

CLEAR THE WAY

Isaiah 40:1-8

Intro – There was a near future fulfillment of this prophecy, Is.44:28 but also a far future fulfillment concerning John the Baptist, Matt.3:3.

I. God offers comfort to Israel. (1-2)

- A. They had been disciplined. Heb.12:6
- B. They were offered hope. Is.44:28
- C. Our warfare against God has ended. Rom.5:10, Rom.11:28
- D. Our sins have been removed. Is.1:18, Ps.103:12, Is.43:25, Acts 3:19
- E. Israel chose and we must choose. Joshua 24:15, Prov.1:28-30

II. Their way home was prepared. (3-5) Cyrus

- A. The Holy Spirit prepares us through John the Baptist. Matt.3:3, Jn.6:44, Jn.12:32
- B. Sin must be dealt with. Lk. 13:3, Heb.12:1, Eph.4:22
- C. A changed life glorifies Christ. Mt.5:16, Acts 4:13

III. Their focus was changed. (6-8)

- A. From temporal to eternal. Col.3:1-2, 1Jn.2:17
- B. God's word and promises are forever. Is.55:11, Ps.119:160

Con. Do you feel like you have been held in bondage to sin? Come to Jesus, He will set you free.
Jn.8:36