

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



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Announcements



- **MOB Website & Resources: www.ibcmob.net**
- **Welcome to Immanuel Christian School!**
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 - <https://immanuelbible.church/summer-breakout-series-2023>
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Please Rise



■ **Invocation/Prayer.**

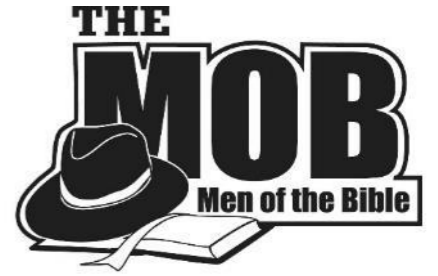
■ **Song:**

“Behold Our God”



Behold Our God

Verse 1



Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?

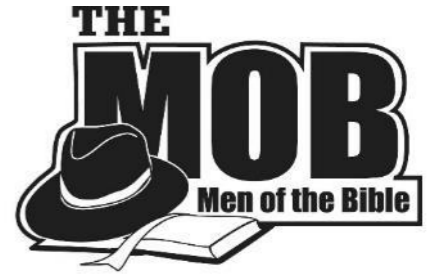
Kings and nations tremble at His voice

All creation rises to rejoice



Behold Our God

Chorus



Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him

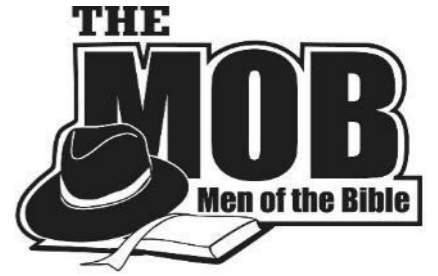
Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him!



Behold Our God

Verse 2



Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of His Words?

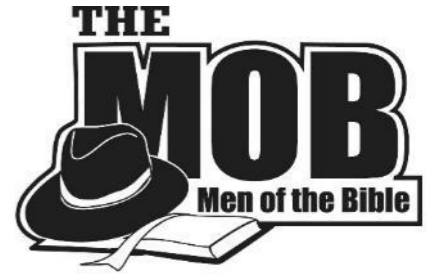
Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?



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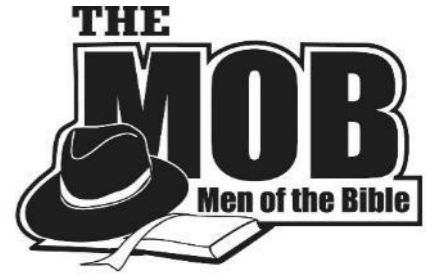
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Verse 3



Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign.



Behold Our God

Chorus



Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him!



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Our Study of Isaiah



- **Last Meeting:**
 - Isaiah Intro
 - Memory Verse: N/A
 - *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 255-486; *Motyer*, pp. 498-305
 - Refreshment Host: Courtesy of IBC

- **This Meeting:**
 - Isaiah 40:1-20, The Consolation of Zion
 - Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:8
 - *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 255-267; *Motyer*, pp. 498-305
 - Refreshment Host: Group A



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Memory Verse



Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

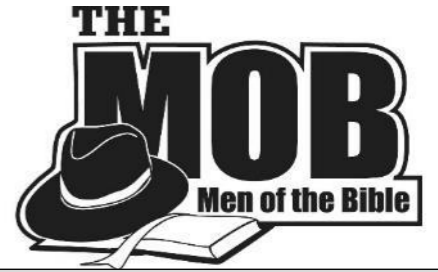
“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”

Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)



Isaiah Outline

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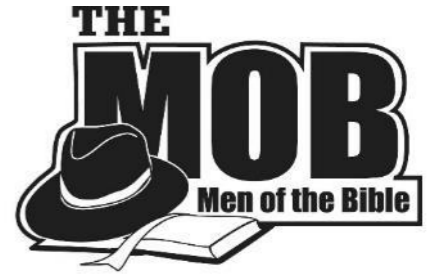


Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis		Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1	39:8	40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin	Hezekiah's Salvation	Israel's Deliverance		Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future	
Topics	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1	39:8	40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:24
	Prophetic Judgement								Historic Transition		Messianic Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah								We are here!							
Time	740 - 680 B.C.															



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Scriptural Interpretation at IBC



What We Teach

The teaching of Immanuel Bible Church is based on the Scriptures. Article V from our [Constitution](#) serves as our **STATEMENT OF FAITH**, and it reflects those doctrines that the elders and congregation consider essential to understanding, teaching, and practicing God's Word. It is based on an interpretation of the Scripture that is:

1. Normal - understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.
2. Literal - understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.
3. Grammatical - using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.
4. Historical - understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.
5. Systematic - categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of Scripture in view.

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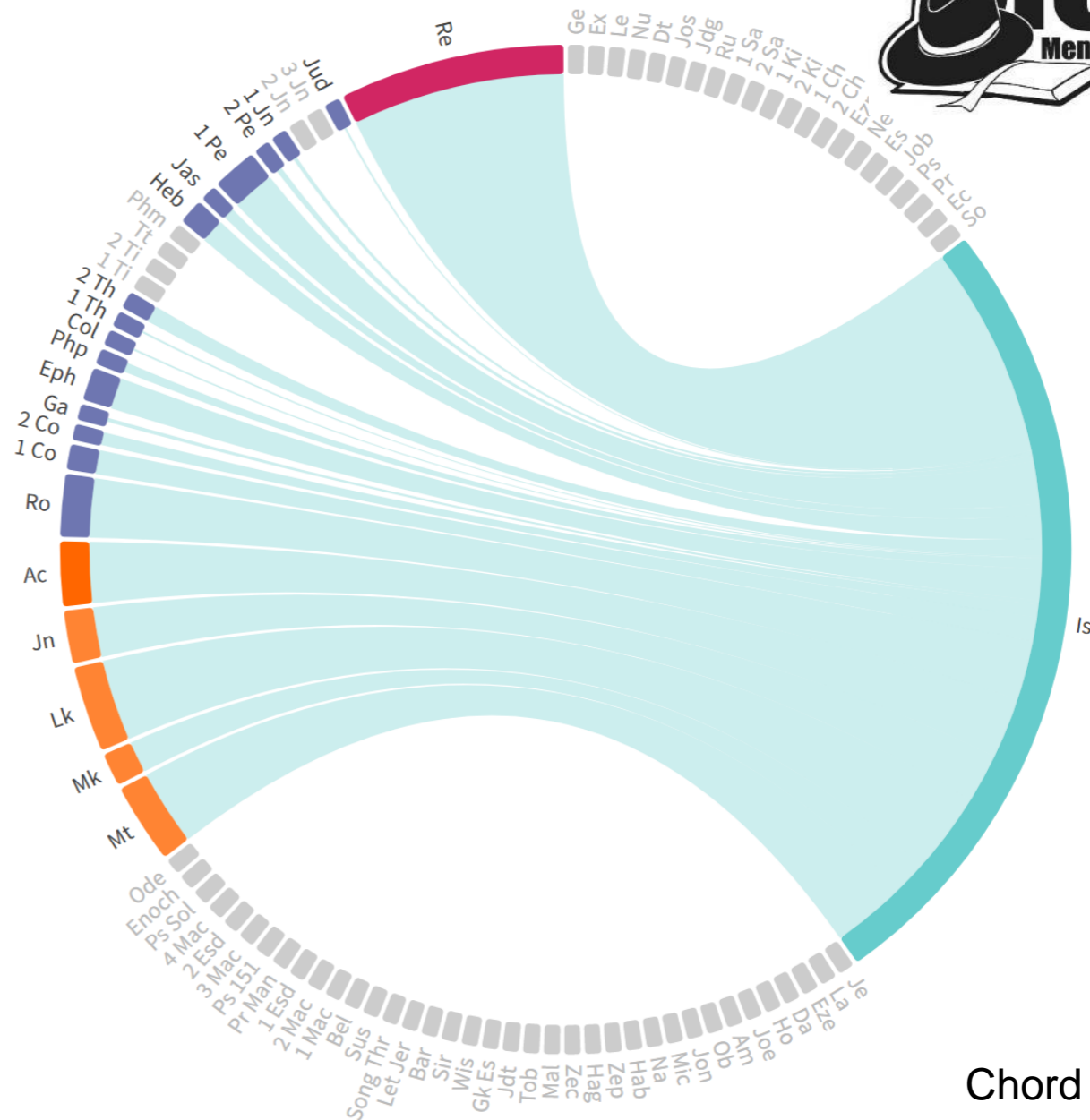


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New Testament Use of Isaiah



- 412 times there are references to the book and prophet Isaiah
- 162 times within the gospels and Acts
 - 66x Isaiah a source for Jesus
- 100 times by Paul
 - 32x in Romans (22 quotes/citations)
- 115 times in Revelation



Chord Graph



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Theme – from Constable's notes



God's faithfulness to His promises to give His people a glorious future after He disciplined them for their unfaithfulness



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Isaiah 40:1-2



¹ “Comfort, O comfort My people,”
says your God.

² “Speak kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her
warfare has ended,
That her iniquity has been
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Double for all her sins.”

Through: Poetry

Literary compositions characterized by figurative language, wordplay, rhythm, balance, and emotional expression that are crafted in order to produce an emotional response in the reader.

The Lexham Glossary of Literary Types
(Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

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³ A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the LORD in
the wilderness;

Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ “Let every valley be lifted up,

And every mountain and hill be made low;
And let the rough ground become a plain,
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,

And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of
the Lord has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Call out.”

Then he answered, “What shall I call out?”

All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the
flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,

When the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass.

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But the word of our God stands forever.

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of good news,

Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of
good news;
Lift it up, do not fear.

Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might,
With His arm ruling for Him.

Behold, His reward is with Him
And His recompense before Him.

¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,

In His arm He will gather the lambs
And carry them in His bosom;
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His
hand,

And marked off the heavens by the span,
And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure,
And weighed the mountains in a balance
And the hills in a pair of scales?

¹³ Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,
Or as His counselor has informed Him?

¹⁴ With whom did He consult and *who* gave Him
understanding?

And who taught Him in the path of justice and
taught Him knowledge

And informed Him of the way of understanding?

¹⁵ Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales;
Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.

¹⁶ Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, Nor its beasts
enough for a burnt offering.

¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are
regarded by Him as less than nothing and
meaningless.

¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God?

Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

¹⁹ *As for* the idol, a craftsman casts it,

A goldsmith plates it with gold,
And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.

²⁰ He who is too impoverished for *such* an offering
Selects a tree that does not rot;
He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman
To prepare an idol that will not totter.

Chapter 39

Hezekiah Shows His Treasures

^{1a}At that time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. ²Hezekiah ¹was ^apleased, and showed them *all* his treasure house, the ^bsilver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and his whole armory and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them. ³Then Isaiah the ^aprophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?” And Hezekiah said, “They have come to me from a far ^bcountry, from Babylon.” ⁴He said, “What have they seen in your house?” So Hezekiah ¹answered, “They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasuries that I have not shown them.”

⁵Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the ^aword of the LORD of hosts, ⁶‘Behold, the days are coming when ^aall that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,’ says the LORD. ⁷‘And *some* of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, ^awill be taken away, and ^bthey will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.’” ⁸^aThen Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good.” For he ¹thought, “For there will be peace and truth ^bin my days.”



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Isaiah 40:1-2



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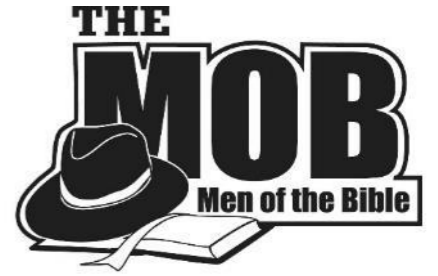
- Transition back to poetic form
- A key pivot point for Isaiah
- An amazing statement by God
- Sets Isaiah’s tone going forward

The new historical situation did not signal a change in God or His plans. Rather it would show *even more clearly* than ever that God is sovereign and that people can trust in Him to deliver. - Constable



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Isaiah 40:3 – 5



³ A voice is calling,

“Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness;

Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ “Let every valley be lifted up,

And every mountain and hill be made low;

And let the rough ground become a plain,

And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,

And all flesh will see *it* together;

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

- A clear prophetic message

- Lk 3:4 - All four gospels;

- John the Baptist proclamation!

- The submission of nature

- Lk 3:5

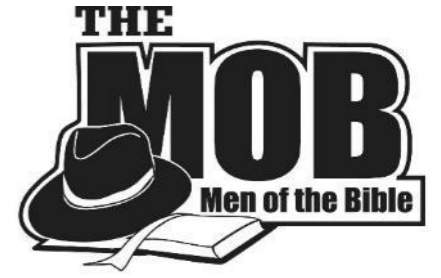
- The revealing to *all flesh* (e.g. mankind)

- Is 52:10; *and all of Zion*



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Synoptic References of Is 40:3



Matt 3:1–6

¹Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
³For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’ ” ⁴Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; ⁶and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

Mark 1:1–6

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; ³THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’ ” ⁴John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.

Luke 3:1–6

¹Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, ²in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. ³And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’ ⁵EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE BROUGHT LOW; THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH; ⁶AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.’ ”

See also: Jesus referring to John in Matthew 11:10; Luke 7:27



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Isaiah 40:9 – 11



⁹ Get yourself up on a high mountain,
O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily,
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift *it* up, do not fear.

Say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God will come with might,
With His arm ruling for Him.
Behold, His reward is with Him
And His recompense before Him.
He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*.

¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,
In His arm He will gather the lambs
And carry *them* in His bosom;
He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*.

■ To the people

- Good news (Is 61:1)
- Declare God!

■ Of the Lord

- His arm ruling (v 10)
- His arm gathering (v 11)



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Isaiah 40:12 – 13



¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,

And marked off the heavens by the span,
And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure,
And weighed the mountains in a balance
And the hills in a pair of scales?

¹³ Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord,
Or as His counselor has informed Him?

■ Israel's incomparable God

- A theme though Chapters 40-55
- Powerful and rhetorical

■ Who can direct/comprehend the Lord

- Rom 11:34
- 1 Cor 2:16
- ...But we have the mind of Christ.



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Romans 11:33-36



Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! **For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?** Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.



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1 Corinthians 2:14 – 16



But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. **For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM?** But we have the mind of Christ.



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A personal relationship...



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What's the Missing Letter?



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Key Things to Consider

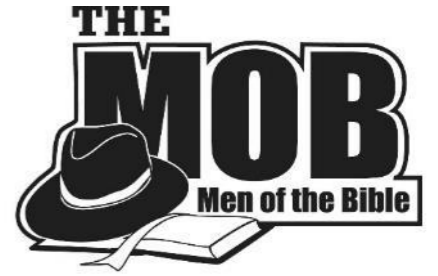


- Isaiah as a guidepost to the greatness and character of God
 - “Comfort, O comfort My people...” v1
 - “Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed...” v5
 - “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” v8
- Isaiah as a prophet pointing to the Promise of God
 - “A voice is calling, Clear the way for the LORD...” v3
 - “Who had directed the Spirit of the LORD?”
- A personal relationship with the letter “T”



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Discussion and Application

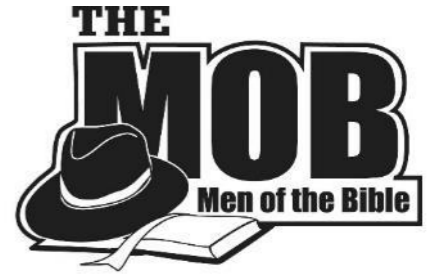


1. Do you agree with the statement: *This is one of the greatest pieces of poetic literature ever written? What verses strike you as the most impressive?*
 - As a poetic message, discuss the use of hyperbole, metaphors, similes, rhetoric, figures of speech, imagery, contrasting terms, irony...
 2. Review the references of Isaiah 40 in the NT. Read Luke 2:25-35. Discuss the significance of Isaiah with Simeon's prayer? (v 32 includes references to Is 9:2; 42:6; 49:6, 9; 51:4; 60:1-3; Matt 4:16; Acts 13:47; 26:23)
 3. Discuss the 40:3 - 11 and the role/assignment of the three voices
 - v3 – A voice is calling... (3rd person)
 - v6 – A voice says, "Cry out" (1st person)
 - v10 – A voice saying to the cities of Judah (3rd person)
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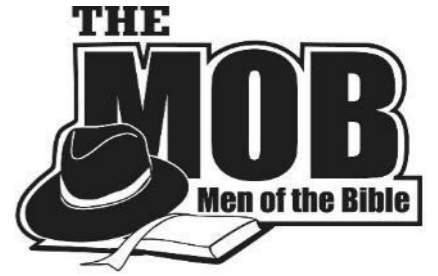


4. Discuss 40:9 – 11 (Jerusalem is called to be the messenger)
 - Discuss the introduction of a shepherd in v 11. Does it flow or seem out of place? What about the symbol of the arm?
 5. Discuss 40:12 – 17
 - What about God does it reflect? What about that which was made? What about the two considered together?
 6. Discuss the use of Isaiah 40:13 in two NT passages and possible reasons that God guided Paul to use this direct quote in the context of his letter.
 - Romans 11:34
 - 2 Cor 2:6
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Our Study of Isaiah



■ This Meeting:

- Isaiah 40:1-20, The Consolation of Zion
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:8
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 255-267; Motyer, pp. 298-305
- Refreshment Host: Group A

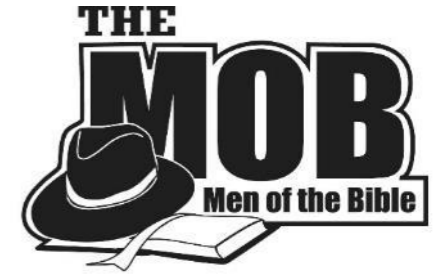
■ Next Meeting:

- Isaiah 40:21-31
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:31
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 267-272; Motyer, pp. 305-308
- Refreshment Host: Group B



Isaiah Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

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1	5-Sep	INTRO	255-486	298-544	-	IBC
2	12-Sep	40:1-20	255-267	298-305	40:8	A
3	19-Sep	40:21-31	267-272	305-308	40:31	B
4	26-Sep	41:1-20	272-279	308-312	41:10	C
5	3-Oct	41:21-29	279-281	312-318	41:23-24	D
6	10-Oct	42:1-17	281-289	318-325	42:8	E
7	17-Oct	42:18-25	289-290	326-330	42:20	F
8	24-Oct	43	290-298	330-341	43:10	G
9	31-Oct	44	298-310	341-356	44:6	H
10	7-Nov	45	310-319	356-367	45:8	A
11	14-Nov	46	319-322	367-371	46:9-10	B
	21-Nov	THANKSGIVING BREAK				



Backup





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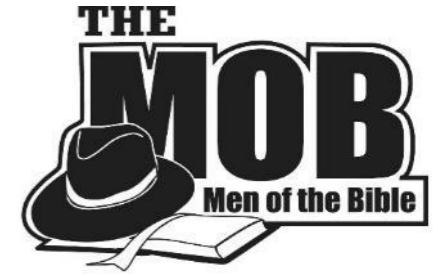


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12	28-Nov	47	322-328	371-375	47:10	C	
13	5-Dec	48	328-335	375-382	48:10-11	D	
14	12-Dec	49	335-348	383-396	49:13	E	
	19-Dec 26-Dec	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' BREAK					
15	2-Jan	50	348-355	396-401	50:4	F	
16	9-Jan	51	355-363	402-415	51:11	G	
17	16-Jan	52:1-10	363-367	415-420	52:7	H	
18	23-Jan	52:11-15	367-372	420-426	52:15	A	
19	30-Jan	53:1-6	372-380	426-431	53:3-4	B	



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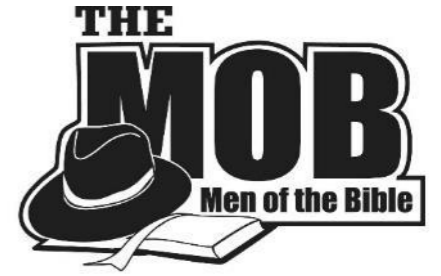


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20	6-Feb	53:7-12	380-386	432-443	53:11	C
21	13-Feb	54	386-394	443-452	54:10	D
22	20-Feb	55	394-401	452-458	55:3	E
23	27-Feb	56	401-408	459-469	56:7	F
24	5-Mar	57	408-415	469-478	57:20	G
25	12-Mar	58	415-421	478-484	58:5	H
26	19-Mar	59	421-428	484-493	59:1-2	A
27	26-Mar	60	428-435	493-499	60:12	B
	2-Apr	EASTER BREAK				



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28	9-Apr	61	435-440	499-505	61:1-2	C	
29	16-Apr	62	440-443	505-509	62:4	D	
30	23-Apr	63	443-453	509-518	63:7	E	
31	30-Apr	64	453-455	518-522	64:4	F	
32	7-May	65	455-466	522-531	65:1	G	
33	14-May	66	466-475	531-544	66:1	H	
34	21-May	Review	255-486	498-544	53:6	A	
	28-May	MAKE-UP SESSION IF NEEDED					

Chapter 40

The Greatness of God

¹ “^aComfort, O comfort My people,” says your God.

² “^aSpeak ¹kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her ^{2b}warfare
has ended,
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⁹ Get yourself up on a ^ahigh mountain,
O Zion, bearer of ^bgood news,
Lift up your voice mightily,
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear.

Say to the ^ccities of Judah,

“^dHere is your God!”

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord ¹GOD will come ^awith
might,
With His ^barm ruling for Him.
Behold, His ^creward is with Him
And His recompense before Him.

¹¹ Like a shepherd He will ^atend His flock,
In His arm He will gather the lambs
And carry *them* in His bosom;
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

¹² Who has ^ameasured the ¹waters in the
hollow of His hand,
And marked off the heavens by the
²span,
And ³calculated the dust of the earth by
the measure,
And weighed the mountains in a balance
And the hills in a pair of scales?

¹³ ^aWho has ¹directed the Spirit of the LORD,
Or as His ^bcounselor has informed Him?

¹⁴ ^aWith whom did He consult and *who*
^bgave Him understanding?

And *who* taught Him in the path of
justice and taught Him knowledge
And informed Him of the way of
understanding?

¹⁵ Behold, the ^anations are like a drop from
a bucket,
And are regarded as a speck of ^bdust on
the scales;
Behold, He lifts up the ¹islands like fine
dust.

¹⁶ Even Lebanon is not enough to burn,
Nor its ^abeasts enough for a burnt
offering.

¹⁷ ^aAll the nations are as nothing before
Him,
They are regarded by Him as less than
nothing and ¹meaningless.

¹⁸ ^aTo whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare with
Him?

¹⁹ As for the ^{1a}idol, a craftsman casts it,
A goldsmith ^bplates it with gold,
And a silversmith *fashions* chains of
silver.

²⁰ He who is too impoverished for *such* an
offering
Selects a ^atree that does not rot;
He seeks out for himself a skillful
craftsman
To ¹prepare ²an idol that ^bwill not totter.