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Great Chapters  
Isaiak XL.

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GREAT CHAPTERS.

ISAIAH XL--XLI.7.

INTRODUCTION.

The close connection between XXXV and XL.

The closing word of xxxv.

"Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away".

The first word of xl.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God."

The great word of xxxv is:-

"Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you." (verse 4)

The great word of xl is:-

"Behold, your God!  
"Behold, the sovereign Lord Jehovah will come."  
(Verses 9.10)

Thirty-five sings of the Fact.

Forty introduces the account of the Method.

Again the background is "The Wilderness".

In itself it is a great Prologue to the rest of the book.

It has two Movements.

A. An Announcement through VOICES. XL.1-11.

B. An Argument through a QUESTIONARY.  
XL.12-XLI.7.

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A. THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

I. First and General Statement. 1-2.  
"Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people,  
saith your God."

*Divine Purpose.*

II. The Voice of the Herald. 3-5.  
Prepare the way of Jehovah.

*Human Responsibility.*

III. The Voice of Authority. 6<sup>a</sup>  
"Cry."

*Proclamation Commanded.*

IV. The Voice of Obedience. 6<sup>b</sup>  
"What shall I cry?"

*Content Demanded.*

V. The Voice of Authority-Answering. 6<sup>c</sup>-8.  
"The Word of our God."

*How the Wilderness has Caused  
the unchanging WORD.*

VI. The Resultant Message. "THE GOSPEL." 9-11.  
God.  
Adonai Jehovah.  
The Shepherd of His Flock.

*So Far; The Process not revealed.  
The PURPOSE declared.*

*And the Person is E-A-I-  
Now:- What is He? The Questionary - - ->*

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B. THE ARGUMENT.

NOTE. The Questionary Form.  
Fifteen notes of Interrogation.  
← ~ ~ ~ ~ These group themselves around four  
Manifestations of God.

I. His splendid Isolation as Creator.  
12-17.

Note the Questions.

"Who hath measured?"

"Who hath directed the Spirit  
of Jehovah?"

"With whom took He counsel?"

*This is the ONE WHO,  
Will make the Wilderness & the Dry Land glad - and  
the Desert rejoice - & blossom as the Rose.*

II. His Transcendence of Similitude. 18-26

Note the Questions.

"To whom will ye liken God?"

"What likeness will ye compare unto  
Him?"  
The Satire on Attempts.

"Have ye not known?"

"Have ye not heard?"

"Hath it not been told you from the  
Beginning?"

"Have ye not understood from the  
Foundations of the World?"  
The Declaration. "He that sitteth"

"To whom then will ye liken Me"?  
Look to the Heights- The Universe.

*This is the ONE ~ ~  
Nothing within His CREATION can perfectly represent  
Him.  
Yet - there came a day!  
"Have ye not known" ~ ~ to Philip.*

III. His Immanence in Strength. 27-41.

Note the Questions.

"Why sayest thou..?"

As though such a God could be ignorant or careless.

"Hast thou not known?"

"Hast thou not heard?"

The everlasting God.

Jehovah.

Creator of the ends of the Earth.

In Himself--Fainteth not.

Neither is weary.

Fathomless Knowledge.

In His Action. "He giveth".

The Result.

"They that wait.."

*This is the ONE.*

IV. His Action in Government. 41:1-7.

Note the Questions.

The Call To Silence.

To Strength.

To Approach.

To Speech.

To Fellowship.

"Who hath raised up one from the East?"

The Action outside Israel--Cyrus.

"Who hath wrought and done it?"

"I--Jehovah--First and Last--I am H e."

Note the strange Ending. 5-7.

A satirical Description of the attempts to make gods to aid them when Cyrus the instrument of Jehovah approaches.

CONCLUSION.

The ~~Central~~ Central Word--

"Behold your God."

How is Hee seen?

Determined to Reveal His Glory.

True to His Word.

Thus creating a Gospel.

Who is He?

Creator.

Sustainer.

Unwearying.

Active.