

# Shepherd's Gate Church



## Washed or Melted Isaiah 48:1-22

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# **The Test of a Prophet:**

**Deuteronomy 13:1-5, 18:21-22**

1 John 4:1

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because many **false prophets** have gone out into the world.

# Definition:

A prophet is an authorized spokesman for God who receives **new divine revelation** and communicates its message.

# Deuteronomy 18:21–22

21 “You may say in your heart,  
‘How will we know the word  
which the Lord has **not**  
**spoken?**’ ...

# Deuteronomy 18:21–22

22 “When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing **does not come about or come true**, that is the thing which the Lord has **not spoken**. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

# Deuteronomy 13:1–3a

<sup>1</sup> “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,...

# Deuteronomy 13:1–3a

<sup>2</sup> and the sign or the wonder **comes true**, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, **‘Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’** <sup>3a</sup> you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams



# Deuteronomy 13:3b–4

3<sup>b</sup> for the Lord your God is **testing** you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ...

# **Deuteronomy 13:3b–4**

**4 “You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.**

# Deuteronomy 13:5

<sup>5</sup> “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to **death**, because he has counseled rebellion against the Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, ...

# Deuteronomy 13:5

<sup>5</sup> to seduce you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

## **Matthew 18:15–17**

**<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. <sup>16</sup> “But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. ...**

# Matthew 18:15–17

<sup>17</sup> “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, **let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.**

# Ephesians 2:20

(we are of God's Household)...

<sup>20</sup> having been built on the **foundation** of the apostles and **prophets**, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

# 1 Corinthians 13:8a

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails; but if there are gifts of **prophecy**, they will be **done away**;





# Isaiah 48:1a

1a “Hear this, O house of **Jacob**,  
who are named **Israel** And who  
came forth from the loins of  
**Judah**,

# Isaiah 48:1b

**1<sup>b</sup> Who swear by the name of  
the LORD And invoke the God of  
Israel,**

# Isaiah 48:1c

<sup>1c</sup> But not in **truth** nor in  
**righteousness.**

# Isaiah 48:2

**2 “For they call themselves  
after the holy city And lean on  
the God of Israel; The LORD of  
hosts is His name.**

# Isaiah 48:3a

3a “I declared the **former things**  
long ago And they went forth  
from My mouth, and I  
proclaimed them.

# Isaiah 48:3b

<sup>3b</sup> Suddenly I acted, and **they**  
**came to pass.**

# Isaiah 48:4

4 “Because I know that you are **obstinate**, And your neck is an **iron sinew** And your forehead **bronze**,



# Isaiah 48:5

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I declared them to you long ago, Before they took place I proclaimed them to you, **So that you would not say, 'My idol has done them, And my graven image and my molten image have commanded them.'**

# Isaiah 48:6a

6a “You have heard; look at all this. And you, will you not declare it?”

# Isaiah 48:6b

<sup>6b</sup> I proclaim to you **new things**  
from this time, Even hidden  
things which you have not  
known.

# Isaiah 48:7

7 “They are created now and not long ago; And before today you have not heard them, **So that you will not say, ‘Behold, I knew them.’**”

# Isaiah 48:8a

8a “You have not heard, you have not known. Even from long ago your ear has not been open,

# Isaiah 48:8b

<sup>8b</sup> Because I knew that you  
would deal very **treacherously**;  
And you have been called a  
**rebel from birth.**

Isaiah 48:9a

9a “For the sake of **My Name**

# Isaiah 48:9b

<sup>9b</sup> I **delay** My wrath,



# Isaiah 48:9c

<sup>9c</sup> And for My **praise** I **restrain** it  
for you,

# Isaiah 48:9d

<sup>9d</sup> In order not to **cut you off.**

# Psalm 78:38

<sup>38</sup> But He, being **compassionate**, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them; And often He **restrained** His anger And **did not arouse** all His wrath.

# Ezekiel 33:11

<sup>11</sup> “Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord God, ‘I take **no pleasure** in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’

# Isaiah 48:10

<sup>10</sup> “Behold, I have **refined** you,  
but not as silver; I have **tested**  
you in the furnace of affliction.



# Affliction



# Jacob and the Angel of the Lord



# Genesis 32:28

<sup>28</sup> (The Angel of the Lord) said,  
“Your name shall no longer be  
**Jacob (supplanter)**, but **Israel**;  
for you have **striven with God**  
and with men and have  
**prevailed.**”



# Isaiah 48:11

<sup>11</sup> “For **My own sake**, for **My own sake**, I will act; For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another.

# Marduk



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# Isaiah 48:12a

12a “Listen to Me, O **Jacob**, even **Israel** whom I called;

# Isaiah 48:12b

<sup>12b</sup> I am He, I am the **first**, I am  
also the **last**.

# Isaiah 48:13

<sup>13</sup> “Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together.

# Isaiah 48:14a

<sup>14a</sup> “**Assemble, all of you, and listen!**

# Isaiah 48:14b

**<sup>14b</sup> Who among them has  
declared these things?**



Isaiah 48:14c

<sup>14c</sup> The LORD **loves** him;

# Isaiah 48:14d

<sup>14d</sup> he will carry out His good  
pleasure on **Babylon**, And His  
arm will be **against the**  
**Chaldeans.**

# Isaiah 48:15a

15a “I, even I, have spoken;

# Isaiah 48:15b

<sup>15b</sup> indeed I have called him,

# Isaiah 48:15c

<sup>15c</sup> I have brought him,

# Isaiah 48:15d

<sup>15d</sup> and He will make his ways  
successful.

# Isaiah 48:16a

16a “Come near to Me, listen to  
this:

# Isaiah 48:16b

<sup>16b</sup> **From the first** I have not  
spoken in secret,



# Isaiah 48:16c

<sup>16c</sup> From the time **it took place**, I  
was there.

# Isaiah 48:16d

<sup>16d</sup> And now the **Lord GOD** has sent **Me**, and **His Spirit.**”

# Isaiah 48:17a

<sup>17a</sup> Thus says the **LORD**, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,

# Isaiah 48:17b

17b “I am the LORD your God,  
who teaches you to **profit**,

Isaiah 48:17c

<sup>17c</sup> Who **leads you** in the way  
you should go.

# Isaiah 48:18a

18a “**If only** you had paid  
attention to My  
commandments!

# Isaiah 48:18b

<sup>18b</sup> Then your **well-being** would  
have been like a **river**,

# Columbia River

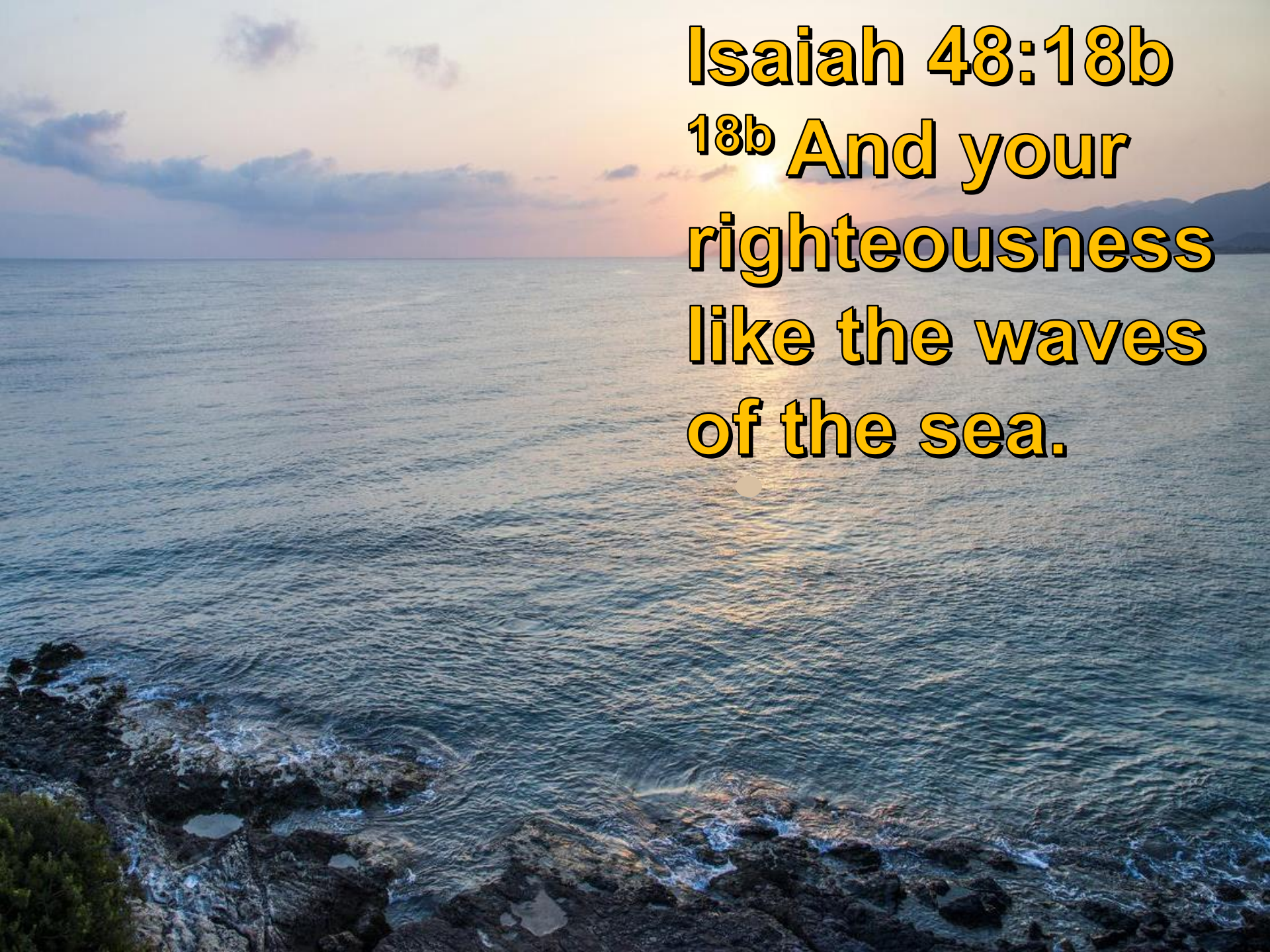
An aerial photograph of the Columbia River valley. The river flows through the center, flanked by lush green fields and dense forests. In the background, rolling mountains are visible under a clear blue sky. The text 'Columbia River' is overlaid at the top in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline.

**Well-  
being**



**Isaiah 48:18b**

**18b And your  
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# Micah 7:19

**19 He will again  
have compassion  
on us; He will  
tread our  
iniquities under  
foot. Yes, You will  
cast all their sins  
Into the depths of  
the sea.**





# Isaiah 48:19a

**19a “Your descendants would  
have been like the sand, And  
your offspring like its grains;**



# Isaiah 48:19a

19a “Your descendants would  
have been like the sand, And  
your offspring like its grains;











# Isaiah 48:19b

**19b Their name would never be cut off or destroyed from My presence.”**

# Warsaw Ghetto



# Hebrews 13:5

**5 “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU,  
NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE  
YOU,”**

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# Isaiah 48:20a

<sup>20a</sup> **Go forth from Babylon! Flee  
from the Chaldeans!**



# Isaiah 48:20b

<sup>20b</sup> Declare with the sound of joyful shouting,

# Isaiah 48:20c

<sup>20c</sup> proclaim this, Send it out to  
the end of the earth;



**Isaiah 48:20d**

**20d Say, “The LORD has  
redeemed His servant Jacob.”**

# Isaiah 48:21

<sup>21</sup> They did not thirst when He led them through the deserts. He made the water flow out of the rock for them; He split the rock and the water gushed forth.

# Isaiah 48:22

22 “There is no peace for the wicked,” says the LORD.

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# Ephesians 4:30

<sup>30</sup> Do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

# Proverbs 17:3

<sup>3</sup> The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests hearts.



# 1 Peter 1:6–7

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various **trials**, ...

# **1 Peter 1:6–7**

**7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**



# Hebrews 12:11

<sup>11</sup> All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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