

**That They May Know That I Am The Lord
The Call and Purpose of God's People
Isaiah 48**

- I. A Call To Hear (1-9)
 - A. A call to the house of Jacob
 - B. Who have denied by their lives their religious confession
 - C. What should they hear?
 - 1. Things from of old, that have come to pass
 - 2. New things, that God is bringing about presently
 - D. Why won't they hear?
 - 1. Obstinate
 - 2. Idolatry
 - 3. Rebels from birth
- II. A Call To See (10-11)
 - A. See God's work of correction
 - 1. A refining fire
 - 2. One based in affliction
 - B. Why the suffering?
 - 1. So that God's name will not be profaned
 - 2. So that God's glory can be magnified
- III. A Threefold Call To Listen (12-19)
 - A. Listen – I have called you by my sovereign power (12-13)
 - 1. I am the first and the last
 - 2. I am the maker of heaven and earth
 - B. Listen – I have a mouthpiece
 - 1. Likely Cyrus
 - 2. Certainly Jesus
 - C. Listen – I have not been secretive in my work
 - 1. Best understood as Isaiah
 - 2. Certainly interpreted as Jesus
- IV. A Call to Go Forth and Declare (20-22)
 - A. What do we declare – redemption
 - B. How is this shown – God's mercy
 - 1. Water from the rock
 - 2. Which is Christ
 - C. The tension of the wicked not receiving peace