

# Isaiah Week 28

# ISAIAH

THE FIFTH GOSPEL



# Isaiah 41: 10 (NIV)

*So do not fear, for I am with you;*  
*do not be dismayed, for I am*  
*your God.*

*I will strengthen you and help you;*  
*I will uphold you with my*  
*righteous right hand.*

# Isaiah 41: 11 (NIV)

*“All who rage against you  
will surely be ashamed and  
disgraced;  
those who oppose you  
will be as nothing and perish.*

# Isaiah 41: 12 (NIV)

*Though you search for your  
enemies,*

*you will not find them.*

*Those who wage war against you  
will be as nothing at all.*

# Isaiah 41: 13 (NIV)

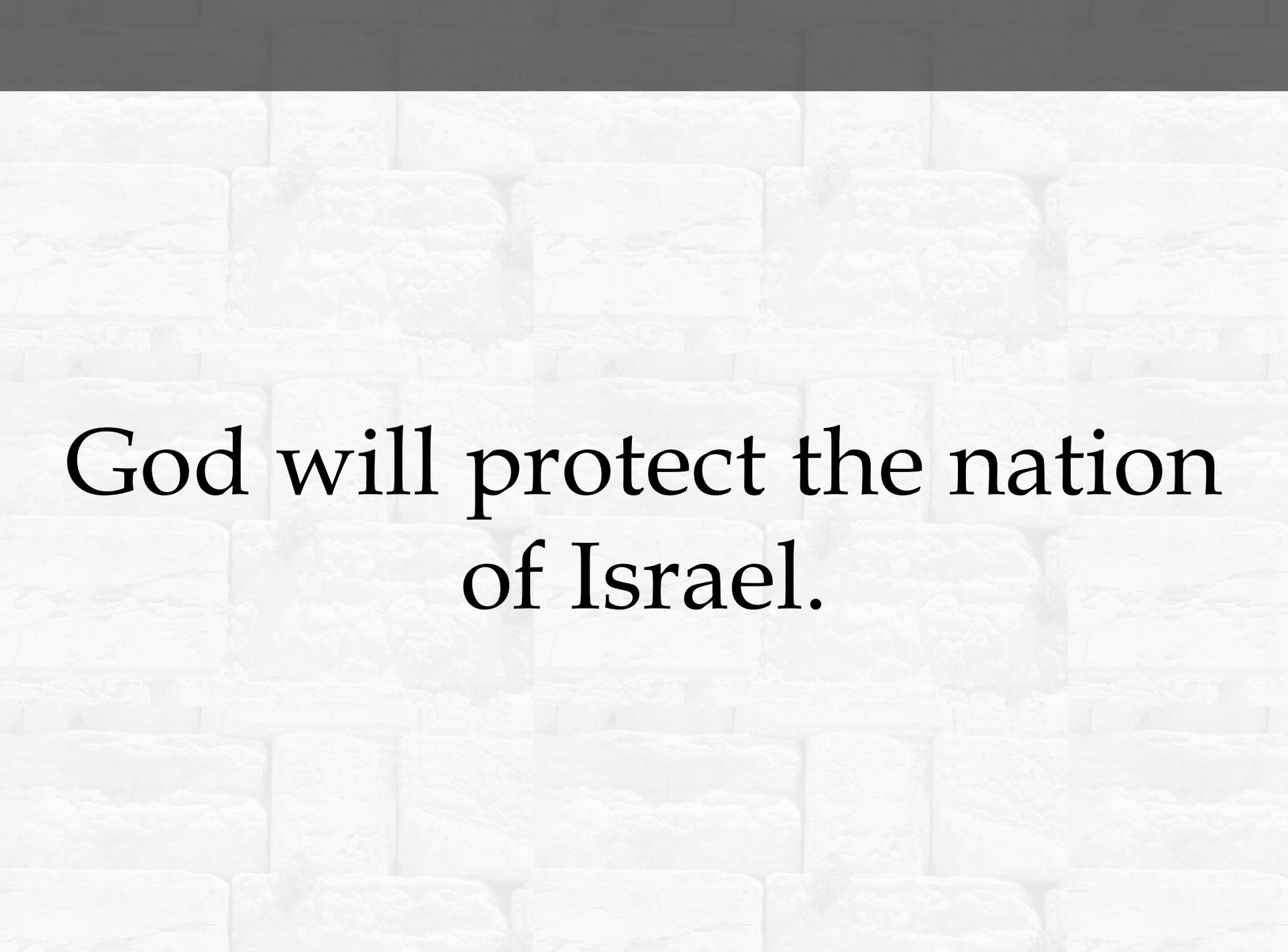
*For I am the Lord your God  
who takes hold of your right  
hand  
and says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you.*

# Isaiah 41: 14 (NIV)

*Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob,*  
*little Israel, do not fear,*  
*for I myself will help you," declares*  
*the Lord,*  
*your Redeemer, the Holy One of*  
*Israel.*

## Isaiah 41: 14 (NLT)

*Though you are a lowly worm, O Jacob, don't be afraid, people of Israel, for I will help you. I am the LORD, your Redeemer. I am the Holy One of Israel.'*



God will protect the nation  
of Israel.

# August 2014 Headlines

**'Hand of God' prevents rocket from striking its target: Israeli Iron Dome operator says sudden gust of wind blew missile into sea when defence system failed**

Translated a report from a Hebrew-language news site.

The commander recalled: 'A missile was fired from Gaza. Iron Dome precisely calculated [its trajectory]. 'We know where these missiles are going to land down to a radius of 200 meters.'

This particular missile was going to hit either the Azrieli Towers, the Kirya (Israel's equivalent of the Pentagon) or a central Tel Aviv railway station. Hundreds would have died.

'We fired the first [interceptor]. It missed. Second [interceptor]. It missed. This is very rare. I was in shock. The commander explains that with 'just four seconds' until the missile landed the military warned emergency services to be on standby.

'Suddenly, Iron Dome (which calculates wind speeds, among other things) shows a major wind coming from the east, a strong wind that ... sends the missile into the sea. We were all stunned. I stood up and shouted, 'There is a God!,' he said. 'I witnessed this miracle with my own eyes.

## Isaiah 41: 15 (NIV)

*“See, I will make you into a  
threshing sledge,  
new and sharp, with many teeth.  
You will thresh the mountains and  
crush them,  
and reduce the hills to chaff.*

## Isaiah 41: 16 (NIV)

*You will winnow them, the wind  
will pick them up,  
and a gale will blow them away.  
But you will rejoice in the Lord  
and glory in the Holy One of  
Israel.*

## Isaiah 41: 17 (NIV)

*“The poor and needy search for  
water,  
but there is none;  
their tongues are parched with  
thirst.*

*But I the Lord will answer them;  
I, the God of Israel, will not  
forsake them.*

## Isaiah 41: 18 (NIV)

*I will make rivers flow on barren  
heights,  
and springs within the valleys.  
I will turn the desert into pools of  
water,  
and the parched ground into  
springs.*

# Isaiah 41: 19 (NIV)

*I will put in the desert  
the cedar and the acacia, the  
myrtle and the olive.*

*I will set junipers in the wasteland,  
the fir and the cypress together,*

## Isaiah 41: 20 (NIV)

*so that people may see and know,  
may consider and understand,  
that the hand of the Lord has done  
this,  
that the Holy One of Israel has  
created it.*

# Isaiah 41: 21 (NIV)

*“Present your case,” says the Lord.*

*“Set forth your arguments,” says  
Jacob’s King.*

# Isaiah 41: 22 (NIV)

*“Tell us, you idols,  
what is going to happen.*

*Tell us what the former things were,  
so that we may consider them  
and know their final outcome.*

*Or declare to us the things to come,*

# Question

What is an idol?

# Question

Can idols be government,  
medical or educational  
leaders?

# Isaiah 41: 23 (NIV)

*tell us what the future holds,  
so we may know that you are  
gods.*

*Do something, whether good or bad,  
so that we will be dismayed and  
filled with fear.*

# Question

What does God think about  
idols?

# Isaiah 41: 24 (NIV)

*But you are less than nothing  
and your works are utterly  
worthless;  
whoever chooses you is detestable.*

# Fill in the Blank

*But \_\_\_\_\_ are less than nothing  
and your works are utterly  
worthless;  
whoever chooses you is detestable.*

## Isaiah 41: 25 (NIV)

*“I have stirred up one from the north, and he comes –  
one from the rising sun who  
calls on my name.*

*He treads on rulers as if they were  
mortar,*

*as if he were a potter treading the  
clay.*

King Cyrus was born in Persia, in the country called in the Scriptures 'the east,' but he relocated to Media, and came from Media under the direction of his uncle, Cyaxares, when he attacked and subdued Babylon. Media was situated on the north and northeast of Babylon.

# The Persian Empire



## Isaiah 41: 26 (NIV)

*Who told of this from the beginning,  
so we could know,  
or beforehand, so we could say,  
'He was right'?*  
*No one told of this,  
no one foretold it,  
no one heard any words from you.*

## Isaiah 41: 27-28 (NIV)

*I was the first to tell Zion, 'Look,  
here they are!'*

*I gave to Jerusalem a messenger  
of good news.*

*I look but there is no one – no one  
among the gods to give counsel,  
no one to give answer when I ask  
them.*

# Isaiah 41: 29 (NIV)

*See, they are all false!  
Their deeds amount to nothing;  
their images are but wind and  
confusion.*

# Isaiah 42: 1 (NIV)

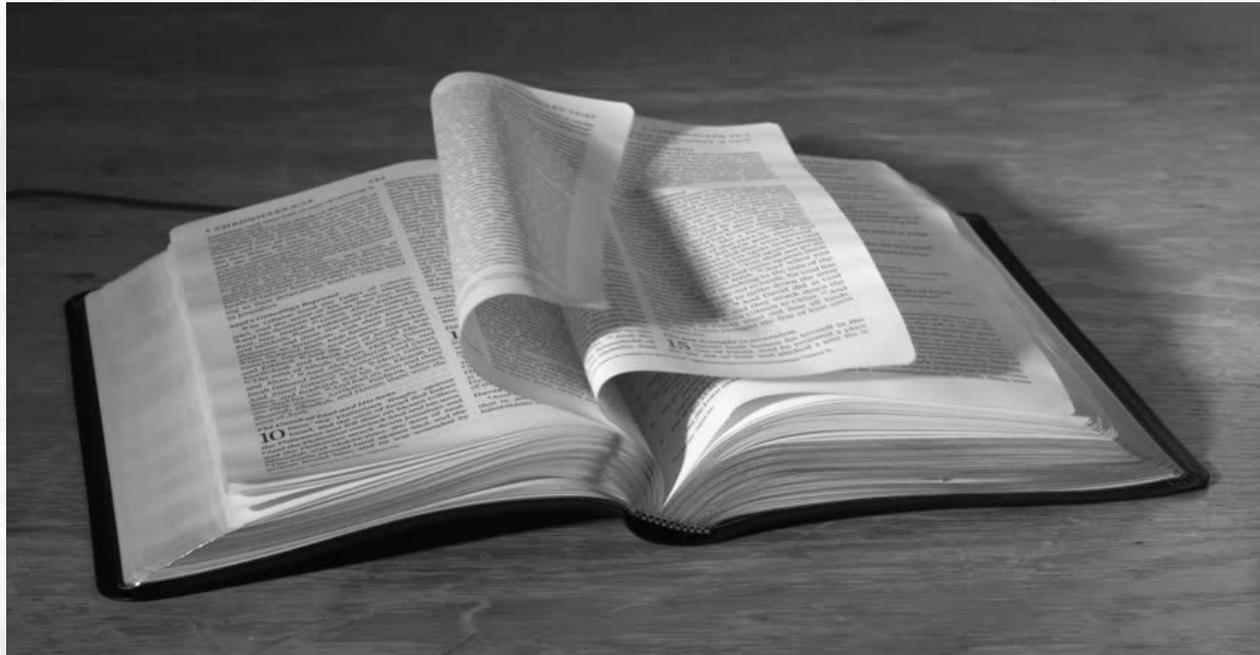
*“Behold! My Servant whom I  
uphold, My Elect One in  
whom My soul delights! I have put  
My Spirit upon Him;  
He will bring forth justice to the  
Gentiles.”*

# Question

Who is this prophecy about?

Please turn to:

Isaiah 11: 10

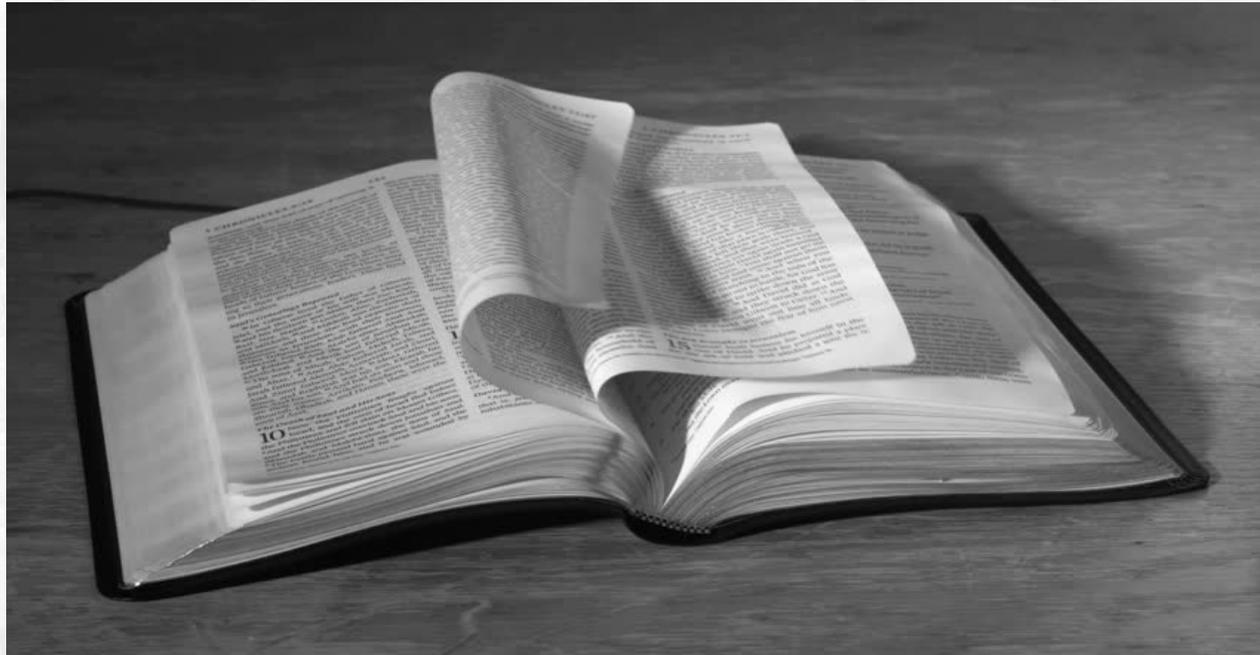


## Isaiah 11: 10 (NKJV)

*“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.”*

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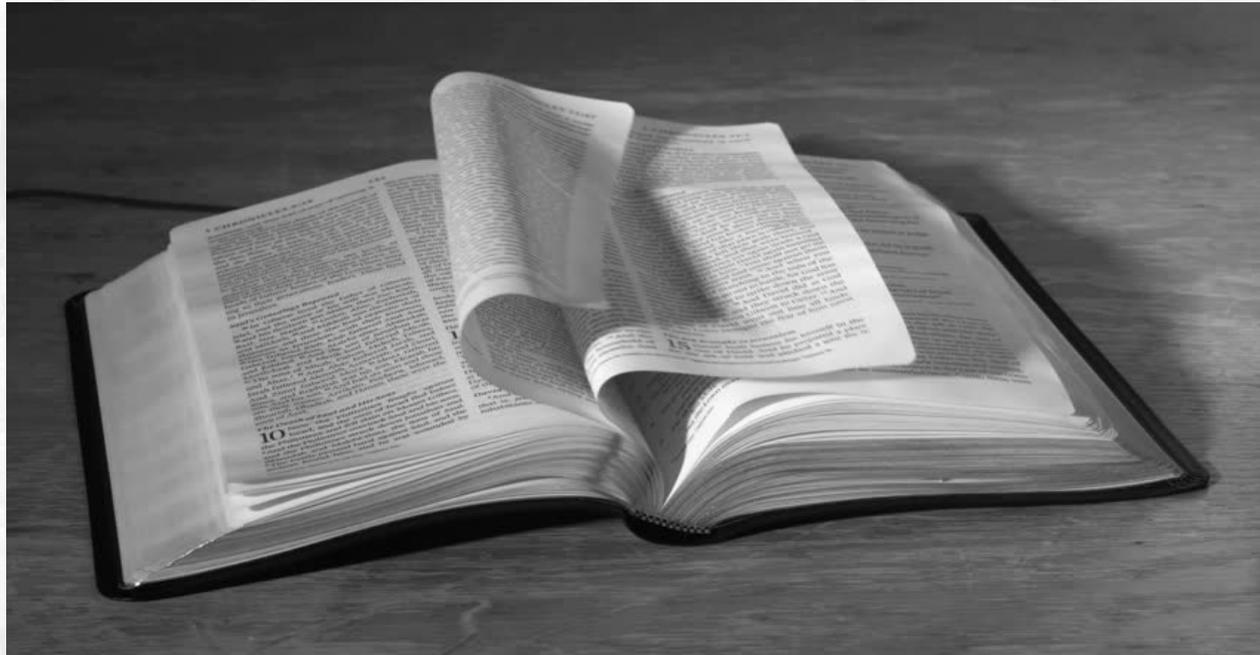
Acts 10: 44-45



## Acts 10: 44-45 (NIV)

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.*

Please turn to:  
Ephesians 3: 4-6



## **Ephesians 3: 4-6 (NIV)**

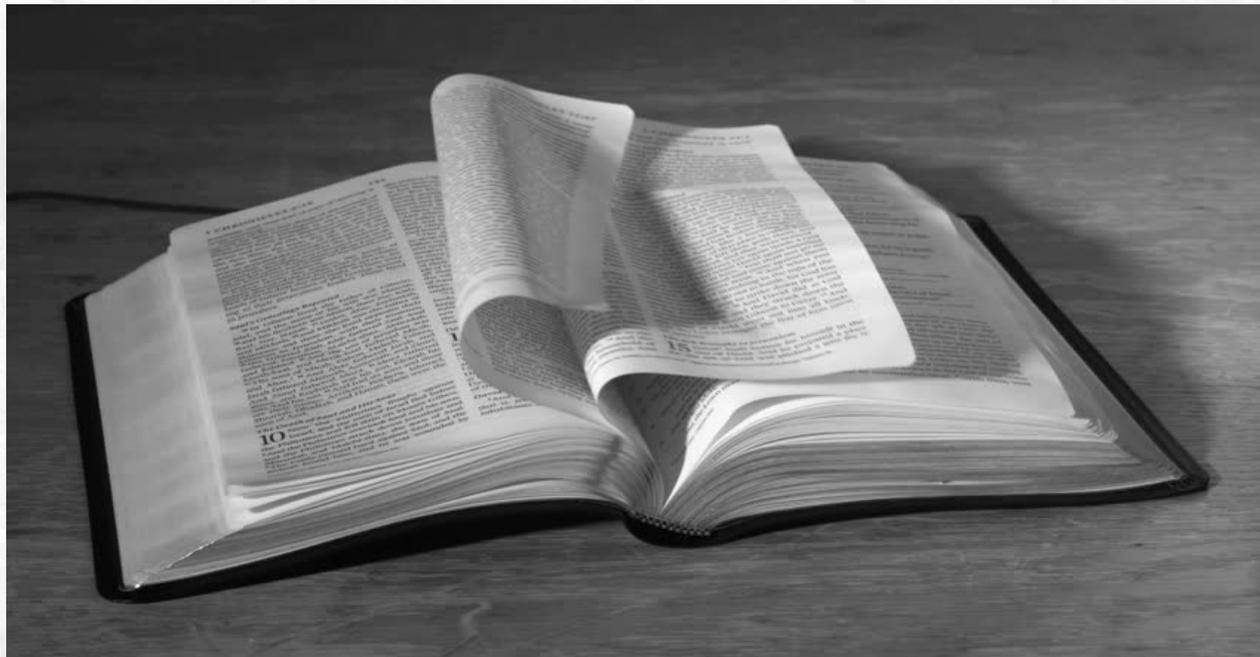
*In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.*

## Ephesians 3: 4-6 (NIV)

*This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.*

Please turn to:

Acts 11: 17-18



## Acts 11: 17-18 (NIV)

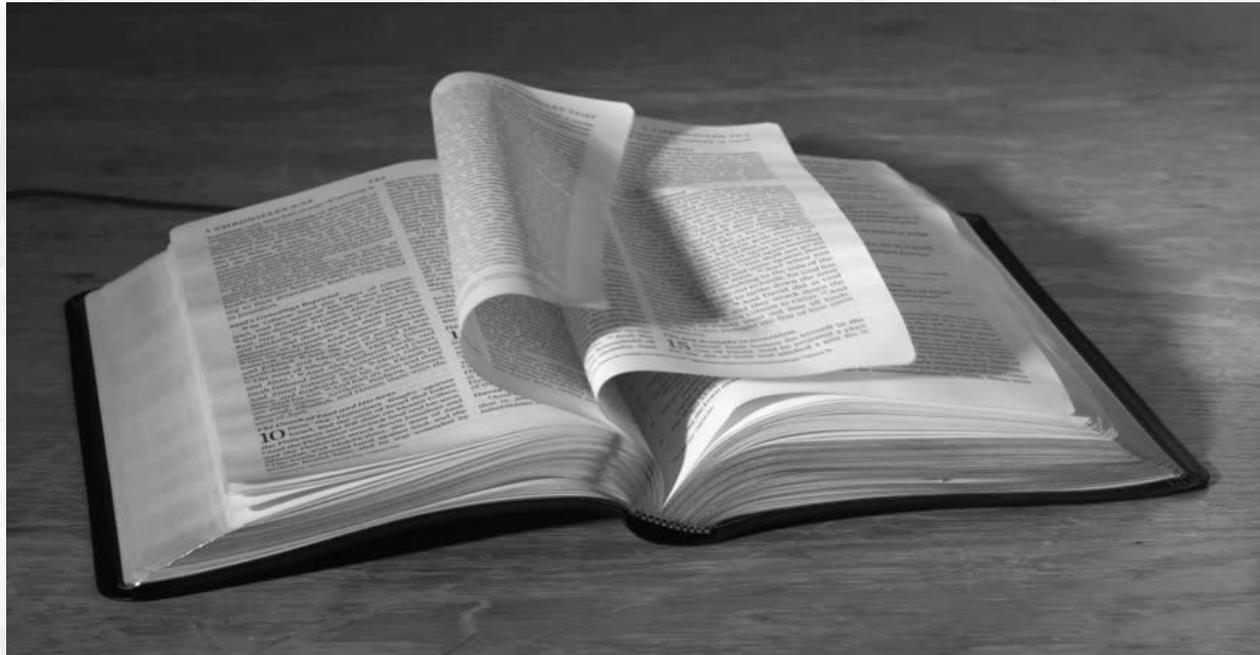
*So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"*

## Acts 11: 17-18 (NIV)

*When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."*

Please turn to:

Luke 4: 16-21



## **Luke 4: 16-21 (NIV)**

*He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:*

## **Luke 4: 16-21 (NIV)**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom  
for the prisoners and recovery of  
sight for the blind, to set the  
oppressed free, to proclaim the year  
of the Lord’s favor”*

## Luke 4: 16-21 (NIV)

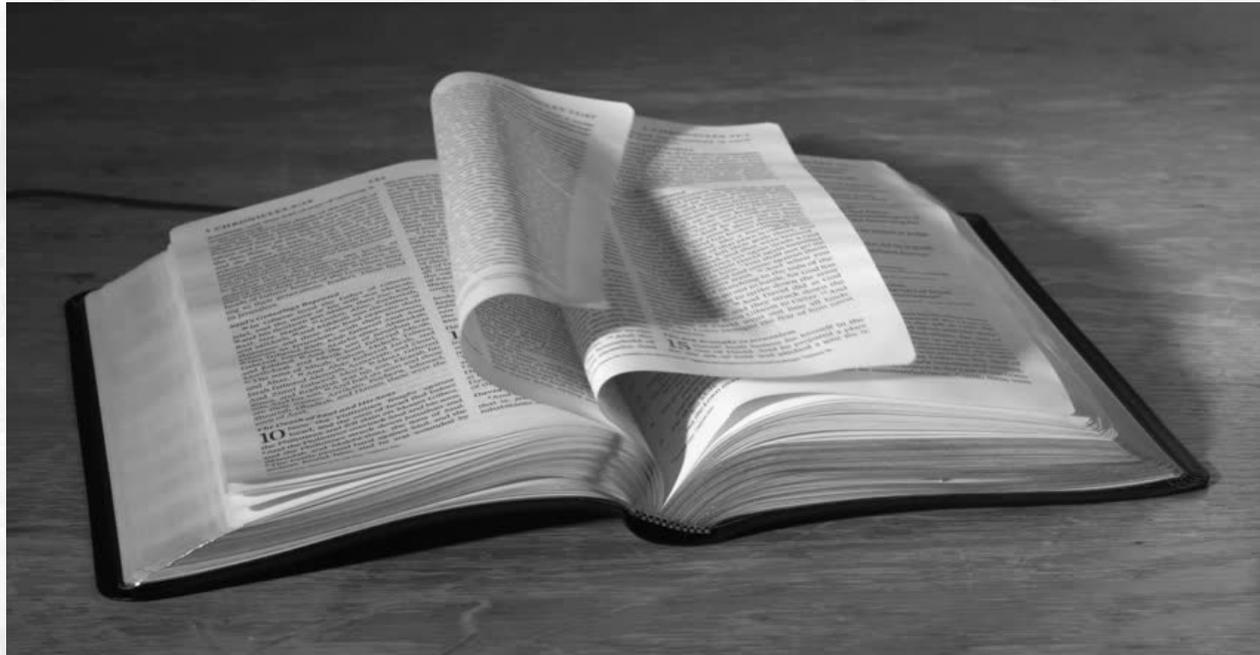
*Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down.*

*The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

## Isaiah 42: 2-3 (NIV)

*He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not  
snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth  
justice;*

Please turn to:  
Matthew 12: 15-21



## Matthew 12: 15-21 (NIV)

*Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. He warned them not to tell others about him. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:*

## Matthew 12: 15-21 (NIV)

*“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.*

*He will not quarrel or cry out;  
no one will hear his voice in the  
streets.*

# Matthew 12: 15-21 (NIV)

*A bruised reed he will not break,*  
*and a smoldering wick he will*  
*not snuff out,*  
*till he has brought justice*  
*through to victory.*

*In his name the nations will put  
their hope.”*

# Isaiah 42: 4 (NIV)

*he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will  
put their hope.”*

## Isaiah 42: 5 (NIV)

*This is what God the Lord says –  
the Creator of the heavens, who  
stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with  
all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:*

## Isaiah 42: 6 (NIV)

*“I, the Lord, have called you in  
righteousness;*

*I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,*

# Isaiah 42: 7 (NIV)

*to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon  
those who sit in darkness.*

## Isaiah 42: 8-9 (NIV)

*“I am the Lord; that is my name!  
I will not yield my glory to  
another or my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have taken  
place, and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being  
I announce them to you.”*

## Isaiah 42: 10 (NIV)

*Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise from the ends of the  
earth,*

*you who go down to the sea, and all  
that is in it,*

*you islands, and all who live in  
them.*

# Isaiah 42: 11 (NIV)

*Let the wilderness and its towns  
raise their voices;  
let the settlements where Kedar  
lives rejoice.  
Let the people of Sela sing for joy;  
let them shout from the  
mountaintops.*

## Isaiah 42: 12-13 (NIV)

*Let them give glory to the Lord  
and proclaim his praise in the  
islands.*

*The Lord will march out like a  
champion, like a warrior he will stir  
up his zeal; with a shout he will  
raise the battle cry and will triumph  
over his enemies.*

# Isaiah 42: 14 (NIV)

*“For a long time I have kept  
silent,*

*I have been quiet and held  
myself back.*

*But now, like a woman in  
childbirth,*

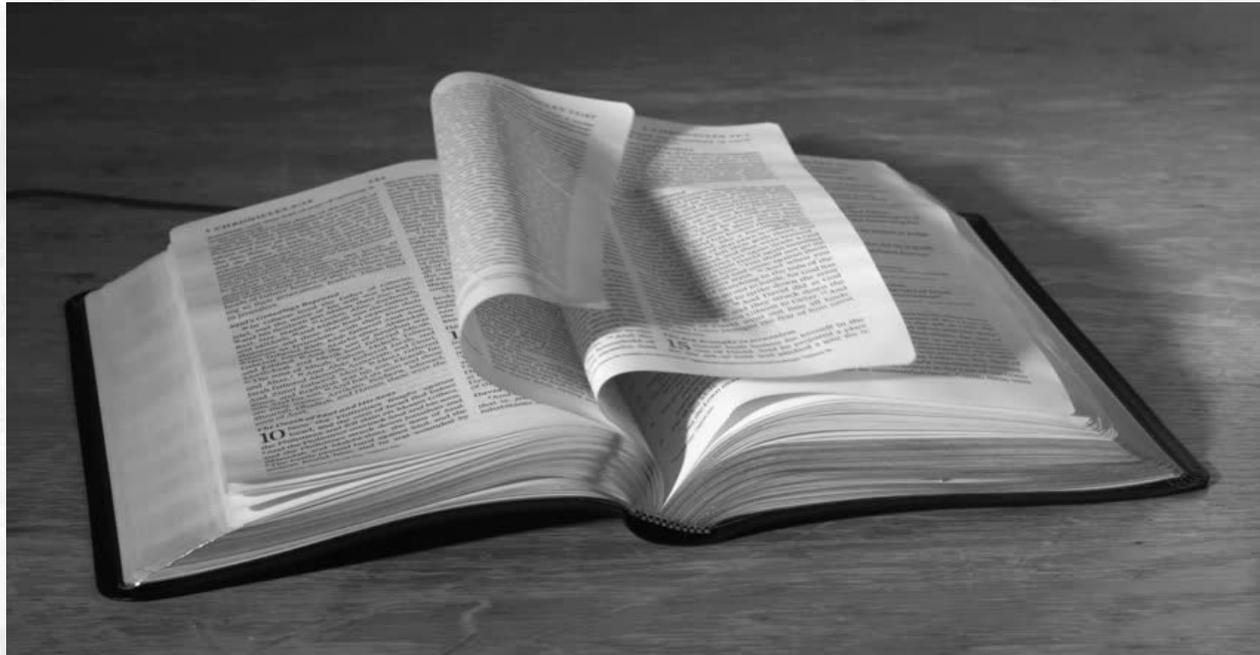
*I cry out, I gasp and pant.*

# Question

Why has God taken so long to bring His final judgement on the world?

Please turn to:

2 Peter 3: 3-9



## **2 Peter 3: 3-9 (NIV)**

*Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”*

## 2 Peter 3: 3-9 (NIV)

*But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.*

## **2 Peter 3: 3-9 (NIV)**

*By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.*

## 2 Peter 3: 3-9 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

# Isaiah 42: 15 (NIV)

*I will lay waste the mountains and  
hills  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn rivers into islands  
and dry up the pools.*

## Isaiah 42: 16 (NIV)

*I will lead the blind by ways they  
have not known, along unfamiliar  
paths I will guide them;*

*I will turn the darkness into light  
before them and make the rough  
places smooth.*

*These are the things I will do;  
I will not forsake them.*

## Isaiah 42: 17 (NIV)

*But those who trust in idols,  
who say to images, 'You are our  
gods,'  
will be turned back in utter  
shame.*

## Isaiah 42: 18-19 (NIV)

*“Hear, you deaf;  
look, you blind, and see! Who is  
blind but my servant,  
and deaf like the messenger I  
send?*

*Who is blind like the one in  
covenant with me,  
blind like the servant of the Lord?*

## Isaiah 42: 20-21 (NIV)

*You have seen many things, but you  
pay no attention;  
your ears are open, but you do  
not listen.”*

*It pleased the Lord  
for the sake of his righteousness  
to make his law great and  
glorious.*

## Isaiah 42: 22 (NIV)

*But this is a people plundered and looted, all of them trapped in pits or hidden away in prisons.*

*They have become plunder, with no one to rescue them; they have been made loot, with no one to say, "Send them back."*

# Isaiah 42: 23 (NIV)

*Which of you will listen to this  
or pay close attention in time to  
come?*

## Isaiah 42: 24 (NIV)

*Who handed Jacob over to become  
loot, and Israel to the plunderers?*

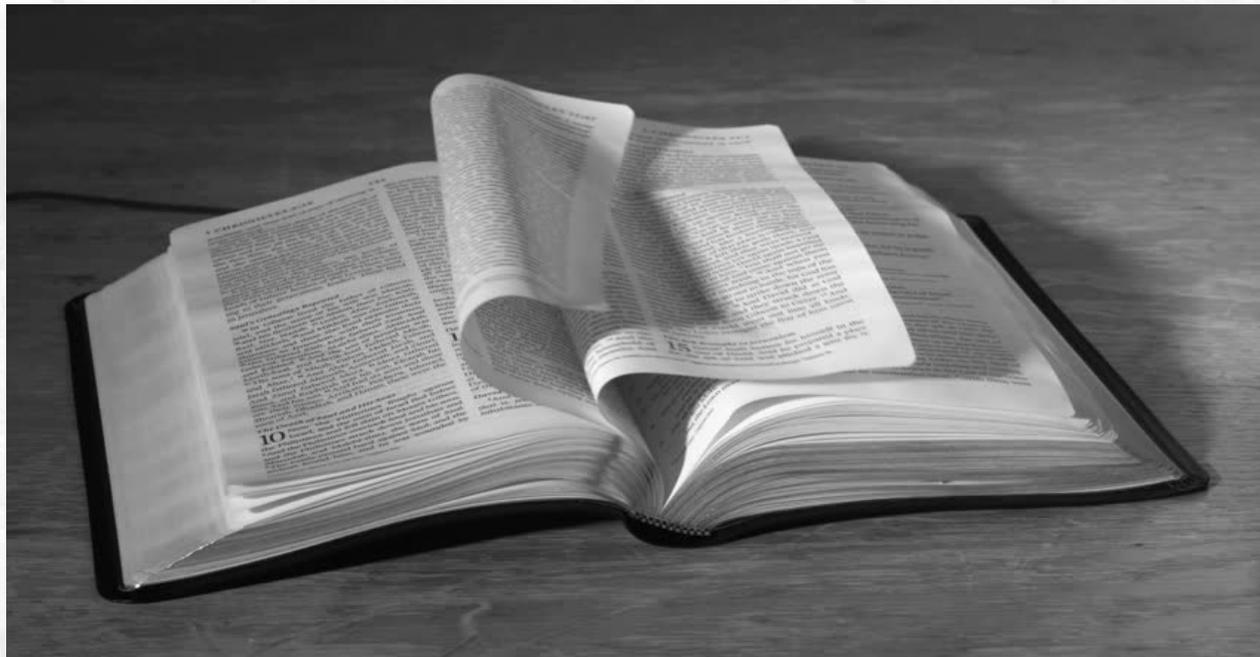
*Was it not the Lord,  
against whom we have sinned?  
For they would not follow his ways;  
they did not obey his law.*

## Isaiah 42: 25 (NIV)

*So he poured out on them his  
burning anger,  
the violence of war.*

*It enveloped them in flames, yet  
they did not understand;  
it consumed them, but they did  
not take it to heart.*

Please turn to:  
Romans 11: 24-25



## Romans 11: 24-25 (NIV)

*After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!*

## Romans 11: 24-25 (NIV)

*I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,*