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Isaiah 41:1 NIV

“Be silent before me, you islands!
Let the nations renew their
strength!

“Let them come forward and
speak; let us meet together at
the place of judgment.”



Isaiah 41:2-3 NIV

“Who has stirred up one from the east, calling him in righteousness to his service? He hands nations over to him and subdues kings before him. He turns them to dust with his sword, to windblown chaff with his bow.

“He pursues them and moves on unscathed, by a path his feet have not traveled before.”

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

Cyrus the Great
(559-530 BC)






Isaiah 41:4 NIV


“Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning?

“I, the LORD – with the first of them and with the last – I am he.”




Isaiah 41:5-7 NIV

The islands have seen it and fear;
the ends of the earth tremble.
They approach and come
forward; they help each other
and say to their companions, “Be
strong!”



Isaiah 41:5-7 NIV

The metalworker encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer spurs on the one who strikes the anvil. One says of the welding, "It is good." The other nails down the idol so it will not topple.



Isaiah 41:8-9 NIV


“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.”



Isaiah 41:10 NIV

“So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am
your God.

“I will strengthen you and help
you; I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.”



Psalm 31:22; 33:20 NIV

In my alarm I said, “I am cut off from your sight!” Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.



Psalm 28:7 NIV

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trust in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.