

ISAIAH CHAPTER 43

¹ And now thus says the Lord God that made you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: "Fear not; for I have redeemed you, I have called you *by* your name; you are Mine. ² And if you pass through water, I am with you; and the rivers shall not overflow you; and if you go through the fire, you shall not be burned; the flame shall not burn you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, that saves you; I have made Egypt and Ethiopia your ransom, and *have given* Seba for you. ⁴ Since you became precious in My sight, you have become glorious, and I have loved you; and I will give men for you, and princes for your life. ⁵ Fear not; for I am with you; I will bring your seed from the east, and will gather you from the west. ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up'; and to the south, 'Do not keep them back'; bring My sons from the *land* afar off, and My daughters from the ends of the earth; ⁷ *even* all who are called by My name; for I have prepared him for My glory, and I have formed him, and have made him; ⁸ and I have brought forth the blind people; for *their* eyes are as if they were blind, and those that have ears are deaf. ⁹ All the nations are gathered together, and princes shall be gathered out of them; who will declare these things? Or who will declare to you things from the beginning? Let them bring forth their witnesses, and be justified; and let them hear, and declare the truth.

¹⁰ "Be My witnesses, and I *too am* a witness," says the Lord God, "and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may know, and believe, and understand that I am *He*; before Me there was no other God, and after Me there shall be none. ¹¹ I am God; and beside Me there is no savior. ¹² I have declared, and have saved; I have reproached, and there was no strange *god* among you; you are My witnesses, and I am the Lord God, ¹³ *even* from the beginning; and there is none that can deliver out of My hands; I will work, and who shall turn it back?"

¹⁴ Thus says the Lord God that redeems you, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sakes I will send to Babylon, and I will stir up all that flee, and the Chaldeans shall be bound in ships. ¹⁵ I am the Lord God, your Holy One, who has appointed for Israel your king."

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty water; ¹⁷ who brought forth chariots and horse, and a mighty multitude; but they have laid down, and shall not rise; they are extinct, as quenched flax: ¹⁸ "Do not remember the former things, and do not consider the ancient things. ¹⁹ Behold, I *will* do new things, which shall presently spring forth, and you shall know them; and I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the dry land; ²⁰ the beasts of the field shall bless Me, the owls and young ostriches; for I have given water in the wilderness, and rivers in the dry land, to give drink to My chosen race, ²¹ My people whom I have preserved to tell forth My praises.

²² "I have not now called you, O Jacob; neither have I made you weary, O Israel. ²³ You have not brought Me the sheep of your burnt offering; neither have you glorified Me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with sacrifices, neither have I wearied you with frankincense. ²⁴ Neither have you purchased for Me victims for silver, neither have I desired the fat of your sacrifices; but you stood before Me in your sins, and in your iniquities.

²⁵ “I, *even* I, am He that blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and your sins; and I will remember *them* no more. ²⁶ Put Me in remembrance, and let us contend *together*; confess your transgressions first, that you may be justified. ²⁷ Your fathers first, and your princes have transgressed against Me. ²⁸ And the princes have defiled My sanctuaries; so I gave Jacob *to enemies* to destroy, and Israel to reproach.