

ISAIAH 41

V. 1 (GOD IS SPEAKING HERE) "COASTLANDS, LISTEN TO ME IN SILENCE, AND LET THE PEOPLES GAIN NEW STRENGTH; LET THEM COME FORWARD, THEN LET THEM SPEAK; LET US COME TOGETHER FOR JUDGMENT..

V. 2 WHO HAS AROUSED ONE FROM THE EAST ^{Silas} WHOM HE (GOD) CALLS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS TO HIS FEET? 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.

V. 3 HE PUSUES THEM, PASSING ON IN SAFETY, BY A WAY HE HAD NOT BEEN TRAVERSING WITH HIS FEET.

V. 4 WHO HAS PERFORMED AND ACCOMPLISHED IT, CALLING FORTH GENERATIONS FROM THE BEGINNING? 'I THE LORD, AM THE FIRST, AND WITH THE LAST. I AM HE.'"

V. 5 THE COASTLANDS HAVE SEEN AND ARE AFRAID; THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TREMBLE; THEY HAVE DRAWN NEAR AND HAVE COME.

V. 6 EACH ONE HELPS HIS NEIGHBOR AND SAYS TO HIS BROTHER, "BE STRONG!"

V. 7 SO THE CRAFTSMAN ENCOURAGES THE SMELTER, AND HE WHO SMOOTHS METAL WITH THE HAMMER ENCOURAGES HIM WHO BEATS THE ANVIL, SAYING OF THE SCOLDERING, "IT IS GOOD"; AND HE FASTENS IT WITH NAILS, SO THAT IT WILL NOT TOTTER.

V. 8 " YOU, ISRAEL, MY SERVANT, JACOB WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN, DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM MY FRIEND,

V. 9 YOU 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 NOT REJECTED YOU.

V. 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.'"