

The Authority of Jesus and the Baptism of John

- Luk 20:1 And it came to pass, *that* on one of those days, as he (*Jesus*) taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon *him* with the elders,
- Luk 20:2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?
- Luk 20:3 And he answered and said unto them, **I will also ask you one thing; and answer me:**
- Luk 20:4 **The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?**
- Luk 20:5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not? (*I am persuaded the religious leader never recognized; or did not recall Isaiah's prophecy of the command that Israel was to announce the appearing of Messiah? See Isaiah 40:1 through 40:11!*)
- Luk 20:6 But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.
- Luk 20:7 And they answered, that they could not tell whence *it was*.
- Luk 20:8 And Jesus said unto them, **Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.** (*And so Jesus did not tell them of Isaiah's prophecy as shown below*):

Isaiah's Prophetic Command to Announce the Appearing of Messiah:

The first three verses of Isaiah Chapter 40 seems to imply that Judah of Israel were to be restored at this time, also! But we know today they were not, because they rejected Messiah; Jesus.

- Isa 40:1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
- Isa 40:2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double (*or forgiveness twice over?*) for all her sins (*Question: And just how shall we know this? Answer: Continue reading at Isaiah 40:3 below!*).
- Isa 40:3 The voice of him (*or voice of John the Baptist heralded the appearing of Messiah, Jesus*) that crieth (*or shout, announces*) in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD (*Messiah, Jesus*), make straight in the desert a highway (*or the perfect way*) for our God (*Jesus*).
- Isa 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low (*because He is God, and because of His sacrifice*): and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain (*or made smooth: In other words everything that is, or has been a problem shall cease being a problem!*):
- Isa 40:5 And the glory (*unimaginable power, wisdom, ability, mercy, grace, love*) of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.
- Isa 40:6 The voice said (*or the voice of the LORD said*), Cry (*or shout*). And he (*Isaiah the prophet*) said, What shall I cry/ (*or what shall I shout; announce*)? (*These next verses are what shall be shouted by the prophet!*) All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness (*or beauty*) thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

Isa 40:7 The grass withereth, the (*beauty of the*) flower fadeth: because the spirit (*Holy Spirit*) of the LORD bloweth (*time*) upon it (*or upon the grass and all things*): surely the people *is* grass.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word (*Jesus, the Son*) of our God shall stand (*or continue*) for ever. *And whosoever is in Him (or is of His seed) gets to continue forever, too!*

It is only in the Judeo – Christian Scriptures that Almighty God tells us over, and over, and over ... what He is doing; what His plan is, “if you will”!

And Israel was commanded to declare the presence of Messiah, the Redeemer Christ Jesus at His appearing.

But today, we know only those like Apostle Paul; the other apostles; and followers that were in the immediate circle of Jesus obeyed the Holy Spirit, as follows:

Isa 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings (*of Messiah\ Christ Jesus appearing*), get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God (*Son of God; the Lord Jesus Christ; Messiah; Redeemer: the Atonement ...*)!

Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand* (*or exceeding great authority*), and his arm (*the Son; the LORD Jesus*) shall rule for him (*the LORD God of Creation*): behold, his reward (*salvation; offer of eternal life*) *is* with him (*Jesus*), and his (*Sacrificial Atoning*) work before him.

Isa 40:11 He (*Jesus*) shall feed his flock (*followers, or believers*) like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

He is the Creator:

Isa 40:12 Who (*God; Son of God; Savior; Redeemer; Jesus*) hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out (*or spread out*) heaven with the span (*or from end to end*), and comprehended (*or specified the amount of*) the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

Isa 40:13 Who hath directed (*or instructed*) the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him (*the Holy Spirit of God*)?

Isa 40:14 With whom took he (*the Father; the LORD God of Creation*) counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

Isa 40:15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop (*of water*) of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles (*or far away places*) as a very little thing (*and no distance at all is too far away for Him*).

Isa 40:16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient (*or have enough wood*) to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient (*or plentiful enough*) for a burnt offering.

Isa 40:17 All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity (*or excessive in self pride!*).

Graven images and false gods are of no comparison with Him!

Isa 40:18 To whom then will ye liken God (*or the Son of God; the Lord Jesus Christ*)? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Isa 40:19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. (*The rich man's false god is no comparison with Him*)

Isa 40:20 He that *is* so impoverished (*or poor*) that he hath no oblation (*or offering*), chooseth a tree *that* will not rot; he seeketh unto (*search out*) him a cunning workman (*or craftsman*) to prepare (*fashion, or make*) a graven image, *that* shall not be moved. (*The poor man's false god is no comparison with Him*)

Don't You Know? And Have You Not Heard?

Isa 40:21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Isa 40:22 *It is* he (*the LORD God of Creation*) that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; (*it is the LORD God of Creation*) that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Isa 40:23 (*It is the LORD God of Creation*) That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

Isa 40:24 Yea, they (*judges of the earth*) shall not be planted (*or allowed to continue*); yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock (*their product, or what they are proposing*) shall not take root in the earth: and he (*the Holy Spirit of God*) shall also blow (*time*) upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

Isa 40:25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One (*of Israel, the LORD Jesus Christ!*).

Isa 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth (*the purpose God intended*).

Why do you think your ways are beyond or better than those of the LORD God of Creation?

Isa 40:27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob (*or sons of Jacob*), and speakest, O Israel, (*that*) My way is hid from (*or is unknown to*) the LORD (*God*), and my judgment is passed over from (*or above that of*) my God? (*Why do you say this is the twenty first (21st) century; God is out dated, or God needs help with His program, let us show Him how things really are!*)

Isa 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching (*unto exhausting*) of his understanding.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

Isa 40:30 Even the youths (*or those of great stamina*) shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD (*of Creation*) shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

But if we do not come to the place of believing and obeying it (His Word(s)/ His plan/ His Son Jesus), we shall die as the grass of the field, and never know life again for ever and ever, just as the dog!

So what is holding the world back, and/ or getting in its way: Is It Unbelief Because Of PRIDE, or PRIDE, Because of Unbelief? And just what do you suppose pride shall get anyone on their last day of this natural life?

But faith in the Gospel and our Lord Jesus Christ (*the sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the cross*) brings benefits not yet fully known; Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, and Amen! RETURN LORD JESUS!

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