### Isaiah

## Chapter 51

1‘Listen to me, O you righteous…  
 You who are seeking Jehovah;  
 Look to the rock that you’ve quarried  
 And into the pit of the well that you’ve dug!  
 2Look to AbraHam, your father,  
 And to SarAh, who bore you!  
  
 ‘Although he was just [flesh], I called out to him…  
 Yes, I loved him and blest him,  
 And I prospered his [ways].  
  
 3‘So, I will bring comfort to Zion…  
 To your desolate places, I will [bring rest]…  
 A paradise of God, I will make them.  
  
 ‘Then, your western lands will be gardens,  
 And those dwelling there will be happy…  
 They will be leaping for joy,  
 And [raising] their voices in praise.  
  
 4‘Listen… Yes, hear me, my people;  
 And kings, give an ear to the things that I say!  
 For, I will send you my laws  
 And my judgments will enlighten the nations.  
  
 5‘My justice will come to them swiftly,  
 And my saving light will quickly arrive.  
 Then, they will put faith in my arm…  
 Yes, even the islands will wait upon me,  
 And they will trust in [the might of] my arms.  
  
 6‘So, lift your eyes to the skies,  
 Then look to the ground underneath you!  
 For the skies [will be filled with] smoke,  
 And the earth will wear out like old clothes…  
 And although those who live there will die;  
 My salvation will last throughout the age…  
 There’s no way that my justice will fail!  
  
 7‘Hear me, O you who know justice;  
 For you people have my laws in your hearts.  
 So, don’t fear the scorning of men,  
 And don’t let their bad words defeat you!  
  
 8‘Although clothes will wear out with time,  
 And wool will be eaten by moths;  
 My justice will last throughout the ages,  
 And my salvation is through generations.  
  
 9‘Wake up… Wake up, O JeruSalem,  
 And put on the might of your arm!  
 Wake up as you did in past days…  
 Like generations that lived in past ages!  
  
 ‘Haven’t you [people] been dug up  
 And ripped apart by the dragon?  
 10But, for your sake, I parted the sea  
 (All that abundant, deep water),  
 And then I made a road through its depths  
 To create a ford for those being saved…  
 11For those whose ransom I paid!  
  
 ‘So it’s by Jehovah that they’ll be returned…  
 They’ll go back to Zion in gladness…  
 Throughout the ages, they’ll be leaping for joy!  
  
 ‘Upon their heads, there’ll be blessings,  
 And with great joy, they’ll be overcome,  
 Since their anguish, grief, and groaning will have ceased.  
  
 12‘I am… I am the one who brings comfort!  
 So, know who it is that you should fear,  
 Since men and their sons will dry up like grass!  
  
 13‘For, you’ve forgotten your Maker, your God…  
 The One who created the skies  
 And that laid the foundations of the earth!  
 You should fear Him throughout all your days,  
 Before the oppressor [arrives]…  
 The one who [has plans to] carry you off!  
  
 ‘[But don’t fear] the rage of your oppressor;  
 14For, when it comes to bringing salvation,  
 [Your God] won’t stop or waste time.  
 15He’s the One who jostles the seas…  
 The One who makes its waves roar…  
 His Name is Jehovah of Armies.  
  
 16‘He’s the One who puts His words in your mouths  
 And shelters you inside His hand.  
 He’s the One who established the heavens…  
 The One who founded the earth…  
 And the One who said, ‘You’re My people,’ to Zion,  
  
 17‘So wake up… Yes arise, O JeruSalem…  
 You who will drink the rage from the cup  
 That comes from the hand of Jehovah!  
 Receive your blows from that cup,  
 And drink them until they’re all gone!  
  
 18‘For no others gave comfort to the children you bore,  
 And no others held the hands of the sons that you raised.  
 19So, when all these bad things come upon you,  
 Who will share in your grief…  
 When downfall, defeat, and hunger arrive,  
 Along with the edge of the sword…  
 Whom do you think will bring comfort?  
  
 20‘At that time, your sons will all be confused,  
 And like half-boiled beets, they’ll sleep in the streets…  
 They’ll feel the rage of the Lord,  
 And before Jehovah, they’ll faint.  
  
 21‘So, you who’ve been humbled should listen  
 (Yes, you who are drunk, but not from the wine)!  
 22For, thus says [Jehovah your] God…  
 The One who is judging His people:  
  
 ‘{Look!} I’ve taken the cup of blows from your hands,  
 Which is the cup of My rage,  
 So that you must no longer drink it!  
  
 23‘For then, I’ll put it into the hands  
 Of those who’ve been doing you wrong…  
 Those who are humbling you…  
 Those telling your souls to bow as they pass…  
 Those who’ve cut all your things to the ground,  
 And laid them outside for all passing by.’