

## SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

**Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word.**

**Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life**

**January 30, 2023** - Israel the Chosen - [Isaiah 44:1-23](#)

*Open It*

1. When have you desperately wanted to be able to "start over again" in a conversation or relationship with another person?
2. How do you explain the fact that people with children often have a strong desire for their children to have a better life than they have had themselves?

*Explore It*

3. Having just announced His judgment on Israel's pride, how did God, through Isaiah, comfort His people? ([44:1-2](#))
4. What images from nature illustrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on humankind? ([44:3-4](#))
5. In the bright future prophesied by Isaiah, how will people feel about being identified as the people of God? ([44:5](#))
6. How does God compare with other gods that people worship? ([44:6](#))
7. What challenge from the living God are the idols unable to answer? ([44:7](#))
8. What is the role of God's people in relation to the sovereignty of God? ([44:8](#))
9. Despite how they might initially be received, what will be brought to light about those who manufacture idols? ([44:9-11](#))
10. What is a telltale sign that the blacksmith who fashions an idol is no different from anyone else? ([44:12](#))
11. Where does the carpenter get the model and the materials for making false gods? ([44:13-14](#))
12. What is particularly ironic to God about the fact that people use wood for idol-making? ([44:15-19](#))
13. What is the state of the soul of the person who makes his or her own idol and then worships it? ([44:20](#))

14. What did God do on Israel's behalf (even though they didn't deserve it) that Isaiah said should motivate Israel to return to God? ([44:21-22](#))

15. What did Isaiah envision as appropriate praise for what God had done for Israel? ([44:23](#))

*Get It*

16. How would you explain our dependence on God for both mortal and eternal life?

17. What do we need in order to flourish spiritually?

18. Why are we sometimes hesitant to let others know that we belong to God?

19. In what respects is God in a totally different category from the images and things that people worship?

20. Referring to this passage, about what great truth are believers called to tell others?

*Apply It*

21. How can you and your Christian friends encourage one another to let unbelievers know about the unique saving power of God?

22. How can you identify and renounce the idols (false gods) that you might be tempted to make for yourself?