

# Isaiah 42:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?

## Analysis

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The prophet calls for attentive response: 'Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?' The Hebrew 'azan' (give ear) and 'qashab' (attend) emphasize careful, ongoing attention. Past failure demands present learning for future wisdom.

## Historical Context

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This challenges both contemporary exiles and future generations to learn from Israel's history. God's judgments teach lessons that must be heeded to avoid repeating tragic patterns.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What lessons from biblical history are you failing to apply to present circumstances?
2. How can you give attentive ear to Scripture's warnings for your spiritual future?

## Interlinear Text

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H4310		Who among you will give ear		to this who will hearken
וְשָׁמַעַ H8085	לְאַחֲרָיִם H268			
and hear	for the time to come			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 48:18** (Parallel theme): O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: