

Isaiah 41:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know?
and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there
is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea,
there is none that heareth your words.

Analysis

God challenges: who among false prophets declared this from the beginning or beforetime? The threefold response—'there is none that sheweth, none that declareth, none that heareth your words'—emphasizes total absence of genuine prophecy from false sources. Silence proves fraud; fulfilled prophecy proves divinity.

Historical Context

This rhetorical question has obvious answer: only Isaiah, speaking for the LORD, predicted Cyrus by name 150 years before his birth (44:28, 45:1). No Babylonian source made such specific predictions.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the Bible's track record of fulfilled prophecy strengthen your faith?
2. What does the absence of genuine prophecy from false religions reveal about their claims?

Interlinear Text

מִי H4310	מִגַּד יָד H5046	מֵרֵאשִׁית H7218	וְנִדְעָה H3045	וּמִלְפָּנֵי יָם H6440
Who hath declared	from the beginning	that we may know	and beforetime	
וְנֹאמַר רַ H559	צַדִּיק יֵקֵן H6662	אֵין אֵין H637 H369	מִגַּד יָד H5046	אֵין אֵין H637 H369
that we may say	He is righteous	Who hath declared		
שֵׁמָּה עַ H8085	שֵׁמָּה עַ H8085	אֵין אֵין H637 H369	שֵׁמָּה עַ H8085	
yea there is none that declareth	yea there is none that declareth	yea there is none that declareth		
אֲמַרְיָכֶם: H561				
your words				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 41:22 (Parallel theme): Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

Isaiah 44:7 (Parallel theme): And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

Isaiah 45:21 (Righteousness): Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from

that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

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