

Good Tidings

Isaiah 41:19 -29

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20. "That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it."
21. "**Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.**"
22. "Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them **shew the former things, what they be**, that we may consider them, and **know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.**"
23. "**Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods:** yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together."
24. "Behold, **ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.**"
25. "I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay."
26. "**Who hath declared from the beginning**, that we may know? and **beforetime**, that we may say, **He is righteous?** yea, **there is none** that sheweth, yea, **there is none** that declareth, yea, **there is none** that heareth your words."
27. "The first shall say to Zion, **Behold, behold** them: and **I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.**"
28. "For I beheld, and **there was no man**; even among them, and **there was no counsellor**, that, **when I asked of them, could answer a word.**"
29. "Behold, **they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.**"

Verse 19, "I will plant in the wilderness the **cedar**, the **shittah** tree, and the **myrtle**, and the **oil** tree; I will set in the desert the **fir** tree, and the **pine**, and the

box tree together.” Mark 8:24, “**And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.**”

The Seven Trees:

Judges 9:8-15, “**The trees** went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the **olive tree**, Reign thou over us. But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? And the trees said to the **fig tree**, Come thou, and reign over us. But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said the trees unto the **vine**, Come thou, and reign over us. And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said all the trees unto the **bramble**, Come thou, and reign over us. And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the **cedars** of Lebanon.” And Joel 1:12, “The **vine** is dried up, and the **fig tree** languisheth; the **pomegranate tree**, the **palm tree** also, and the **apple tree**, even **all the trees of the field**, are withered: **because joy is withered away from the sons of men.**” And Numbers 6:4, “All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the **vine tree**, from the kernels even to the husk.” Ezekiel 15:2, “Son of man, What is the **vine tree** more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?” John 15:5, “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

1. The Cedar

- a. Leviticus 14:6-7, “As for the living bird, he shall take it, and **the cedar wood**, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water: And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy **seven times**, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.”
- b. Leviticus 14:51-53, “And he shall take **the cedar wood**, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house

seven times: And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet: But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.”

- c. 1 Kings 4:32-34, “And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of **trees**, from **the cedar tree** that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.”
- d. 1 Kings 6:17-19, “And the house, that is, **the temple** before it, was forty cubits long. And **the cedar** of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was **cedar**; there was no stone seen. And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.”
- e. 2 Kings 14:9, “And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to **the cedar** that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.”
- f. Ezekiel 17:1-10, “And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel; And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of **the cedar**: He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants. He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs. There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and

shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation. It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof. Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.”

2. The Shittah Tree (The Shittim Tree)

- a. Exodus 25:10, “And they shall make an ark of **shittim wood**: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.”
- b. Exodus 25:13, “And thou shalt make staves of **shittim wood**, and overlay them with gold.”
- c. Exodus 25:23, “Thou shalt also make a table of **shittim wood**: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.”

3. The Myrtle

- a. Nehemiah 8:15, “And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and **myrtle** branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.”
- b. Isaiah 55:13, “Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the **myrtle tree**: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”
- c. Zechariah 1:8-11, “I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among **the myrtle trees** that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. And the man that stood among **the myrtle trees** answered and said, These are they whom the

LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among **the myrtle trees**, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.”

4. The Oil Tree (Olive Tree)

- a. Exodus 27:20, “And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure **oil olive** beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always”
- b. Exodus 30:24-25, “And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of **oil olive** an hin: And thou shalt make it an **oil** of holy **ointment**, an **ointment** compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an **holy anointing oil**.”
- c. Leviticus 24:2, “Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee **pure oil olive** beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.”
- d. Deuteronomy 8:8-9, “A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of **oil olive**, and honey; A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.”
- e. Deuteronomy 28:40, “Thou shalt have **olive trees** throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the **oil**; for thine **olive** shall cast his fruit.”

5. The Fir Tree

- a. 1 Kings 6:33-34, “So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall. And the two doors were of **fir tree**: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.”
- b. 2 Chronicles 3:3-5, “Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure

gold. And the greater house he cieled with **fir tree**, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.”

- c. Isaiah 55:13, “Instead of the thorn shall come up **the fir tree**, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”
- d. Isaiah 60:13, “The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, **the fir tree**, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.”
- e. Ezekiel 31:8, “The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: **the fir trees** were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.”
- f. Hosea 14:8, “Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like **a green fir tree**. From me is thy fruit found.”
- g. Zechariah 11:2, “Howl, **fir tree**; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.”

6. The Pine

- a. Isaiah 41:19, “I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the **box tree** together:”
- b. Isaiah 60:13, “The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the **pine tree**, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.”

7. The Box Tree

- a. Isaiah 41:19, “I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the **box tree** together:”
- b. Isaiah 60:13, “The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and **the box** together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.”

Verse 20, “That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.”

1. See
2. Know
3. Consider
4. Understand
5. Together
6. The Hand of the LORD
7. The Holy One of Israel

Verse 21, “Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.”

The King of Jacob

1. Hebrew Old Testament
2. Chaldean Parts of the Old Testament
3. Greek New Testament
4. Old Syrian
5. Old Latin
6. German of Martin Luther
7. English King James Bible: The Authorized Version of 1611

Verse 22, “Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.”

In Opposition to the Bible: “Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons; Let Them Bring Them Forth:

1. Shew Us
2. What shall happen
3. Let them Show
4. The Former Things, What They Be
5. That we May Consider Them and
6. Know The Latter End of Them or
7. Declare us Things for to Come

Verse 23, “Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.”

1. Things That Are to Come Hereafter
2. That We May Know
3. That Ye are gods
4. Do Good
5. Do Evil
6. That We May be Dismayed
7. And Behold it Together

Verse 24, “Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.”

1. Ye are of Nothing
2. Your Work of Nought
3. An Abomination is he that Chooseth You

Verse 25, “I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.”

1. Raised Up ONE From the North
2. He Shall Come
3. From the Rising of the Sun
4. He Shall Call Upon My Name
5. He Shall Come Upon Princes
6. As Upon Morter
7. As The Potter Treadeth Clay

Verse 26, “Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.”

1. Who Declared From The Beginning
2. That We May Know
3. And Beforetime, That We May Say
4. He is Righteous
5. Yea, There is None That Sheweth
6. Yea, There is None That Declareth
7. Yea, There is None That Hearth Your Words

Verse 27, “The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.”

1. The First
2. Shall Say to Zion
3. Behold
4. Behold Them
5. I Will Give to Jerusalem
6. One That Bringeth
7. Good Tidings

Verse 28, “For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.”

1. For I Beheld, There Was No Man
2. Even Among Them, There Was No Counsellor
3. That, When I Asked of Them, Could Answer a word

Verse 29, “Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.”

1. Behold, They Are All Vanity
2. Their Works Are Nothing
3. Their Molten Images are Wind and Confusion

So what does all this have to do with good tidings? Amidst all these trees is the statement in verse 27: “The first shall say to Zion, **Behold, behold** them: and **I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings**.” So WHO is the ONE that brings the good tidings? Let me help you out here “good tidings” is the same as “glad tidings” or “good news” it is what the word “gospel” means. So that the ONE that brings this would be a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. Proverbs 25:25, “As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is **good news** from a far country.” And we read in Luke 1:19, “And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these **glad tidings**.” And in Luke 8:1, “And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the **glad tidings** of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,” and in Acts 13:32-34, “And we declare unto you **glad tidings**, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up **Jesus** again; as it is also written in the second psalm, **Thou art my Son**, this day have I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, **I will give you the sure mercies of David**.” The good

news is that Jesus Christ was the first to be raised from the dead, and YOU can be raised from the dead too if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and become born again. Romans 10:15, “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the **gospel** of peace, and bring **glad tidings of good things!**” The glad tidings in this passage are in: Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto **salvation.**” Once you have done this you can count on the sure mercies of God, because God has promised you eternal life by these things: John 10:28, “And I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall **never perish**, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” This life is in Jesus Christ and it is everlasting life: John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son hath **everlasting life**: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” And again in John 5:24, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath **everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” You MUST believe what God has written to you in the Bible because it is the record that God gave us His Son: 1 John 5:11-13, “And **this is the record**, that God hath given to us **eternal life**, and **this life is in his Son.** He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. **These things have I written unto you** that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

So the question now is: what will you do with Jesus?

Acts 16:31, “...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...”

Acts 2:21, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Philippians 2:5-11, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

The End