

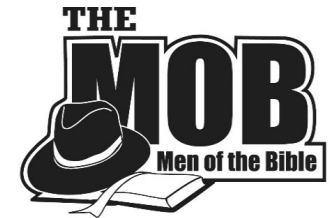
WELCOME TO THE MOB!

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)



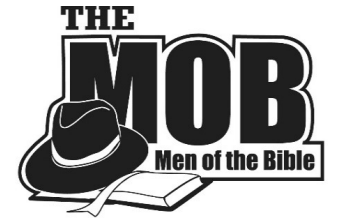
Welcome To The MOB!



- MOB Website & Resources: www.ibcmob.net
- *Assist Pregnancy Center's Fundraising Vision Dinner,*
Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, 6:30-9:00 PM, Fairview Park Marriott
- *Christian Embassy Fellowship Dinner Fundraiser,*
Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, 6:30-8:30 PM, Fairview Park Marriott
- IBC Fall Outreach Festival Oct. 28, 1-4 PM
– <https://immanuelbible.church/visit/fall-outreach-fest>



Please Rise



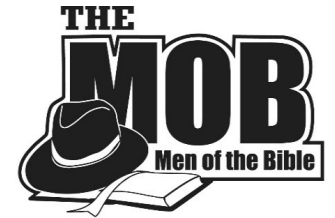
- **Invocation/Prayer**

- **Song:**



How Firm A Foundation

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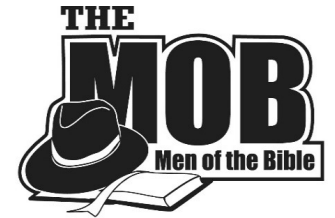


**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**



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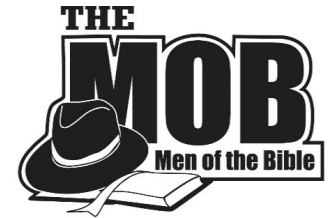


**Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**



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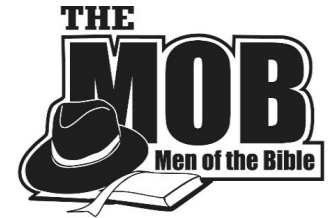


**When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you, your deepest distress.**



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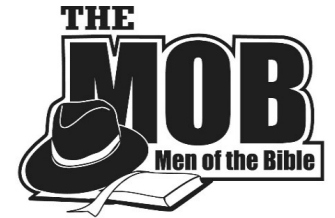


**When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.**



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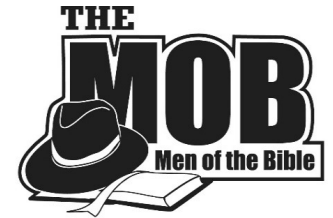
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**The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!**



Our Study of Isaiah



Last Meeting:

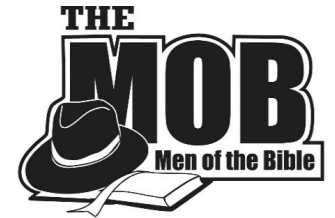
- Isaiah 40:21-31
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:31
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 267-272; Motyer, pp. 305-308.*

This Meeting:

- Isaiah 41:1-20
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:10
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp.272-279; Motyer, pp.308-312.*
- Refreshment Host: C



Memory Verse



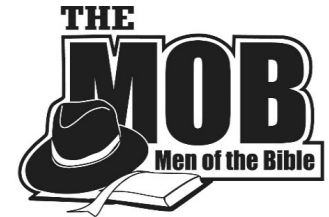
Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)



Isaiah Outline



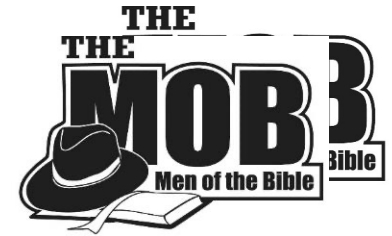
Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis				Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1		39:8		40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin		Hezekiah's Salvation		Israel's Deliverance		Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future	
	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
Topics	Prophetic Judgement								Historic Transition				Messianic Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah																	
Time	740 - 680 B.C.																	

Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa, Talk Thru the Bible (Nashville: T. Nelson, 1983), 189.

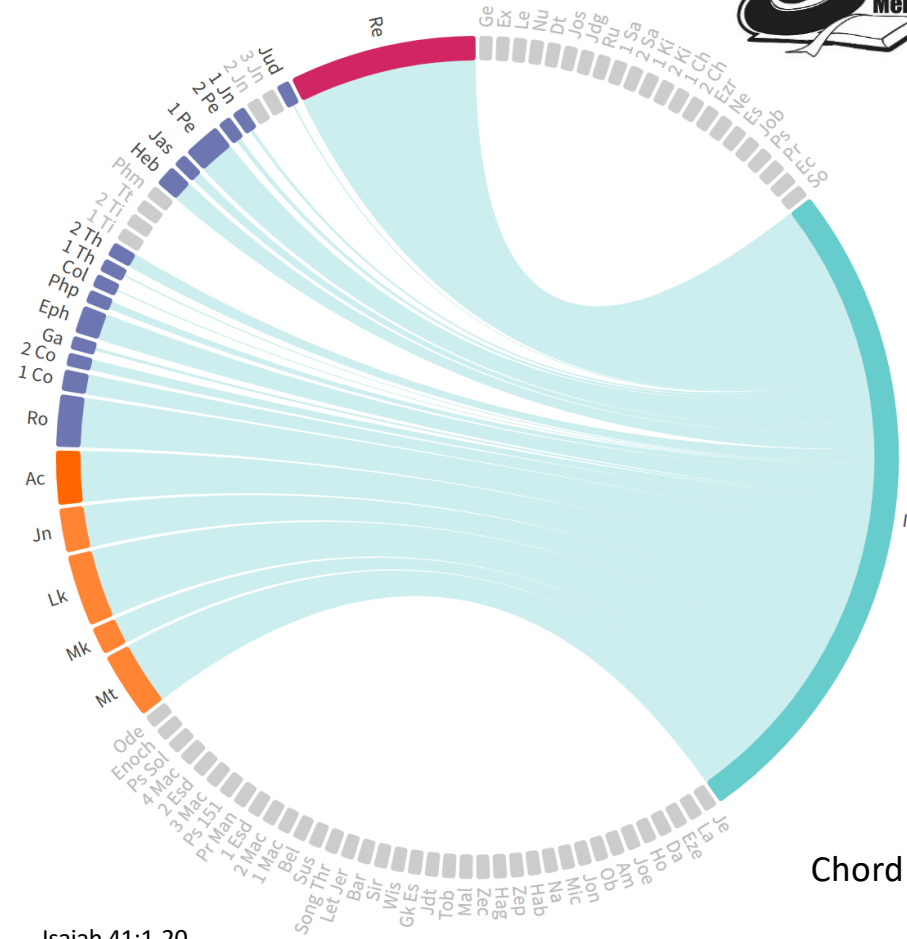
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Isaiah 41:1-20

New Testament Use of Isaiah

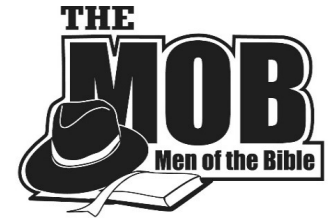


- 412 times there are references to the book and prophet Isaiah
- 162 times within the gospels and Acts
 - 66x Isaiah a source for Jesus
- 100 times by Paul
 - 32x in Romans (22 quotes/citations)
- 115 times in Revelation




Chord Graph

Review



Book of Salvation (Chap. 40-66):

- **Ch. 40-48: God's Grace To Israel** 
 - King Cyrus delivers Israel from Babylonian captivity in Babylon.
- **Ch. 49-55: God's Atonement**
 - The rejection and restoration of the Suffering Servant, the deliverer.
- **Ch. 56-66: A Glorious Future**
 - God's restoration and transformation of Israel and the world.

1 Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment.

2 Who stirred up one from the east whom victory meets at every step? He gives up nations before him, so that he tramples kings underfoot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow.

3 He pursues them and passes on safely, by paths his feet have not trod.

4 Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he.

5 The coastlands have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come.

6 Everyone helps his neighbor and says to his brother, "Be strong!"

7 The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith, and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good"; and they strengthen it with nails so that it cannot be moved.

8 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off";

10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

11 Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.

12 You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all.

13 For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

14 Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge, new, sharp, and having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains and crush them, and you shall make the hills like chaff;

16 you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the tempest shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the Lord; in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

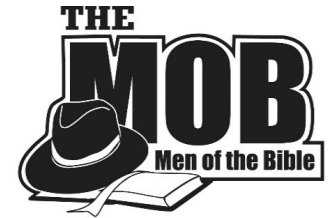
18 I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive. I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together,

20 that they may see and know, may consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.



Isaiah 41:1-1

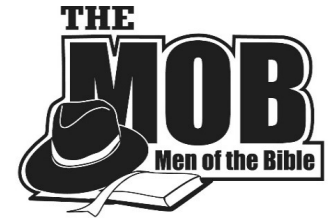


¹Listen to me in silence, O coastlands;
let the peoples renew their strength;
let them approach, then let them speak;
let us together draw near for judgment.

- **God is calling all the nations to come and hear what He is about to say; “renew their strength” is like 40:31 for Israel**
- **The description given here is an understanding of the then know world around the Mediterranean**
- **Many think this is not a calling but a coming to judgement which is in the next few verses**



Isaiah 41:2-4

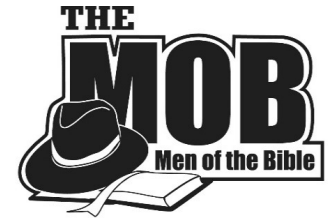


² Who stirred up one from the east
whom victory meets at every step?
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so that he tramples kings underfoot;
he makes them like dust with his sword,
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³ He pursues them and passes on safely,
by paths his feet have not trod.
⁴ Who has performed and done this,
calling the generations from the beginning?
I, the Lord, the first,
and with the last; I am he.

- **v.2-3, is an intro to Cyrus, whose name is used in verses 44:28; 45:1, trampling the nations he overruns**
- **v.4, Even though Cyrus doesn't know it, he is carrying out God's purpose. This doesn't make Cyrus righteous but shows that even in this war-torn area of Assyria and Babylon, our Heavenly Father is in control. It is the same today!**



Isaiah 42:5-6

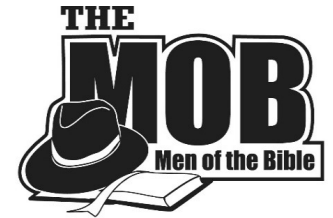


⁵ The coastlands have seen and are afraid;
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⁶ Everyone helps his neighbor
and says to his brother, “Be strong!”
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goldsmith,
and he who smooths with the hammer
him who strikes the anvil,
saying of the soldering, “It is good”;
and they strengthen it with nails so that it
cannot be moved.

- **v.5, These new invasions are terrifying to the nations not yet involved**
- **v.6, Those nations are depending on each other**
- **v.7, The result is not to listen to the God of the universe but to do what they have always done, make more idols and trust in them**



Isaiah 41:8-10

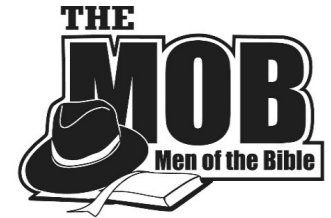


⁸ But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the
earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, “You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off”;
¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right
hand.

- **v.8, Now the addressee is Israel, God’s people, and he is showing them His redemption from here to v.20 (Motyer)**
- **v.9, They are His chosen people, and He will not abandon them**
- **v.10, Even though they get “dismayed”, God will “uphold” them. It is the same with us today**



Isaiah 41:11-13



¹¹ Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.

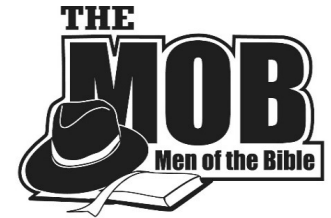
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¹³ For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

- **v.11, None of the other nations have the living God and they will all perish.**
- **v.12, No matter what happens, God will take care of them**
- **v.13, This verse is basically a restatement of our memory verse. Any restatement in the Scriptures like this means it is very important**



Isaiah 41:14-16



¹⁴ Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel!

I am the one who helps you, declares the Lord;

your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵ Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge, new, sharp, and having teeth;

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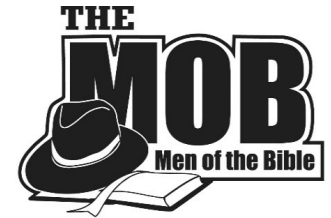
And you shall rejoice in the Lord;

in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

- **v.14, Here the term “worm” was for weakness. The remedy is “the Holy One of Israel” the “Redeemer”. This is the first of 3 times this is used in this passage and in Isaiah more than any other prophet**
- **v.15, God would make them like a “threshing sledge” only much stronger. Here it would work on “mountains”, not just crops**
- **v.16, Constable says this sledge would work against the nations and cause Israeli people to rejoice in the “Holy One of Israel”**



Isaiah 41:17-20



¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

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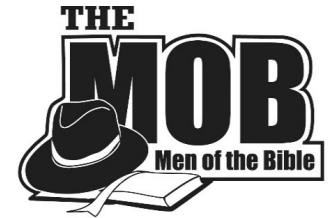
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- **v.17, This 3rd section is how God will help those who thirst, obviously, in a wilderness. God will not forsake Israel or us**
- **v.18, God will supply all types of water in this situation.**
- **v.19, He will also provide shade for them with these 7 trees that don't grow in the wilderness of Israel**
- **v.20, All of this is to let them know that this all comes from the "Holy One of Israel"**



Summary

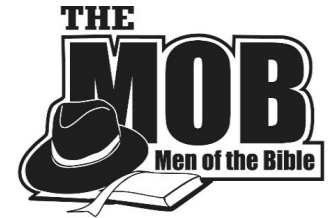


- **Constable has this chapter as part of the intent of God's assurance to Israel, 41:1-42:9, that He would always be with them.**
 - v.1-7 are near prophesy
 - v.8-20 are in the future for Israel's final deliverance



Questions & Application

Lowell's Questions

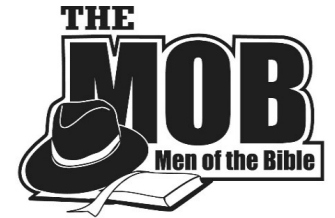


1. Who are the “coastland” nations cited in this text and why did a fearful Israel not need to fear them?
2. Who did God “arouse from the east,” and how did God use him to accomplish His purpose?
3. What are some other examples in the Bible of how God raised up unbelieving world leaders to accomplish His purpose? Do you think He might be doing this in our day?
4. How does the “I am He” of verse 4 relate to its use in Exodus 3:14?
5. How did the coastlands respond to God’s message for them and what’s so “pathetic” about it?
6. What’s the significance of being called “a servant” and “a friend” of God and where else in the Bible are these designations used?



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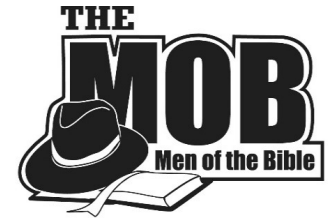
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6. What's the context and application for believers today of Isaiah 41:10 (which also happens to be our memory verse for this lesson)?
7. Why would Isaiah refer to Jacob, in verse 14, as a "worm"—and how would it be transformed and used by God?
8. What's the significance of Isaiah's reference in verse 14 to the Holy One of Israel being their "Redeemer"?
9. How would God "work wonders" in changing the drought-like conditions of the land into a "paradisiacal garden-like existence? And what would His people "see and recognize" through it?
10. What bottom line message and other key insights will you take away from this passage?



Next Meeting



Review:

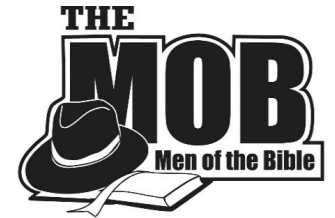
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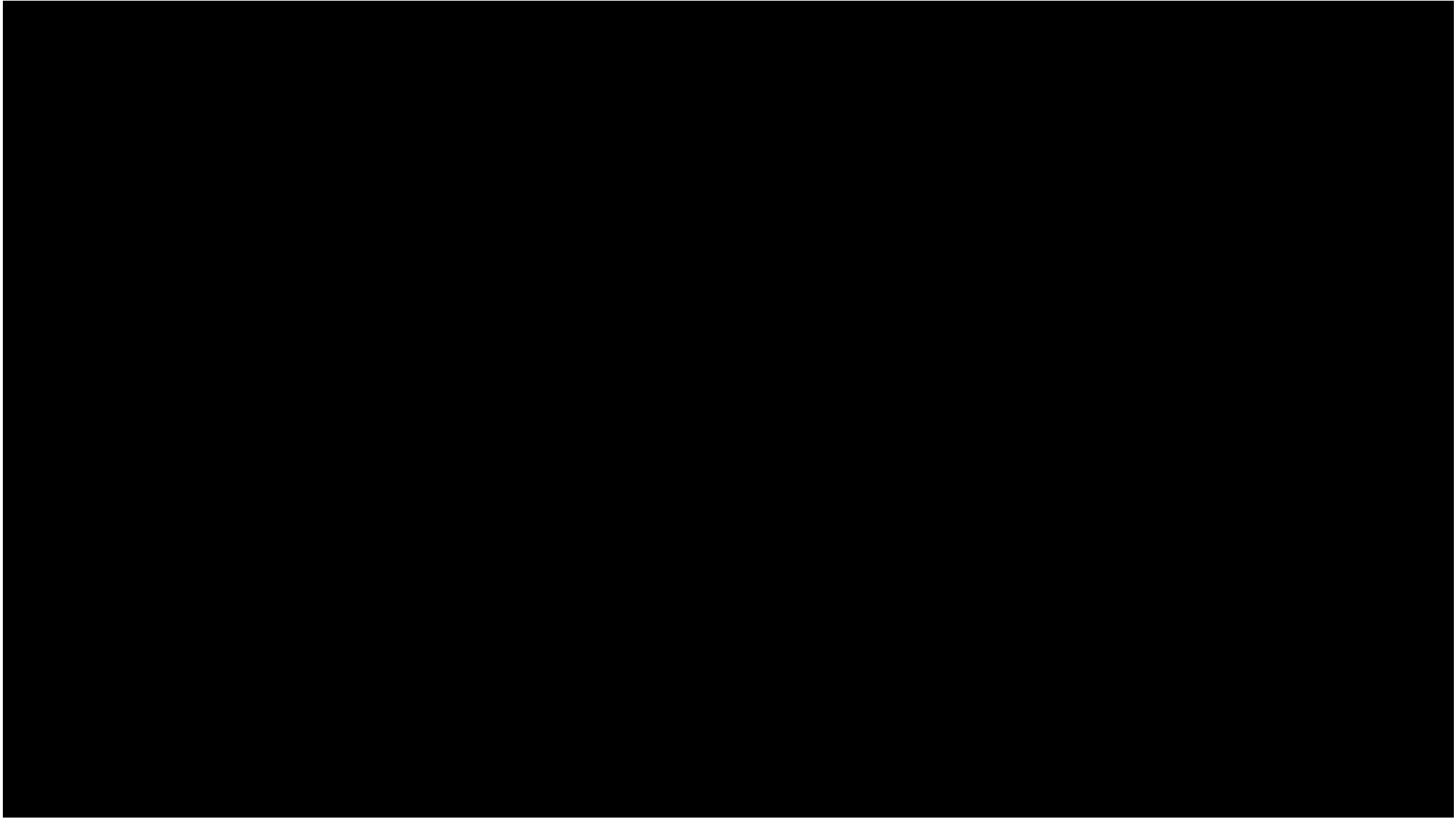
- Isaiah 41:21-29
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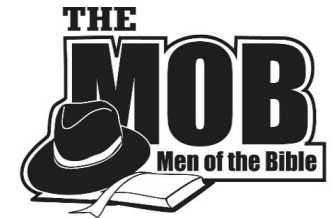
- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**





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1	5-Sep	INTRO	255-486	498-544	-	IBC
2	12-Sep	40:1-20	255-267	498-305	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				



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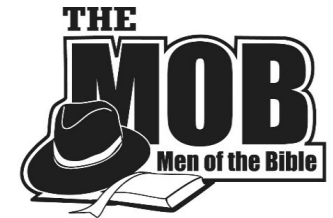


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	21-Nov	THANKSGIVING BREAK				
12	28-Nov	47	322-328	371-375	47:10	C
13	5-Dec	48	328-335	375-382	48:10-11	D
14	12-Dec	49	335-348	383-396	49:13	E
	19-Dec	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' BREAK				
	26-Dec					
15	2-Jan	50	348-355	396-401	50:4	F
16	9-Jan	51	355-363	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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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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	2-Apr	EASTER BREAK				
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				