### Isaiah

## Chapter 42

1‘Jacob, My child, I’ll hold onto you…  
 O IsraEl, you’re the one whom I’ve chosen.  
 So [I’m sending someone] who will pour out My Breath  
 And who will pass judgment on the gentiles.  
 2He won’t cry out or raise his voice,  
 And his words won’t be heard out of doors.  
  
 3‘No crushed reed will he break,  
 And no smoking flax wick will he snuff.  
 But, he will truly bring what is fair…  
 4He’ll endure and not be destroyed  
 Until he brings justice to the earth.  
  
 ‘In his name, the nations will hope,’  
 5Said [Jehovah our] God,  
 The One who made and assembled the skies,  
 Who founded the earth and everything in it,  
 And that poured out His Breath  
 On those who choose to walk [in His ways].  
  
 6‘I’m Jehovah, who called you in justice…  
 I’ll grab hold of your hand and I’ll give you strength.  
 For with you, I made a Sacred Agreement  
 To make you a light to the nations…  
 7To open the eyes of the blind…  
 To lead out those who are shackled,  
 And those who now sit in dark dungeons.  
  
 8‘I’m [Jehovah your] God; yes, that is My Name!  
 And My glory, I’ll give to no other…  
 I won’t give My glory to things that are carved!  
  
 9‘Look! The ancient things have all come to pass,  
 And now, the new things that I will announce  
 Will happen before I pronounce them!’  
  
10‘So, sing a new hymn to Jehovah…  
Glorify His Name to the ends of the earth,  
O you who sail and go down to the seas,  
And you who live on the islands!  
  
11‘And you in the deserts, be joyful,  
As should you in the cities and lands,  
And those who dwell among cedars…  
Yes, those living in [caves] should be joyful,  
And from the tops of the mountains, be shouting in joy.  
  
12‘For they’ll all give glory to God,  
And the Islands will speak of His virtues.  
13Then the God of Armies, Jehovah, will come  
And bring an end to all wars.  
  
‘He’ll awaken His zeal and His strength,  
And against His enemies, He will say this:  
  
 14‘Throughout the age, I have remained silent;  
 But must I always be patient and quiet…  
 Must I endure like a woman with birth pangs?  
  
 ‘I’ll amaze you by making them wither away…  
 15I’ll destroy their mountains and hills,  
 And I will dry up their grass.  
 Then, into their rivers, I will put islands  
 And I’ll turn their marshes into dry ground.  
  
 16‘I’ll lead these blind ones in ways they don’t know,  
 And make them walk on roads they can’t see.  
 Then their darkness, I’ll turn into light,  
 And their crooked ways, I will straighten.  
  
 ‘Yes, these are the things that I’ll do,  
 For, I will not abandon [my people]…  
 17Although they’ll be forced to retreat.  
  
 ‘So, be ashamed (yes, you should feel shame),  
 O you who put faith in carved [idols]…  
 You who say to things that were formed by your hands,  
  
 ‘You are [truly] our gods!’  
  
 18‘Listen to Me, you deaf mutes…  
 Yes, look and see, all you blind ones!  
 19For, who are as blind as My servants,  
 And who can hear less than their rulers?’  
  
‘Yes, who are as blind as those who’ve had all?  
 For God’s servants have now all gone blind!  
 20How many times have you looked, but not seen,  
 And with opened ears, been unable to hear?  
  
21‘Yet, the Will of Jehovah is righteous,  
 And it will be praised and held high again!  
  
22‘Then I saw that it all came to pass…  
 The people were plundered and looted,  
 And in all their stores, there were snares.  
  
‘So they gathered to hide inside of their homes,  
 Since they had all become plunder…  
 There was no one to save all the captured,  
 And no one to say, Give them back!  
  
23‘Therefore, who will listen to what’s being said…  
 Who’ll pay attention to the things that will be?  
  
24‘Yes, who gave Jacob to be ravaged,  
 And who gave IsraEl to serve as their loot?  
 Hadn’t they sinned against God?  
 Didn’t they choose not to walk in His ways  
 And to ignore all His Laws?  
  
25‘So He sent upon them His anger and rage…  
 He sent their neighbors to burn them in war.  
 Yet, none understood or took it to heart.