

Isaiah 44

Fear Not, O Jacob

1. 44:1-8 – Fear Not, O Jacob

- a. 1-2 - Fear not → 41:10-17 God's power, 43:1-5 God's love, and 44:2-8 God's Spirit.
 - i. Jesurun – a name referring to blessed Israel – Deu 32:15, 33:5, 26
- b. 3 – water on dry ground – 35:6-7, 41:18, 43:19, but also see John 7:37-38
 - i. “*I will pour my spirit*” – Prov 1:23, Is 32:15, 59:21, Matt 3:11
 - ii. This not all fulfilled with Pentecost see Eze 36:25-28, 37:6, 14, Acts 2:19, Joel 2
- c. 4-5 – A future hope of Israel's salvation: calling upon the LORD.
- d. 6-7 – The ancient LORD appoints the ancient people: 1) their beginning, 2) their end
- e. 8 - Israel is the witness of the true God because of their connection to his prophecies.
 - i. *beside me there is no God*” – he is eternal and yet he knows not any other

2. 44:9-20 – The Vanity of Making Gods

- a. 9 – The vain makers are their own witnesses, not a witness of a real god
 - i. 9-11 – All the makers shall be ashamed by their own work.
- b. 12 – The vain work of the maker of idols.
 - i. 12 - Smiths (metalworkers) become weak making their gods.
 - ii. 13-17 - Carpenters make gods of material he uses to serve himself.
 - iii. 17 – Then, he worships the thing that serves him, and calls it a god.
- c. 18-20 – They are blind to that they ask for deliverance from something they made.

3. 44:21-23 – Jacob's Redemption

- a. 21 – “*I have formed thee*” – as opposed to the other way around
- b. 22 – “*I have blotted out...*” – see Acts 3:19. Cloud = scattered out, diffused, dissolved
 - i. That he has done it speaks of a work satisfying God's justice.
 - ii. “*redeemed thee*” ~def. set you free, liberty, purchase back
 - iii. “*return unto me*” - They are admonished to remember, return, and rejoice!
- c. 23 – “*glorified himself*” – Heaven and nature sing... refers to Israel's salvation.

4. 44:24-28 – The LORD is Faithful to Perform

- a. 24 – “*formed thee*” 3x 44:2, 21, 24 The maker of Israel is the maker of all things.
- b. 25 – He confounds the “wise” of the world – see also Dan 2:27, 5:8
- c. 26 – He says a thing, confirms, it and performs it in this verse.
- d. 27 – “*dry up thy rivers*” – waves, sea, water obey him = more power than man Gen 1:28
 - i. ‘say unto this mountain’ – Mt17:20, 21:21, Lk 17:6
- e. 28 – Cyrus is the shepherd that leads to the city, temple, foundation to be laid
 - i. Jacob is the servant/witnesses of God, Cyrus is the Redeemer/witness of God
 - ii. Jesus also the shepherd (John 10:11, 1 Pet 2:25), speaks of the city (Mt 5:14), speaks of rebuild the temple (Mt 24:2, Jn 2:19), is the foundation (Mt 16:18)