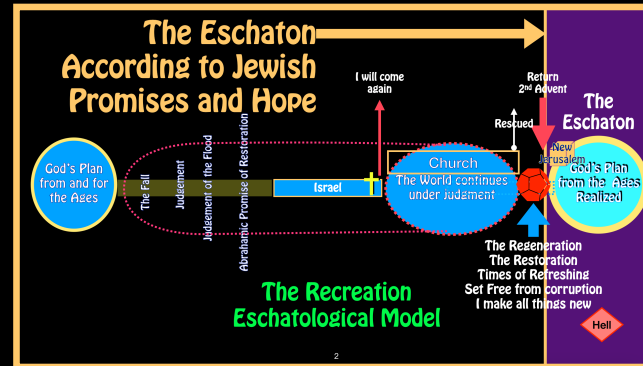
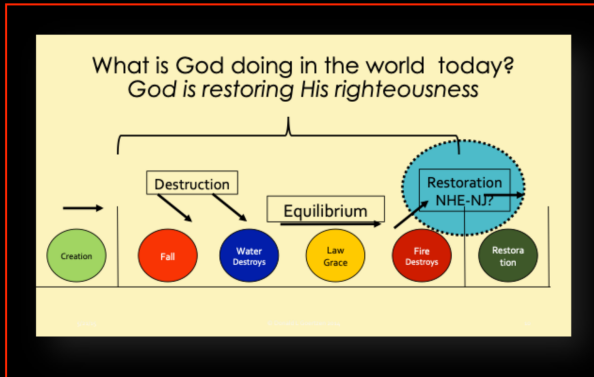
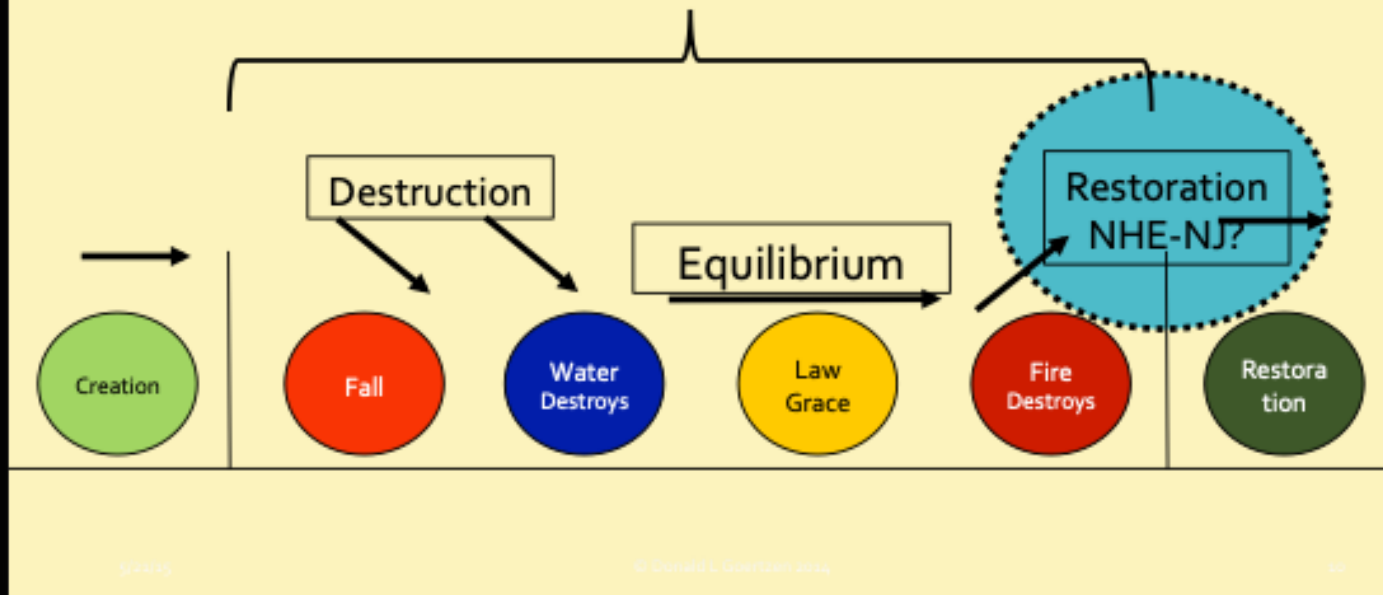


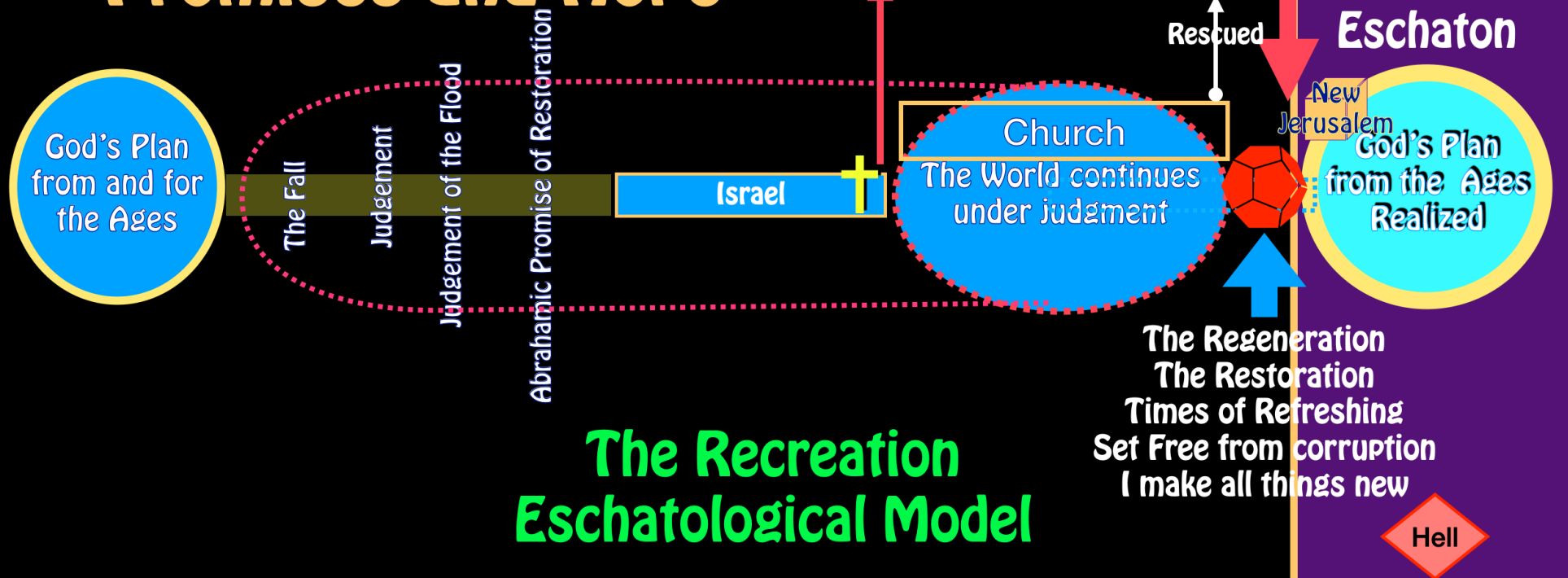
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What is God doing in the world today?
God is restoring His righteousness



The Eschaton According to Jewish Promises and Hope





The Father Knows Best

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Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



Continuing

Gentile are to Watch the Jewish God

- The book of Isaiah is about the Jewish promises made to Abraham —prophet Isaiah speaks from a 8th century b.c. time, in their history.
- Isaiah recognizes that the balance of humanity, the Gentiles, are also a “concern of the God” who has made/owns all things.
- **Chapter 41 is about the Gentiles.** It addresses them exposing the folly of their way—they should embrace the God of Israel who demonstrably acts on their behalf.
- Since we live in a Gentile world today the text says a lot about the “Gentiles of our time” and the futility of their approach to life.

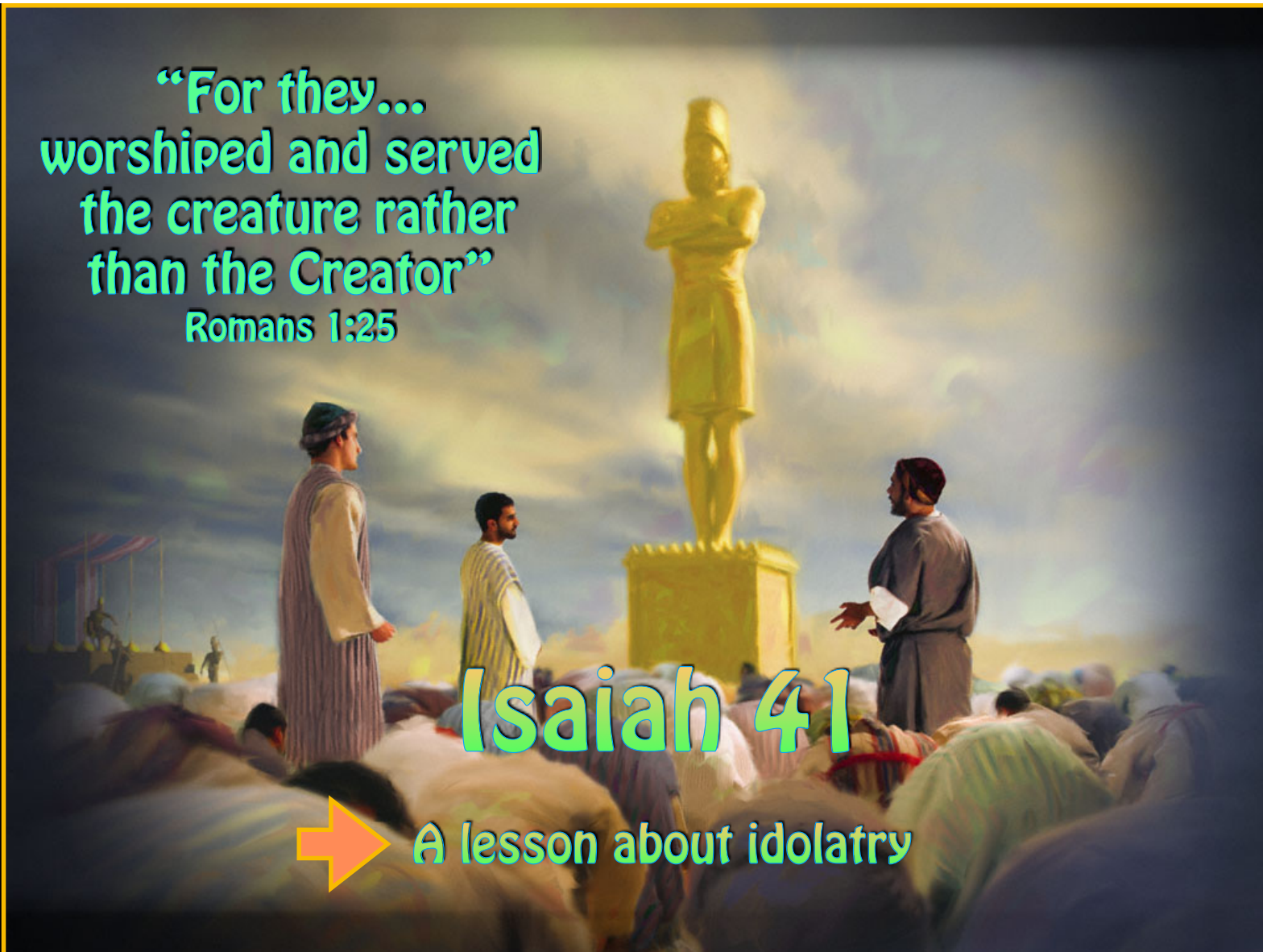
**“For they...
worshipped and served
the creature rather
than the Creator”**

Romans 1:25

Isaiah 41



A lesson about idolatry



Overview

- Isaiah 40:1-5 (Big announcement—be comforted!)
- Isaiah 40:6-31 Addressing Israel (Comparing grass with God)
- ➔ Isaiah 41:1-39 Addressing the Gentiles—Showing God's supreme power over all the peoples (nations) of the earth. about—“messages about (a) God's ability to bring about justice, and (b) how God's power will show that the nations and their gods have no power.”

- Smith, Gary U. Isaiah 40-66: Volume 15 (The New American Commentary) (p. 119). B&H Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

God's Control of the Gentiles

- 1 “Coastlands, (i.e. Gentiles on the geographical “edges”) listen to Me in silence, And let the peoples gain new strength (courage to come and speak); Let them come forward, then let them speak; Let us come together for judgment.
- 2 (What the "best of Gentiles" can do—) “Who has aroused one from the east Whom He calls in righteousness to His feet?
 - Alternative reading—“who meets/encounter victory as he goes,”
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- (The best they have) He delivers up nations before him And subdues kings. He makes them like dust with his sword, As the wind-driven chaff with his bow. (Assyria or any referent of despotism.) Isaiah 41:1–2

God's Control of the Gentiles

- ³ Gentile despots: “He pursues them, passing on in safety, By a way he had not been traversing with his feet.
 - Noted: In history Stalin, Hitler, Alex the Great. Nebuchadnezzar, Nero etc.
 - But behind all this is the question a who did this?—
- Shift to God's Accomplishments
- ⁴“Who has performed and accomplished it, (that is) Calling forth the generations from the beginning? ‘I, the Lord, am the first, and with the last. I am He.’ ”Isaiah 41:3–4



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Isaiah 41:5-6

God's Control of the Gentiles

- Gentile opposition to God is motivation for their cooperation—but that generates FEAR.
- ⁵The coastlands (Gentiles) have seen (God's work) and are afraid; The ends of the earth tremble; They have drawn near and have come (together for power).
- ⁶Each one helps his neighbor And says to his brother, "Be strong!" (their speeches) Isaiah 41:5-6

Man's Feeble Efforts Expressed in Third World Terms

- ⁷So the craftsman encourages the smelter, And he who smooths metal with the hammer encourages him who beats the anvil, Saying of the soldering, “It is good”¹; And he fastens it with nails, So that it will not totter.” Isaiah 41:7
- Today these material idols are “expressions of art.”
- Ed: Today idols come as different non-material expressions.
- Since the enlightenment we have the idolatry of the HUMAN IDEA.
- ¹National Endowment of the Arts—

Example of Man's Feeble Efforts Expressed in New World Terms

- The World Economic Forum is such an idea—a think tank that intends to preserve the present generation by producing a life saving culture—while destroying the next generation.
- This modern day idol WEF— rather than comfort it extracts primordial FEAR AND RAGE.
- These fears are stoked by the meetings at Davos SW attended by the very rich and influential.
- It takes \$750k to join and \$29k to attend, many arriving in private jets. Founded by economist turned philosopher—Klaus Schwab—



The Rich and Influential



- Klaus Schwab: During the dark days of COVID lockdowns in 2021, Schwab's WEF sent chills worldwide with an ominous prediction via social media that by 2030 "You'll own nothing. And you'll be happy."
- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Trust have been major donors to the WEF.



The Rich and Influential

- Another key player that facilitates this idolatry is—Marc Benioff (Salesforce) who championed the idea of using business to shape culture.
- Since the government cannot legally directly act in that role, “sympathetic businesses” can do what government cannot.
- Today big business monopolies are more to be feared than the government itself.
- Think of the business giants that set our communication limitations manage our purchases and control the information gathering systems and the investment banks as SEG, Blackrock. Benioff owns Time magazine.

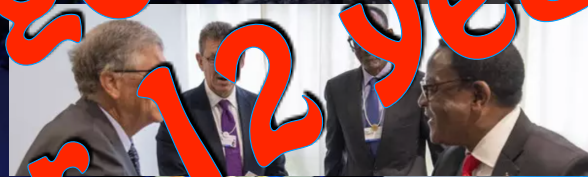
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"Ecosystems that are vital to the survival of the web of life and to human beings are at risk. For 42 years I have focused on the climate and I have always felt that it is intricately related to nature"



Sustainable Development Goals

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NY Post photo composite



It's the Super Bowl for the world.

Every year, up to 1,000 people flock to Davos, Switzerland, each paying \$29,000 (plus a huge membership fee) to attend the five-day World Economic Forum, filled with panels, jet planes and parties.

BlackRock



Natural World

Benioff is the owner and co-chair of **TIME**, and the founder of **TIME Ventures** — a leading investment firm with over 200 investments. Benioff is author of the New York Times bestseller *Trailblazer: The Power of Business as the Greatest Platform for Change*.

One Idol — Invest in the Hope of Man's Independence

- “We don’t need to choose between an energy crisis and a climate crisis – we can solve both of them with the right investment.”
- —Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency
- Blackrock an investment managing company controls \$10 Trillion — intends to shape the world with (only) sustainable energy investments.



The False Hope in Idols

- There can be no doubt that these kinds of ideas are a modern form of idolatry.
- These idols are not fastened down with nails so they do not totter but they are fastened down with lies and falsehoods—layered on layers. Since liars make the Idols no liar dares call out another liar for fear of being caught himself.
- The complacent Press will not hold liars accountable.
- Just as the wooden idol has no power, these man made idols, meant to dethrone the Creator God has no power to improve life but in every case makes life more difficult.

Attacks on the Creator God

- There is no doubt that the elevation of man to the idol status drives the movers and shakers against the christian West.
- It cannot be denied that the objective of this Idolatrous thinking is for all (using intimidation) to join in overthrowing God's norms for human culture and development—including the basic unit of the family.
- Computers and the internet have made this a viable possibility for the first time in human history—

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- Every health, military, economic, social crisis, real or manufactured is used to advance this agenda. Do not let a crisis go to waste!
- The World Health Organization is just one of these controlling “NGOs” (Non Governmental Offices) that seeks to control by dictating health rules—the world’s future.

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- The WHO is already gearing up for the next pandemic so that they are prepared for when it comes that you will willingly surrender your freedoms—to live!
- So the WHO can use the next health crisis to advance globalism, another virus is bound to come.
- Recently it was reported that some pharmaceuticals are experimenting with gain of function ideas to produce another crisis that will need pharmaceutical remedies.

Don't Fear Fear Itself

- However, Isaiah reminds us to not fear the people of these movement.
- Because we are assured that the God of Israel also is the God of the world and his “borders” will not be compromised—
- **Rule of Life:** We do what is right and allow the Idol worshippers to “**imagine a vain thing.**”

Israel's Future is Different

- Eschatological statement: ⁸“But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend,
- ⁹You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its remotest parts And said to you, ‘You are My servant, I have chosen you and (I do) not rejected you.
- ¹⁰‘Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’ Isaiah 41:8–10

Israel the Last Nation Standing

- ¹¹“Behold, all those who are angered at you (my people) will be shamed and dishonored; Those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish.
- **In the end—**¹²“You will seek those who quarrel with you, but (you) will not find them, Those who war with you will be as nothing and non-existent.
Isaiah 41:11–12

Israel the Last Nation Standing

- 13“For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’
- 14“Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you,” declares the Lord, “and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 41:13–14

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- 15“Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges; You will thresh the mountains and pulverize them, And will make the hills like chaff.
 - (A glimpse of this in the present miraculous saving of Israel)
- 16“You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away, And the storm will scatter them; But you will rejoice in the Lord, You will glory in the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 41:15–16

In the Eschaton Israel is Compared with the Present

Deserts and Meadows

The Future is Compared with the Now

- **Now:** ¹⁷“The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none,
 - And their tongue is parched with thirst;
 - **Then:** I, the Lord, will answer them Myself,
 - As the God of Israel I will not forsake them.
- Isaiah 41:17–20

The Future is Compared with the Now

- **Eschatological Then:** ¹⁸“I will open rivers on the bare heights And springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water And the dry land fountains of water.” I will put the cedar in the wilderness, The acacia and the myrtle and the olive tree; I will place the juniper in the desert Together with the box tree and the cypress, Isaiah 41:17–20

The Future is Compared with the Now

- **Eschatological Then:** ²⁰That they may see and recognize, And consider and gain insight as well, That the **hand of the Lord has done this**, And the Holy One of Israel has **created it**. Isaiah 41:20
- **Ed:** A new created desert is mentioned—more fully or widely stated in Isa. 65:17 “For behold, I **create** new heavens and a **new earth**.”

With Such Evidence

God cares for his chosen people—in the Eschaton

Nations with their Idols Speak for yourself—Speak up!

- **CHALLENGE to the Gentiles:** ²¹“Present your case,” the Lord says. “Bring forward your strong arguments,” The (eschatological) King of Jacob says.
- **TELL THE FUTURE:** ²²Let them (as Al Gore) bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place; As for the former events, declare what they were, That we may consider them and know their outcome. Or announce to us what is coming;
- Isaiah 41:21–24

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- **TESTING:** ²³(Go ahead) Declare the things that are going to come afterward, **That we may know that you are gods;** Indeed, (do something even) do good or evil, that **we may anxiously look about us and fear together.** (BUT THERE IS SILENCE)
- **THE SCORE:** ²⁴Behold, you are of no account, And your work amounts to nothing; He who chooses you (your side) is an abomination. Isaiah 41:21–24

Attacks on the Creator God

- **THE LORD SAYS:** ²⁵“I have aroused one from the north, and he has come; From the rising of the sun he will call on My name; And he will come upon rulers as upon mortar, Even as the potter treads clay.” (The could be reference to Gog and Armageddon.)
- ²⁶Who has declared this from the beginning, that we might know? Or from former times, that we may say, “He is right!”? (But God speaking about them—) Surely there was no one who declared (a prophecy), Surely there was no one who proclaimed, Surely there was no one who heard your words. (In the end all your words are ignored.) Isaiah 41:25–26

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- 27“Formerly I said to Zion, ‘Behold, here they are.’ (The Assyrians). And to Jerusalem, ‘I will give a messenger (Prophets-Isaiah etc.) of good news.’
- 28“**But when I look (among the nations), there is no one (speaking or acting), And there is no counselor among them Who, if I ask, can give an answer (about the past or future). (Silence—tx No one!) Isaiah 41:27–28**

Attacks on the Creator God

- The statement v. 27—is an example of how God can predict the future.
- God had warned about the Assyrian invasion, he sent prophets Micah and Isaiah to warn them in advance.
- And just so it happened the Assyrians did attack vindicating God impeccable word as true.

Summary

Notice Gentiles and Israel there is no other God than
the God of Israel, past present and future.

Now What!

- Where does that leave the World Economic Forum or the SDG (Sustainable Development Goals).
- Whenever they (or like them) have made predictions, global climate change, equality of outcome, critical theories to bring about unity, promoting sustainable energies, central planning for all—they kill the very planet they ostensibly want to sustain— they have taken God's (via Isaiah) challenge to explain their gods but their predictions are always wrong.

Attacks on the Creator God

- Global Warming or Global Cooling?
- Population over-growth, abortions on demand—now at the point of no return—ending the human race—by Satanic design,
- Energy depletion—restricting natural resources and depending on “renewables” that kills humans in the poor countries, where life cannot be sustained—except as in the most primitive life.
- Windmills and solar panels are a net drain to economies and nature—remember how bizarre and backwards this looks, but they say the price must be paid— Klaus Schwab said you will be poor but very happy.

Where does all this leave us?

Fearful as the idol worshipers?

Have No Fear—God Says—

God Assures Us! Remember Isa. 40!

- ²⁸Do you not know?
- Have you not heard?
- The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth
- Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.
- ²⁹He gives strength to the weary,
- And to him who lacks might He increases power. Isaiah 40:28–29

- ³⁰Though youths grow weary and tired,
- And vigorous young men stumble badly,
- ³¹Yet those who wait for the Lord
- Will gain new strength;
- They will mount up with wings like eagles,
- They will run and not get tired,
- They will walk and not become weary. Isaiah
40:28–31

**“But according to His promise
we are looking for new heavens
and a new earth, in which
righteousness dwells.**

2 Peter 3:13

Maranatha!

Thus far—