

GOD'S UNFAILING COMFORT Isa. 40:27-31

Lesson 1—Answers for Review Questions

1. **Answer:**

STATEMENTS	CORRECT REFERENCE	JUMBLED REFERENCES
The persecuted righteous will be blessed.	Matt. 5:10-12	
Do not think it strange to experience “fiery trials.”	1 Peter 4:12	
Despite the opposition, etc. in Jesus Christ we have peace.	John 16:33	
Christ is always with us.	Matt. 28:20	
I am persuaded He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him.	2 Tim. 1:12	

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2. **Answer:**

- (a) The Book of Isaiah is centered on the Babylonian exile.
- (b) Their captivity began 586 BC when Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and enslaved the Jewish people.
- (c) The captivity in Babylon was ended in 539BC when Cyrus of Persia allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple.

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3. **Answer:**

- (a) In essence Isaiah 40 deals with: “The Comfort and Majesty of God.”
- (b) The message was important to Israel because it was delivered during their exile and:
 - (1) They were in a state of captivity (bondage).
 - (2) They were helpless and powerless, not having the resources to liberate themselves.
 - (3) They saw no way out, to them it was a time of darkness, despair and doom.

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4. **Answer:**

Isa. 40:27a “Why sayest thou ...?” was meant to reprove Israel for their want of confidence in God.

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5. **Answer:**

Item (d) “God’s kindness and love.”

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6. **Answer:**

The conditions of a covenant were an agreement entered in by two parties, who walked between the two halves of the slain animals. The act symbolized that; if they didn’t

keep the promise of the covenant they would perish just like the slain animals (Gen. 15:17).

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7. **Answer:**

By their statement “My way is hid from the Lord and my judgment is passed over from my God” (Isa. 40:27); Israel was saying that God was ignorant of their condition; He did not regard their calamities and He has not decided to deliver them.

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8. **Answer:**

(a) Israel’s manner of thinking revealed in Isa. 40:27 is wrong, totally way off track. The fact remains, “How would God, who keeps track of His heavenly body lose track of His own people; the people with whom He has covenanted?”

(b) The statement: “My way is hid from the Lord and my judgment is passed over from my God;” revealed that the Jews think themselves were treated unjustly.

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9. **Answer:**

The reality is the exiles asking such questions, Isa. 40:27, are disregarding the real facts; they disregarded their sins and the sins of their fathers.

For more information see pages 5 to 6.

10. **Answer:**

The purpose of chastisement note in Heb. 12:9-13 (Briefly presented here)

(a) We shall live eternally v. 9

(b) We shall be partakers of His holiness, of His very character (v. 10)

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11. **Answer:**

“Hast thou not known?” Isa. 40:28a: This refers to the fact that the Jewish people had an abundant opportunity of learning.

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12. **Answer:**

Item (d) not a product of blind chance.

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13. **Answer:**

The message here is very simple to understand. “God does not faint or become exhausted.

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14. **Answer:**

(a) 105 (b) verse 8 (c) mindful (d) forever (e) imprinted (f) heart (g) commanded

(h) established.

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15. Answer:

Isa. 40:28f: "... there is no searching to His understanding." (KJV). The Amplified Bible brings out the meaning of this quote: "No one can measure the depths of His understanding. The fact remains, God is Creator and is therefore infinitely wise. See pages 10 and 11

16. Answer:

(a) Three ways God is beyond our comprehension:

- (1) We cannot comprehend God's eternal nature, stretching from beyond time to the end.
- (2) We cannot comprehend the scope of God's creation, extending beyond our horizons in every direction.
- (3) We cannot comprehend God's energy, which is infinite as everything else is about Him.

(b) True; God is beyond our understanding but:

- (1) He is not beyond our knowing. It is possible to know Him because He has made Himself known.
- (2) He has revealed Himself and we can know Him.

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17. Answer:

Israel had no reason to complain that their situation was unknown or overlooked by God (Isa. 40:27-29), because God who has made all things, are intimately acquainted with all the wants of His people.

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18. Answer:

(a) speaks (b) people (c) faith (d) hope (e) low (f) assurance (g) faithfulness
(h) deliverance.

19. Answer:

(a) The purpose of Isa. 40:29 was to give consolation to the afflicted and down-trodden people in Babylon (The Jews)

(b) Isaiah effectively applied this by reminding the Jews that it was one of the characteristics of God that He ministered strength to those who were conscious of their own feebleness, and who look to Him for support.

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20. Answer:

Line (b) weary and strengthen the weak.

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