

Isra'el the Chosen Yesha'yahu 44:1-5

In my last post, we explored **Isra'el's Unfaithfulness and Adonai's Mercy** in **43:14-28**. In this post, we explore **Isra'el the Chosen** in **44:1-5**.

¹ ***"Now listen, Ya'akov my servant, Isra'el whom I have chosen:***

Again, **Ya'akov** or **Isra'el** is explicitly identified as **Adonai's** servant. **Adonai** had chosen **Isra'el** from among the nations to be His special people (Deuteronomy 7:7-11).

² ***Thus says Adonai, who made you, formed you in the womb, and will help you: 'Don't be afraid, Ya'akov my servant, Yeshurun, whom I have chosen. ³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, My blessing on your offspring.***

The phrase ***formed you in the womb*** evokes the metaphor of **Adonai** as the mother who gave birth to **Isra'el**. **Yeshurun** was an endearing name for **Isra'el** (see Deuteronomy 32:15; 33:5, 26). The meaning of the name is somewhat obscure, but some think it is derived from a Hebrew root meaning "upright or virtuous." The results are growth, in this case, among the descendants of the people of **Adonai**.

The outpouring of His **Spirit** was previewed on the **Day of Shavuot (Pentecost)**, but it was not entirely fulfilled for Joel 2 speaks of signs in the sky, of the moon turning to blood, and various symbols associated with the **Tribulation** period. **Adonai** promises that He will pour His **Spirit** upon our offspring. We all need His **Spirit** to be poured upon us, our family, and our country.

⁴ ***They will spring up among the grass like willows on the riverbanks. ⁵ One will say, "I belong to Adonai." Another will be called by the name of Ya'akov. Yet another will write that he belongs to Adonai and adopt the surname Isra'el."*** ~ Isaiah 44:1-5 (CJB)

They in verse 4 refers to the ***offspring***. Writing on one's hand signified intimacy, though some believe it refers to a slave mark showing ownership. In either case, the idea is that people will want to identify and align themselves with **Adonai**.

In that day, when **Isra'el** experiences revival in the **Tribulation** period, when the **Spirit** is poured out upon **Isra'el**, no longer will her people be agnostic as eighty percent of the Jewish nation is today. They'll call themselves **Adonai's**. They'll remember their heritage and roots and take upon themselves the name of **Adonai**.

In my next post, we learn of **Worthless Idols** in **44:6-23**.