for not only Abram's physical descendants, the Israelites, but also for Abram's spiritual descendants, the families of the Gentile nations who would believe and be blessed.

Please read Genesis 12:1-3 and write the six promises that God makes to Abram here.

This passage of Scripture reveals the hope for Israel even before Israel was established as a nation. It is also the hope for all the Gentile families of the earth for that hope will come in the form of blessing(s) through Abraham's descendants. Do you know or can you guess Who or what that blessing might be? Also see Isaiah 40:10.

Please read Isaiah 40:1-8 and write below why there is hope for us in verses 7-8 in which we (all flesh- Jew & Gentile) are compared to the grass that withers and the flower that fades when the breath of the LORD blows upon us. Massive Hint: find the comparison that is made here. We've seen this before in an earlier lesson.

Now, read Isaiah 40:10-15, 21-31 and list God's attributes or character qualities that you see revealed in these verses. There may be more than one answer in each of the verses. Don't make this harder than it really is. Relax and pray at all times. God will reveal it to you.

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How can we possibly obtain hope from knowing God's character?

Does God ever change in His character or His attributes? Is God ever out of control concerning all that He has made and oversees (this includes us)?

**Day 2 – The Hope for Believing Israel and Believing Gentiles in Times of Trouble –
Isaiah 41**

Again today, before you begin your study, spend some time in prayer. Use those character qualities and attributes of God you discovered yesterday in your study of chapter 40 to adore and praise God. Remember why they give you cause to hope.

If Isaiah 41:1-4 is about the Lord Jesus Christ and not Cyrus, then what of God's character is revealed here? How can you find hope in these character traits of God?

So, if God is coming to right the wrongs and to relieve the injustices done to individuals, how can this give the Believer hope?

In the midst of Isaiah 41:8-18, there are streams of living water given to the Israelites so that they might drink or draw upon Him when they are thirsty and during times of trouble. What is that hope that He gives to them here?

In verses 41:21-26, God mocks the false gods of other nations. There is nothing nor is there anyone who can compare to Jehovah God. What hope do you see for Israel here?

**Day 3 – The Hope for All Israel Who Believe and Obey Him is the LORD Himself –
Isaiah 42,43**

Again, today begin your time of study with prayer.

Isaiah 42:1-13, 16, the hope of all Israel, is revealed as the LORD Himself, the LORD'S Servant, the Messiah. What does Isaiah say that this Servant of the LORD, the Messiah will do? Why should these verses instill hope in Israel?

Israel could have had all of this hope, yet there were some of Israel who would not listen, nor observe, and they became spoil or prey for others; some were imprisoned, some trapped, and some were even burned.

Isaiah Part 5: Deliverance and Comfort for the Faithful Isaiah 40- 48, Genesis 12
Week 6, Great God Our Father, You are Our Hope and Our Eternal Home

Who is God speaking to in Isaiah 43? Massive Hints: Isaiah 43:1, 14, 21, 22. Who formed Israel? See 43:21.

What hope is there for those of Israel who will give ears to listen to God, and hearts to obey Him? Isaiah 43:1- 7, 10-13. Could this possibly be meant for the Believing Gentiles, as well? How do you know? See Isaiah 43:7.

God will go after Israel's enemies. Even though the Israelites have been disobedient and unfaithful to God, God will still continue to beckon Israel back to Himself. Future to Isaiah's day, God will go after a major empire and shut it down. Who is this empire and why will Israel need the hope given to them in Isaiah 43:14-21? For the question, also use your understanding of history and what is on the event horizon only a short time into the future for the southern kingdom of Judah.

Can you find any more attributes of God listed in chapter 43? Again, why do each of these characteristics of God give Israel cause for hope? See 43:3, 10-11, 13, 14-15.

Day 4 – The Hope of Israel's Offspring: A Future When God Pours Out His Spirit – Isaiah 44

Again, today begin your time of study with prayer.

Who is God speaking to in Isaiah 44? Hint: 44:1.

How does God explain Himself in Isaiah 44:6-8 and 44:24-28? Does Israel have any cause to hope in this explanation?

In 44:2, 8, God gives the Israelites two commands. What are these two commands and why did God give them to the Israelites?

What part will the Gentile Believers play when God gives water to the thirsty land and He pours out His Spirit on all of Israel's offspring and His blessings on all of Israel's descendants? See 44:3-5.

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What kind of hope can Israel find in Isaiah 44:21-23 for where she finds herself today? Are these verses proof that God is not finished with Israel? Will Israel rise to prominence again? Will there be a day in the future when Israel will show forth the glory of the LORD? See Ezekiel 36, Jeremiah 31.

In today's world, what hope can Israel find in Isaiah's words in chapter 44:26-27?

Day 5 – The Hope of Everlasting Salvation for His Name's Sake - Isaiah 45-48, Romans 11, Ephesians 2:11-22

Again, today begin your time of study with prayer. Praise God for the hope that we have in Him and the future that He has prepared for us. Praise Him also for the future fulfillment of His prophecies concerning the nation of Israel. Thank Him that He has worked through the nation of Israel to bring salvation to the Gentiles. Finally, before you work through today's lesson, read Romans chapter 11 and Ephesians 2:11-22.

What event in the history of Israel has been prophesied, and will be fulfilled in the short run (100 years)? The fulfillment of this event will give Israel cause to hope for the fulfillment of the remainder of Isaiah's prophecies far into the future. See Isaiah 44:28 through 45:7 and Isaiah 45:11-13. Why?

God is going to save Israel with an everlasting salvation. See Isaiah 45:17. In the end, they will not be put to shame or humiliated. Why is this promise so important to the Israel of the present age? Think of what is happening to the Jews every day, all over the world, in every nation. Think about what goes on, concerning Israel, in the spiritual world and the driving force behind it. See Daniel 12:1.

God is going to save the Believing Gentiles with an everlasting salvation, also. What does God set forth in Isaiah 45:22-25? Are we, the Gentiles, part of "the offspring of Israel," referred to in Isaiah 45:25?

What promise does God give the house of Jacob and all the remnant of the house of Israel in Isaiah 46:3-4?

What does God reveal about Himself in 46:9-11? Why would this declaration from God give Israel cause to hope?

Not all of Israel is of the Remnant of Israel. This is just like, not all individuals of this nation (the USA), although founded on Christian principles, are Christians. Ultimately, God will judge the individuals for their belief or disbelief. In due course, God will also judge the nations. Isaiah 47 speaks of Babylon and her judgment that will come about several times in history to come. If you would like to read more on the judgment of God upon Babylon in the end times, then read Revelation 17 and 18.

Isaiah 48 speaks of Israel's stubborn and rebellious nature. Israel surely knows that they are stubborn and rebellious. Yet, even being reminded of this in Isaiah 48, there is still hope for them, for God will delay and restrain His wrath on them. Why? Read Isaiah 48:9-11.

This is probably the greatest and most profound hope that any of us have, Jew or Gentile alike: God will save us for His namesake, not because of anything that we have done or not done. Like the Israelites, we surely know that we are stubborn, rebellious, and lost. If it were not for His mercy and longsuffering and for His namesake, we would have no hope of salvation. We're reminded in Romans 3:23 and 6:23 that all men have fallen short of the glory of God and that the wage of Man's sin is death. Our hope is in His great mercy and in His own provision for the atonement and forgiveness of our sins that He supplied. God doesn't have to prove Himself to us, for He is God. However, God ultimately acts on our behalf because His reputation with the world is at stake. Just ask Moses. God will surely act to insure we have safe passage into His presence and that He will be seen by the world as the Savior, the only Savior that is possible.

Thanks for sticking with me in this long journey through Isaiah. I "hope" that you have gotten a glimpse of the "hope" that God provided for us within this book. Remember as we finish up this section on Isaiah that nothing happens or exists apart from God's intentions, from His will, or His purpose for us, the Jews, and the world. We can have complete confidence in His words as He has spoken them through His prophet Isaiah.

**HOPE FROM KNOWING GOD’S CHARACTER, HIS ATTRIBUTES,
AND THE NAMES HE CALLS HIMSELF**

Isaiah 40-48

Part 5

Lesson 6-1

Chapter 40:10-31	Chapter 41:1-4	Chapter 43:3-15	Chapter 44:6-8	Chapter 46:9-11
<p>-LORD GOD -SOVEREIGNTY -THE REWARD -SHEPHERD -SUSTAINER -PROVIDER -DEFENDER -COMFORTER (EL SHADDAI) -CREATOR - MAKER, PLANNER -COUNSELOR, COMFORTER, OMNI-SCIENT, WISE -ETERNAL -I AM -JUDGE OF ALL -HOLY ONE -NOT ONE STAR MISSING - COSMIC GLUE -ALL POWERFUL -JUSTIFIER-FAIR IN JUDGEMENT -EVERLASTING, ETERNAL -LONGSUFFERING -PERSEVERING</p>	<p>-JUDGE -TRUTH -SOVEREIGN -RIGHTEOUS -RULER -AVENGER -WARRIOR -I AM -ETERNAL -FIRST & LAST</p>	<p>-LORD -I AM -THE LORD YOUR GOD -THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL -SAVIOR -I AM HE -YOUR REDEEMER -CREATOR OF ISRAEL -YOUR KING -HE WHO BLOTS OUT --- YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS</p>	<p>-THE LORD- -THE KING OF ISRAEL -REDEEMER -LORD OF HOSTS -FIRST & LAST -THE ROCK -REDEEMER -CREATOR -SOVEREIGN -ONE WHO SAYS & PERFORMS</p>	<p>-HE IS GOD -THERE IS NO OTHER -HE COUNSELS -WHAT HE SAYS - STANDS & HIS WILL WILL BE DONE</p>

HOPE FOR THE JEWS AND THE GENTILES

The Jews	The Gentiles (and Jews)
<p>Genesis 12:1-3 God will make of Abram a great nation God will bless Abram and make his name great Abram will be a blessing God will bless him who blesses Abram God will curse him who curses Abram In Abram all the families of the earth shall be blessed The Son of God will be that blessing Isaiah 40:1-8 The word of God is our confidence in hope. Isaiah 41:8-16 Israel has been chosen. Israel will not be cast away. Israel is lifted high b/c they are physical descendents of Abe, God's friend. God will bless those who bless Israel, curse....all wrongs will eventually be righted. God will restore/regather the scattered Israelites. God will help them, strengthen them, uphold them, hold them by right hand, will make them into mighty warriors, will replenish the land and the trees, and they will know that God is He. Isaiah 42:21-26 Israel will put no stock in the Gentile prophets b/c they cannot prophecy accurately; only God can do that. God declares the idols & their prophets as nothing - Israel need not fear. The one whom God raises up will go against the idols. Isaiah 43:1-7, 10-13 Israel is not to fear, they have been redeemed. Israel has been called by name by God & they are His. When Israel is in difficult spot, God will be there and go thru it with them. He is their God, their Savior. He gave other nations as ransom for them. They are precious in His sight & will be honored & loved. God will regather them fro the four corners. God calls them witnesses & serven. They will know & believe Him and know that He is God. Isaiah 44:2,8 God tells them not to be afraid. Isaiah 44:21-23 They are God's servant He has blotted out their transgressions. They were formed by Him. They will not be orgotten. He beckones them to come back to Him. They will show forth His glory in the future. Ezekiel 36, Jeremiah 31 God is for Israel, other nations who devour her will decrease & Israel will increase - they will be the head Isaiah 44:26-27 God confirms Jerusalem will be inhabited, cities of Juday built & waste places raised up Isaiah 45:7, 11-13 Already fulfilled Scripture in Cyrus Isaiah 46:3-4 God is with them even when Israel is old & He will carry them Isaiah 48:9-11 Even though Israel is rebellious, for God's name sake (His reputation with the other nations), He will save Israel</p>	<p>Genesis 12:1-3 In Abram all the families of the earth shall be blessed The Son of God will be that blessing Isaiah 40:1-8 The word of God is our confidence in hope. Isaiah 42:1-13,16 Hope is in the LORD Himself, the LORD's Ser- vant, the Messiah - He will bring forth justice; He will not shut someone down for only a little faith, He will continue on until justice is est'd in all the earth. God has called the Servant in Righteousness; Isaiah 44:35 God will pour out His Spirit on them Isaiah 45:17, 22-25 God will save with an everlasting salvation - Jews & Gentiles- all who look to God will be saved - both physical, spiritual descendants Isaiah 48:9-11 Even though Israel is rebellious, for God's name sake (His reputation with the other nations), He will save Israel</p>