

Jeshurun, My Chosen One
Part 2: A Name to Uphold

Introduction: Witnessing Wonders and Blunders...Just what is a Witness anyway?

As God's *Jeshurun*, we are to be His Witnesses !

I. Isaiah 44:1-8 [OT Israel]

⇒ BUT NOW, LISTEN (v1)

Bondage and captivity is not the final word. Grace is available *now*.

⇒ DO NOT FEAR (v2)

God has not abandoned them; He assures them that they are still his chosen servants, His *Jeshurun*.

⇒ SPIRIT (v3)

Without divine intervention, God's people would remain spiritually dead. God's spirit gives them New Life, New Beginning, New Hope. His Spirit enables them to do what they could not on their own.

⇒ WITNESS (v8)

Witnesses to The Holiness of God and the Love of God.

** In an world where people and things are unreliable, God's word never fails. He is strong and faithful like a Rock. He is Faithful in Holiness, Faithful in Love.

** God's Love calls Israel out of bondage, into a New Life.

II. Isaiah 44:1-8 [NT Church]

⇒ BUT NOW, LISTEN (Rom.3:21ff)

⇒ DO NOT FEAR (Rom.8:1-7)

⇒ SPIRIT (Rom.8:14-17)

⇒ WITNESS (Acts 1:8)

** A Witness is not one who simply tells the story about Jesus; a Witness is one who is living proof that the gospel message is valid and true.

** We are all Witnesses to the reality of the gospel and its transforming power.

*** The Theological insight of Karl Barth:

“Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so.