

The Last "I Am." Isaiah Ch. 48

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- **The Text: "Let's see where we're at."**
 - A reminder of the original promise.
 - From the beginning you have been:
 - Untruthful: v.1, _____
 - Obstinate: v.4, _____
 - Idolatrous: v.5, _____
 - Treacherous: v.6-8, _____
 - This has also been true of mankind since the fall.
 - A change in focus
 - No longer for your sake, but for Mine.
 - I have tested and refined you, but . . . v.10, _____
 - But no longer can I allow my name to be profaned: v.11 _____
 - Must I remind you, "I Am the One:" v.12-13, _____
 - The emergence of a "New" voice.
 - Two voices: v.16, _____
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 - "If only" you had listened: v.18, _____
 - You would have been protected, v.19, _____
 - The hint of a change coming.
 - The coming Servant : Ch. 49-53, _____
 - The "New Nation:" 55:5, _____
 - A "New" righteousness: Ch. 58, _____
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 - **Straddling the Ages.**
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- The surrounding nations "after:" _____
- The beginning of God's "diversity" plan: _____
- 500 years to the dividing line of world history: _____
 - What changed?
 - Redemption: _____
 - Human relations: _____
 - Divine-human relations: _____

Straddling the Ages today

- The instability of our times
 - Politics: _____
 - Culture: _____
 - Morality: _____
 - _____
- A change in "what is to come" thinking
 - Is there fear or hope? _____
 - What are the signs of the times?
 - My how time flies! _____
 - Acquisitiveness. _____
 - Pointless selfishness. _____
 - Etc.: _____

The real "Fear Factor."

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