

Isaiah 40

v1 – comfort	(v)	make someone feel better when they are in distress
v2 – tenderly	(adv)	in a gentle and caring way
v2 – Jerusalem	(pn)	the capital city of Judah
v2 – sin	(n)	rejection of God; rebellion against God
v3 – wilderness	(n)	desert; an area that is not used by people
v4 – valley	(n)	the low area of land between hills
v4 – rugged places	(n)	areas of land that are uneven, covered with rocks and don't have many plants
v5 – glory	(n)	beauty; magnificence; greatness; awesomeness
v6 – faithfulness	(n)	reliability; trustworthiness
v7 – withers	(v)	becomes very weak
v8 – endures	(v)	continues to exist despite difficulty circumstances
v10 – Sovereign	(adj)	having power over everything; ruling as a king
v10 – mighty	(adj)	very large and powerful
v10 – recompense	(n)	money or other payment given as a reward or because of suffering
v11 – tends	(v)	do what is necessary to look after something and keep it in a good condition
v11 – flock	(n)	a group of sheep or goats
v11 – shepherd	(n)	a person whose job is to look after sheep/goats
v12 – hollow of his hand		the area in one's palm when the hand is curved like a cup



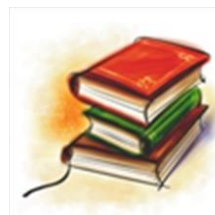
v13 – fathom	(v)	understand
v13 – counsellor	(n)	someone who gives help and advice to someone having personal problems
v14 – enlighten	(v)	give someone greater knowledge and understanding of something
v16 – altar	(n)	tables used to burn things as sacrifices to gods as acts of worship
v19 – idol	(n)	a false god; a statue representing a false god

v19 – casts	(v)	makes an object by pouring a hot liquid metal into a specially shaped container and leaving it to harden into that shape
v19 – overlays	(v)	covers something with a different substance
v20 – offering	(n)	something given to a god as an act of worship
v20 – topple	(v)	become unsteady and fall over
v21 – founded	(v)	established; started
v22 – enthroned	(adj)	in a position of highest authority
v23 – naught	(n)	nothingness; ruin; failure
v24 – take root	(v)	become established
v24 – whirlwind	(n)	a tall column of air that spins round and round very fast and moves across the land or sea
v24 – chaff	(n)	the outer part of grain that is removed before grain is used as food
v26 – starry hosts	(n)	sun, moon and stars
v26 – calls forth	(v)	causes something to come into existence
v27 – disregarded	(v)	ignored
v29 – weary	(adj)	very tired
v30 – stumble	(v)	put your foot down in an awkward way while walking and nearly fall over
v31 – soar	(v)	goes quickly up into the air
v31 – eagles	(n)	



v31 – faint (adj) weak and unsteady

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Isaiah 40 (New International Reader's Version)

- ¹ "Comfort my people," says your God.
"Comfort them.
- ² Speak tenderly to the people of Jerusalem.
Announce to them
that their hard labor has been completed.
Tell them that their sin has been paid for.
Tell them the LORD has punished them enough
for all their sins."
- ³ A messenger is calling out,
"In the desert prepare
the way for the LORD.
Make a straight road through it
for our God.
- ⁴ Every valley will be filled in.
Every mountain and hill will be made level.
The rough ground will be smoothed out.
The rocky places will be made flat.
- ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD will appear.
And everyone will see it together.
The LORD has spoken."
- ⁶ Another messenger says, "Cry out."
And I said, "What should I cry?"
"Cry out, 'All people are like grass.
They don't stay faithful to me any longer than wildflowers last.
- ⁷ The grass dries up. The flowers fall to the ground.
That happens when the LORD makes his wind blow on them.
So people are just like grass.
- ⁸ The grass dries up. The flowers fall to the ground.
But what our God says will stand forever.' "
- ⁹ Zion, you are bringing good news to your people.
Go up on a high mountain and announce it.
Jerusalem, you are bringing good news to them.
Shout the message loudly.
Shout it out loud. Don't be afraid.
Say to the towns of Judah,
"Your God is coming!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD and King is coming with power.
He rules with a powerful arm.
He has set his people free.
He is bringing them back as his reward.
He has won the battle over their enemies.
- ¹¹ He takes care of his flock like a shepherd.
He gathers the lambs in his arms.
He carries them close to his heart.
He gently leads those that have little ones.
- ¹² Who has measured the oceans by using the palm of his hand?
Who has used the width of his hand to mark off the sky?
Who has measured out the dust of the earth in a basket?
Who has weighed the mountains on scales?
Who has weighed the hills in a balance?
- ¹³ Who can ever understand the Spirit of the LORD?
Who can ever give him advice?
- ¹⁴ Did the LORD have to ask anyone to help him understand?
Did he have to ask someone to teach him the right way?
Who taught him what he knows?
Who showed him how to understand?
- ¹⁵ The nations are only a drop in a bucket to him.
He considers them as nothing but dust on the scales.
He weighs the islands as if they were only fine dust.
- ¹⁶ Lebanon doesn't have enough trees to keep his altar fires
burning.
It doesn't have enough animals to sacrifice as burnt offerings to
him.
- ¹⁷ To him, all the nations don't amount to anything.
He considers them to be worthless.
In fact, they are less than nothing in his sight.
- ¹⁸ So who will you compare God with?
Is there any other god like him?
- ¹⁹ Will you compare him with a statue of a god?
Anyone who works with metal can make a statue.
Then another worker covers it with gold
and makes silver chains for it.
- ²⁰ But someone who is too poor to bring that kind of offering
will choose some wood that won't rot.
Then they look for a skilled worker.
They pay the worker to make a statue of a god that won't fall
over.
- ²¹ Don't you know who made everything?
Haven't you heard about him?
Hasn't it been told to you from the beginning?
Haven't you understood it ever since the earth was made?
- ²² God sits on his throne high above the earth.
Its people look like grasshoppers to him.
He spreads out the heavens like a cover.
He sets it up like a tent to live in.
- ²³ He takes the power of princes away from them.
He reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.
- ²⁴ They are planted.
They are scattered like seeds.
They put down roots in the ground.
But as soon as that happens, God blows on them and they dry up.
Then a windstorm sweeps them away like straw.
- ²⁵ "So who will you compare me with?
Who is equal to me?" says the Holy One.
- ²⁶ Look up toward the sky.
Who created everything you see?
The LORD causes the stars to come out at night one by one.
He calls out each one of them by name.
His power and strength are great.
So none of the stars is missing.
- ²⁷ Family of Jacob, why do you complain,
"The LORD doesn't notice our condition"?
People of Israel, why do you say,
"Our God doesn't pay any attention to our rightful claims"?
- ²⁸ Don't you know who made everything?
Haven't you heard about him?
The LORD is the God who lives forever.
He created everything on earth.
He won't become worn out or get tired.
No one will ever know how great his understanding is.
- ²⁹ He gives strength to those who are tired.
He gives power to those who are weak.
- ³⁰ Even young people become worn out and get tired.
Even the best of them trip and fall.
- ³¹ But those who trust in the LORD
will receive new strength.
They will fly as high as eagles.
They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not grow weak.