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**TITLE: Program 2 – Revelation Of God’s Glory**

**TUESDAY**

**OPEN**

Are you frightened, My Friend? Are you full of fear? Are you trembling? Do you feel sick to your stomach because you’re so afraid? Suppose someone could come and tell you, “I know this is difficult. I know this is hard, but I promise you that in the end it’s going to work together for your good.” Then could you handle it? Then could you breathe a sigh of relief? Then could you say, “I’ll make it”? We’ll talk about it today.

**PART ONE**

Our theme this week, Beloved, as we study Isaiah 40 and 41 is this: There is strength and there is comfort for those who will look to the Lord, for those who will wait for Him, for those who will hope in Him. This is the message of Isaiah 40; this is the message of Isaiah 41. God is sufficient. And God promises you that although you may be going through hell now, heaven awaits. I’m not talking about just dying and getting there. But I’m talking about the fact that when you and I as children of God go through difficult

and hard times, God has hope for us. God has a promise for us. And that's what's happening in Isaiah chapter 40. God is saying, **“Comfort, O comfort My people....” (Isaiah 40:1)** Comfort them, why? Well He has just told them through the prophet Isaiah that they are going to go into captivity; that all the treasures of the temple and the house are going to be carried into captivity. They are going to go to Babylon. That's a long ways off. And that can cause you to shutter, and you can think, “What can I take next?” I mean, they just handled the Assyrians that were threatening them. Now they're telling them that the Babylonians are coming. And so on the heels of the bad news comes good news. And I want us to look at that good news because there are precepts for life, standards, truths by which you and I can live that will take us through these rough times. Because if we know the Word of God, then we know what God has promised to those that belong to Him. Well as He opens up, He is talking to His covenant people. He is talking to His covenant nation. Watch what He says, **“Comfort, O comfort My people,’ says your God. ‘Speak kindly to Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 40:1-2)** When it's speaking kindly, it's a tenderness. It's a gentleness. It's a quietness that all of a sudden makes the tension go out and get your attention because of the kindness of the speech. He says, **“...call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.” (Isaiah 40:2)** In other words, tell her there is a future. Tell her that there is a hope. You're a sinful nation, but your iniquity is going to be taken care of. You are a people that are going into captivity, but I want you to know, there is a day coming when there will be no more warfare. I want you know I'm a just God. You are going to pay double for all your sins, but when that is over it's all going to be good. That's what He's saying to them. Now when you look at this, one of the things you see is, He's saying that there is coming a day when Israel is no longer going to be tormented by warfare. That's what they are living in right now. I mean they are living in a time of constant threat. Now

we get the news from one angle, but when you're over there and when you're living in Jerusalem, and when you're living in the land of Israel, when you're spending time there what you see is, you see a people that are worn out. You see a people that are just saying, "I want peace so badly. Just tell me where to sign. I'll give it all away. I'll do whatever you want if you'll just give me peace." The problem is, you can't make peace with people who have pledged to drive you into the sea. You can't make peace with people who when they look at you, if they see you willing to make peace say, "Ah ha! Our enemy is weak. Now we can really wipe them out. Now we can do what's in our hearts." So Israel longs right now for their warfare to be ended. God is saying "There's a day coming when your warfare will come to an end. There is a day coming when your iniquity," the penalty of your iniquity is what it means, "will be taken care of." That's what He's saying. Now let's look at this and compare this with Daniel chapter 9, verse 25. Now if you've studied Daniel, and we've aired Daniel and, and I hope that you studied it with us. But when you study Scripture and you get to know it and you dig into it inductively, then what happens is, you're reading and God says, "Oh take that and put it with that." And what you see is, you see Scripture interpreting Scripture. Well in Daniel you have the first siege of Jerusalem in Daniel, and Daniel is taken into captivity. He's taken to Babylon. He lives under Nebuchadnezzar's rule. As a matter of fact, he lives at Nebuchadnezzar's court. He's one of the wise men. Well Daniel is visited and given a vision after Babylon comes and goes. And in Daniel chapter 9, when the Medes and the Persians are now ruling instead of Babylon, God gives him the most incredible prophecy. And this is what He tells him in Daniel 9:24, **"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, [for the Jews in Jerusalem] to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity...."** (Daniel 9:24) What is He saying? He's saying there is a day coming when this issue of sin is going to be finished. There is a day coming, and you want to go back, to

Isaiah chapter 40 now. There is a day coming, [when the penalty of your iniquity will be accepted as paid off.] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 40:2) Now how can that happen? Well, listen to verse 3 of Isaiah 40. **“A voice is calling, [a voice is calling,] ‘Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, [let] every mountain and hill be made low....’”** In other words, a flat road, he says, **“...And let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; then...,”** now watch, you get it ready, **“...then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together....”** Every human being is going to see the revelation of the glory of the Lord. **“...For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 40:3-5)** In other words, when God speaks, that’s it. It’s written. It is done. It is sealed. He says, **“...For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 40:5)** What is God saying? God is saying to them, “Your iniquity is going to be taken care of once for all.” Now how is iniquity taken care of? Well there has to be a sacrifice [because without the shedding of blood there is no remitting, there is no taking care of sin.] (PARAPHRASE, Hebrews 9:22) You say, “But I don’t hear that here.” No, you don’t until you compare Scripture with Scripture. Now usually Christians spend more time in the New Testament than they do in the Old Testament. And when you read the New Testament, what you see is, you see a voice calling in the wilderness. I want you to go to Matthew chapter 3, Matthew chapter 3. Now let me tell you this, if you have, have downloaded our free study guide then, Precious One, you know where we’re going. We have a study guide for you that helps you discover truth for yourself, that teaches you how to study inductively. In other words, takes you to the Word of God yourself and shows you how you can discover truth by observing the text, discovering what it says. Then being able to interpret the text, knowing what it means, and then applying it. And so if you downloaded that free study guide, and all you have to do is go to [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com). Well in

Matthew chapter 3, in verse 1 it says, **“Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent...,’ have a change of mind, “...for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** And then it says, **“For this is the one...,”** speaking of John, **“...the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness, “Make ready the way of the LORD, make His paths straight!”’** Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair...a leather belt around his waist...his food was locusts and wild honey. [And] then [all] Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and...the district around the Jordan; and they were being baptized by him....” (Matthew 3:1-6) Here is the voice of one calling in the wilderness. Here is John the Baptist. God has been silent for 400 years. The only one He has spoken to is Zacharias, and He told Zacharias that he was going to be the father of the forerunner of Messiah, (See Luke 1:17) and then Messiah was coming. Now though, publicly, the Word of God is going out. **“...[A] voice...[is] crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare...the way of the Lord....’” (Matthew 3:3)** What’s he saying? He’s talking about the coming of Jesus. Now what you see, and this is the beauty, and this is what you have to understand when you look at Isaiah 40 in verse 3, 4, and 5; what you see is, you see a hint of the coming, the first coming of Jesus Christ. And then you see the second coming of Jesus Christ. And where are you and I living in history? We’re living between the first coming and the second coming. And I’m telling you this, when the second coming happens, you’re gonna be so glad that you trusted the Lord. We’ll talk about it more in just a minute.

## **PART TWO**

**“...The glory of the LORD [is going to] be revealed, and all flesh will see it....” (Isaiah 40:5)** Look at it, verse 5. You want to mark it, in Isaiah 40. **“Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed....” (Isaiah 40:5)** Now if you downloaded your free study guide we told you to put a cloud around it.

Then I color it blue on the outside and yellow because I just need a distinctive way to see the reference to every coming of the Lord. And I'm talking about His second coming. So what we see happening here as we look at it, He's telling them that there is a day coming when your warfare is going to end. There is a day coming when your iniquity is going to be paid for. There is a day coming when all flesh will see the glory of the Lord. Stop trembling. Stop being filled with fear. If you belong to God, you do not need to fear. Now that's one of the things that you see as you go through Isaiah 40 and 41. He says, "Do not fear, O Jacob." "Do not fear, O Israel." And that's God's Word to you and to me if we know Him. Because if we know Him, the promise here is, listen, God's going to redeem it. The promise to you and me is found in Romans 8:28. **"...God [keeps on causing] all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are [the] called according to His purpose."** (Romans 8:28) [He has predestined us to adoption as sons. He has promised that we are going to be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.] (PARAPHRASE, Romans 8:29) And everything we go through is for that day. So as He speaks to His people, He is saying "Listen, the glory of the Lord is going to come." Now when you study prophecy, and we have a little chart, "The Prophetic Points of History," that will help you with this. It's marvelous. It's in the "Inductive Study Bible" already. But what you see when you study prophecy, you see that sometimes the prophet is speaking to his own time. Then sometimes the prophet is speaking about the captivity that they're going to go into. That's at the end of Ezekiel 39, the captivity that's going to last for 70 years. Jeremiah will reveal how long it's going to be. Then you see that he could be talking about when they are restored, when they return. They're gonna be taken out of the land, in the captivity. They're going to be brought back to the land, and they are going to be restored, and the temple's going to be rebuilt again. Then what you have is you have an inner testament period. You have a period of 400 years of silence when they haven't heard a thing from God. Then

another prophetic point of history is the first coming of Jesus Christ. On the chart you see the cross. When you look at that chart that we have for you, when you downloaded it in your study guide. Then after the cross what you have is, you have Christ's second coming and the reign of Christ. Jesus is going to rule over the world. This is the [Son that is born that is going to sit on the throne of David and there's going to be no end to His government.] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 9:6-7) Well what we see happening here is, we see the prophet going from his own time and taking them, in chapter 40 in verse 1 and in verse 2, to a day when all of this is going to be brought to an end. He's taking them from their time all the way to the second coming of Jesus Christ. And that's what's happening in verse 3, when we see a voice is calling and one is going through the wilderness saying, **"...Prepare ye the way of the LORD...."** (Isaiah 40:3, KJV) We see that prophetically, that this is fulfilled in John the Baptist. And yet "John the Baptist," God tells them, "if you would have believed, John the Baptist would be Elijah to you; the one that was promised in Malachi that would come before the great and terrible day of the Lord, but you wouldn't believe." (See Matthew 17:10-13 and Malachi 3:1-2) So we find that there's going to be two times when there is a voice crying in the wilderness to Israel. But when we come to verse 5, and it says, **"Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together...."** (Isaiah 40:5) We find out that this is referring on our prophetic time, to Christ's second coming and the reign of Christ. Now let's look at this. First of all, in the first coming in John chapter 1, you want to get these verses down. In John chapter 1, verse 14, it talks about Jesus being the Word. **"And the Word [became] flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory...as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."** (John 1:14, KJV) But all the world didn't see the glory of God in Jesus. In fact, most of the people rejected it. All flesh did not see it. So what he's saying in verse 5 is, **"Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together...."** (Isaiah 40:5) He's talking

about an event. What event? Well write down “Matthew chapter 24, verse 30.” In Matthew 24, verse 30 you have a description here of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Matthew 24, verse 30. It says, “**...Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and...all the tribes of the earth....**” You want to circle “all.” “**...will mourn, and they will see....**” and this is where I put my cloud just like I did in Isaiah. “**...[they will see] the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.**” (Matthew 24:30) When he says, “the Son of Man” he’s borrowing a term from Daniel chapter 7 when the “**One like [the] Son of Man [comes before] the Ancient of Days....**” (Daniel 7:13) and receives a kingdom. So he’s speaking in Daniel prophetically. What we see happening in Matthew is another prophecy that is pointing to the time that Revelation chapter 1, verse 7 talks about, Revelation chapter 1, verse 7. “**Behold He is coming....**” Jesus is coming, “**...with...clouds, and every eye will see Him....**” every eye will see Him, “**...even those who pierced Him; and all...**” circle “all,” “**...the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him....**” (Revelation 1:7) Why will they mourn? They will mourn because they see that the One that they refused to believe in, the One that they rejected, the One that could have been comforting them, is Messiah. That He really was real, and that they shouldn’t have scoffed. Now the third verse that I want you to see is Titus. And all the T’s come together, it comes before Hebrews. And Titus chapter 2 says that, “**...the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.**” (Titus 2:11) That’s the first coming of Jesus Christ, when you look at it, Christ’s first coming on the cross. And then it goes on to say, “**Instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who [Jesus,who] gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people [of] His own possession, zealous [of] good [works.]**” (Titus 2:12-14) So what do you



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see? You see that the grace of God has appeared to all men. Jesus has come. He has died on that cross. But He is coming again. And so in the meantime, in between time, we are looking for Him. We are waiting for Him. And **“...those [that] wait [on] the LORD will [receive] strength; they will mount up with wings [of] eagles....” (Isaiah 40:31)** as Isaiah 40 says, Isaiah 40:31. So you look at that and what you see is, hey you can make it! Quit your trembling. Quit being afraid. Let God, through His Scriptures, wrap His arms of truth and with that truth comfort, around you. And know, Precious One, that the glory of the Lord is going to be revealed. And when that happens, everything will be made all right. He wins. He triumphs. And you and I win with Him if we cling to Him, if we believe in Him.