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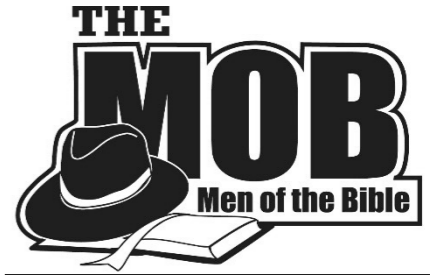
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



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Announcements



- **MOB Website & Resources:** www.ibcmob.net

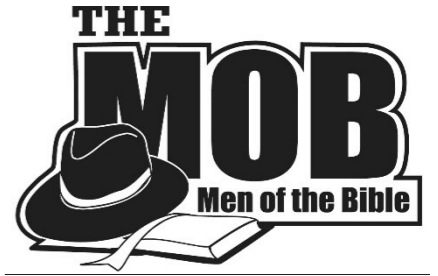
- **Invocation/Prayer**

- **Hymn:**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

By Isaac Watts, Verse 1 of 3



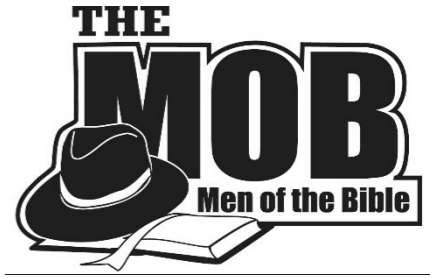
**I sing the mighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
and all the stars obey.**



I Sing the Mighty Power of God

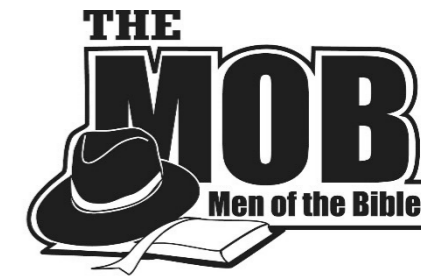
By Isaac Watts, Verse 2 of 3



**I sing the goodness of the Lord,
Who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

By Isaac Watts, Verse 3 of 3

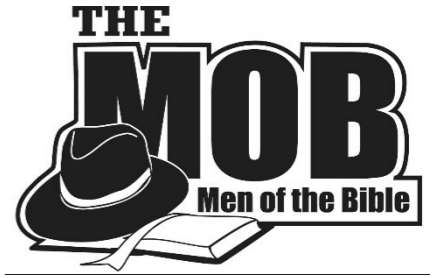


**There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God art present there.**



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Memory Verse



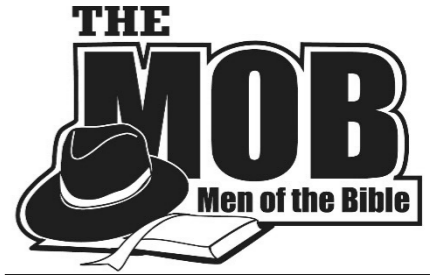
Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

**but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.**



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Our Study of Isaiah



■ Last 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

■ This Meeting:

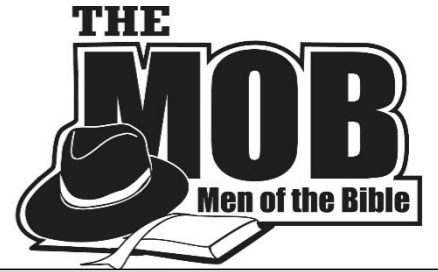
- Isaiah 40:21-31, God is Over All
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:31
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 267-272; Motyer, pp. 305-308

- Refreshment Host: Group B



Isaiah Outline

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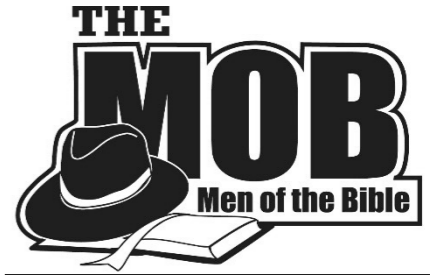


Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis		Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1	39:8	40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin	Hezekiah's Salvation	Israel's Deliverance		Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future	
	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		We are here!					
Time									740 - 680 B.C.							



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Isaiah 40:21-24



21 Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

What am I supposed to know, Isaiah?

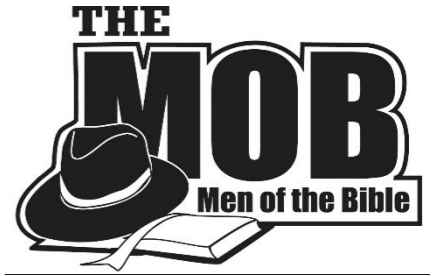
This sounds like it should be common knowledge, but apparently it is not.

Tell us, Isaiah – we want to know!



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Isaiah 40:21-24



- **22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.**
- **23 He *it is* who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.**
 - **24 Scarcely have they been planted, Scarcely have they been sown, Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble.**

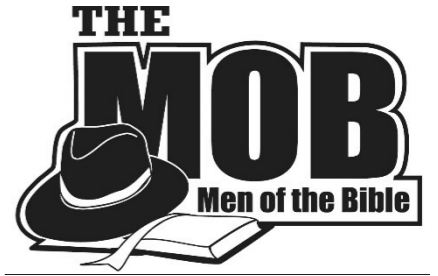


Do you not know? Have you not heard?



Isaiah 40:21-24

God Is Above All Human Rulers



Some Lessons

- Remember – He is God, and I am not
- My time on this earth is under His control
- Don't get impressed with my own headlines and highlight films

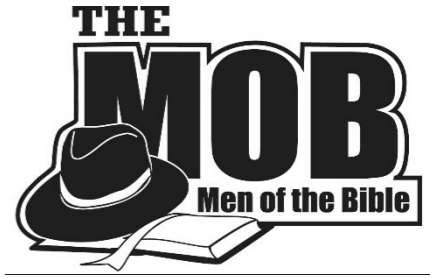
Implication

- I am dependent on God, so think and act like it



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Isaiah 40:25-26



Since God is above all -

25 To whom then will you liken Me
That I would be *his* equal?" says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high

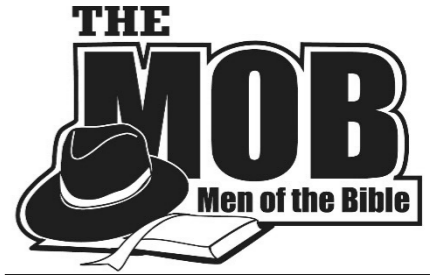
And see who has created these stars,
The One who leads forth their host by number,
He calls them all by name;
Because of the greatness of His might and the
strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.





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Isaiah 40:25-26



“Holy One” is the killing blow to any thought of a comparison!

It is not only his power (12), wisdom (13–14), dignity (15–17), sovereignty (22–23) and authority (24) that put him beyond compare.

Of far more significance is his unattainable, unassailable moral perfection.

Motyer

Isaiah 40:25-26

How many stars does God call by name?

Between 100 billion and 200 billion galaxies

That is 100,000,000,000

And notice the 100% margin of error!

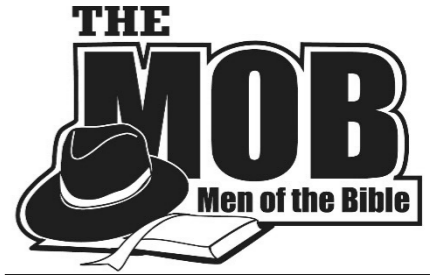
A 'dwarf' galaxy has less than 100 million stars

A 'supergiant' galaxy has 100 trillion stars



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Isaiah 40:25-26



Some Lessons

- There is **NONE** comparable to the Holy One of Israel
- Besides that, He is the great Creator God who made the stars - again there is **NONE** comparable

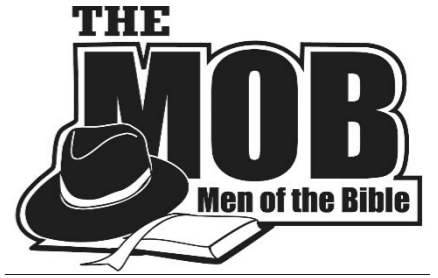
Implication

- If this God is **INCOMPARABLE**, I had better pay attention.



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Isaiah 40:27-31



27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God”?

Really? You think that the God (who has never lost a star) will forget you, His special chosen people?



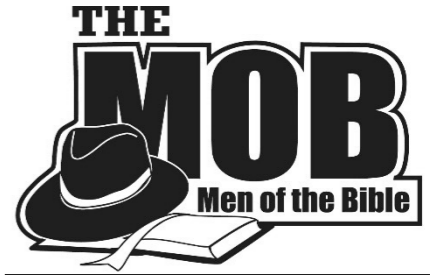
28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?

Tell me, Isaiah



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Isaiah 40:27-31



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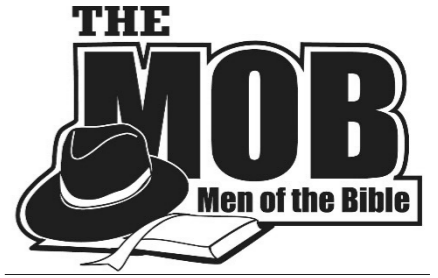
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth

- **Does not become weary or tired.**
- **His understanding is inscrutable.**



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Isaiah 40:27-31



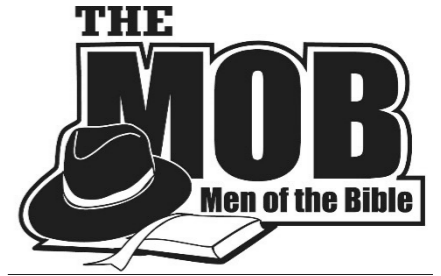
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth ...

- **²⁹ He gives strength to the weary, And to *him who* lacks might He increases power.**
- **³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,**
- **³¹ Yet those who wait for the LORD ...**



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Isaiah 40:27-31



Do you ever get weary?

Do you ever feel powerless?

Do you ever get exhausted?

A secret for you young men –

us older guys have a lot less endurance than you

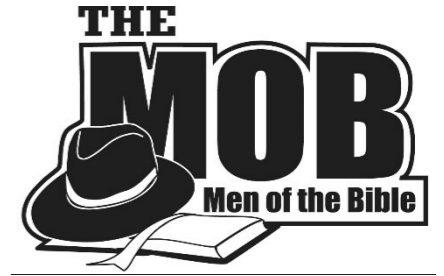
All of us men are physically limited – we need something MORE





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Isaiah 40:27-31



31 YET

those who wait for the LORD ...

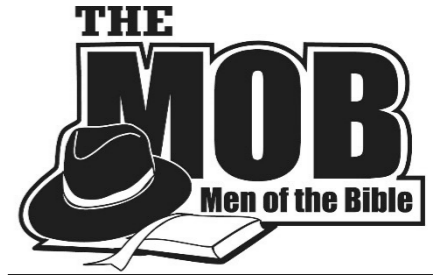
- **Will gain new strength;**
- **They will mount up *with* wings like eagles,**





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Isaiah 40:27-31



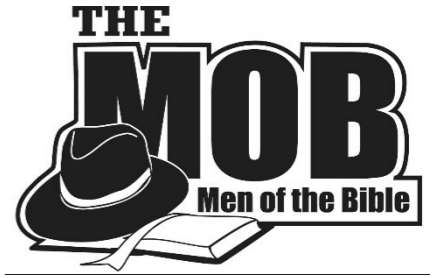
Yet, those who wait for the LORD ...

- **They will run and not get tired,**
- **They will walk and not become weary.**



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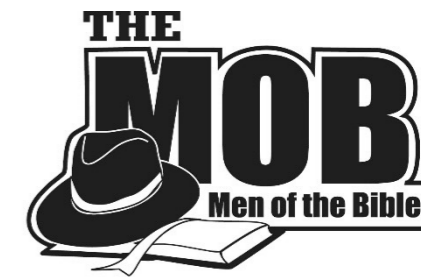
Isaiah 40:21-31



If the INCOMPARABLE, EVERLASTING Creator God of the universe would give me strength, why would I ignore it? Why would I refuse?



Discussion Questions

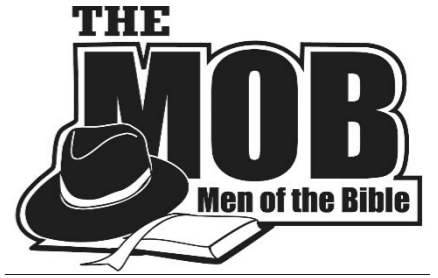


- 1. What do you learn about God and His character from Isaiah 40:21-31?**
- 2. Isaiah presents God as sovereign over all. How does he illustrate this?**
- 3. Based on this passage, how should we as men view our place in this world?**
- 4. I am dependent on God. How do I think and act like it?**
- 5. Verse 31 lists benefits of waiting on the Lord. How does a person wait on the Lord?**



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Our Study of Isaiah



■ This Meeting:

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

■ Next Meeting:

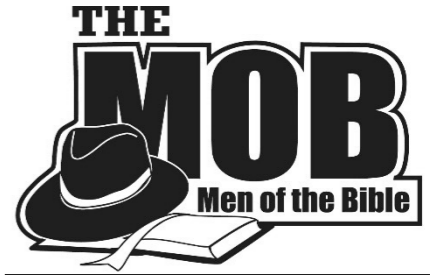
- Isaiah 41:1-20
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:10
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 272-279; *Motyer*, pp. 308-312

- Refreshment Host: Group C



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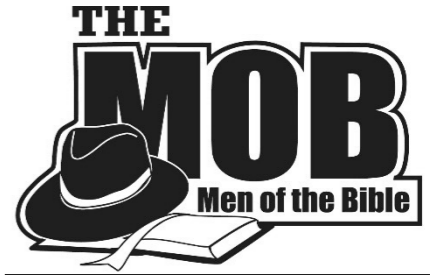
Isaiah 40:21-31



Extra Slides



Isaiah 40:21-31



An example of “On Eagle’s Wings” – what is it like?

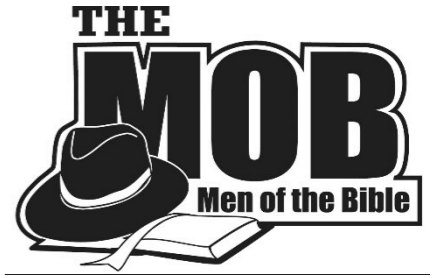
‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself.

(Exodus 19:4)



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Isaiah's Great God



vv. 12-14 Who measured the waters in the hollow of His hand

vv. 15-17 All nations are as nothing before Him

vv. 18-20 Idols are only castings by craftsmen

vv. 21-24 God is above all human rulers

vv. 25-26 None is equal to the Creator

vv. 27-31 God does not become weary or tired