

Isaiah 41

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Israel Assured of God's Help

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.'"

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 smooths 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.

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.

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.

The Futility of Idols

21 “ Present your case,” says the LORD.

“ Bring forth your strong reasons,” says the
King of Jacob.

22 “ Let them bring forth and show us what will
happen;

Let them show the former things, what they
were, That we may consider them,
And know the latter end of them;
Or declare to us things to come.

23 Show the things that are to come hereafter,
That we may know that you are gods;
Yes, do good or do evil,
That we may be dismayed and see it together.

24 Indeed you are nothing,
And your work is nothing;
He who chooses you is an abomination.

25 “ I have raised up one from the north,
And he shall come;
From the rising of the sun he shall call on My
name; And he shall come against princes as
though mortar, As the potter treads clay.

26 Who has declared from the beginning, that
we may know?

And former times, that we may say, ‘He is
righteous’? Surely there is no one who shows,
Surely there is no one who declares,
Surely there is no one who hears your words.

27 The first time I said to Zion, ‘ Look, there
they are!’

And I will give to Jerusalem one who brings
good tidings.

28 For I looked, and there was no man;
I looked among them, but there was no
counselor, Who, when I asked of them, could

answer a word.

29 Indeed they are all worthless; Their works
are nothing;
Their molded images are wind and confusion.

