

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VI. Isaiah’s Divine *Prophecies* of Consolation for Israel (40:1-48:22)

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1. Israel’s Redemption Proclaimed (43:1-4)

43 But **now**, thus says the LORD, your **Creator, O Jacob,**
and **He** who **formed you, O Israel,**

“Do **not fear**, for I have redeemed you;
I have **called you** by name; you are **Mine!**

²“When you pass through the **waters**, I will be **with you**;
and through the **rivers**, they will not **overflow you**.

When you **walk** through the **fire**, you will **not be scorched**,
Nor will the **flame burn you**.

³“For **I am** the LORD your **God**,
The **Holy One of Israel**, your **Savior**;
I have given **Egypt** as your ransom,
Cush and **Seba** in **your place**.

⁴“Since you are **precious** in **My sight**,
Since you are **honored** and I **love you**, I will give
other men in your place and **other peoples** in exchange for **your life**.

2. Israel’s Regathering Predicted (43:5-7)

⁵“Do **not fear**, for I am **with you**;
I will bring your offspring from the **east**, and gather you from the **west**.

⁶“I will say to the **north**, ‘Give *them* up!’

And to the **south**, 'Do not hold *them* back.'
Bring My sons from **afar** and **My daughters** from the **ends** of the **earth**,

⁷ Everyone who is **called by My name**, and whom **I have created** for **My glory**,
Whom I have **formed**, even whom I have **made**."

3. Israel's **Role** as **God's Witness** (43:8-13)

⁸ **Bring out** the **people** who are **blind**, even though they have **eyes**,
and the **deaf**, even though they have **ears**.

⁹ **All the nations** have **gathered together**
So that the **peoples** may be **assembled**.

Who among them can **declare this** and **proclaim** to us the **former things**?
Let them **present** their **witnesses** that they may be **justified**,
or let them **hear** and **say**, "It is **true**."

¹⁰ "You are **My witnesses**," declares **the LORD**,
"And **My servant** whom I have **chosen**,
So that you may **know** and **believe Me** and **understand** that **I am He**.

Before Me there was **no God formed**,
and there will be **none after Me**.

¹¹ "I, **even I**, am **the LORD**, and there is **no savior** besides **Me**.

¹² "It is **I** who have **declared** and **saved** and **proclaimed**,
and there was **no strange god** among you;
So you are **My witnesses**," declares **the LORD**, "And **I am God**."

¹³ "Even from **eternity** I am **He**,
and there is **none** who can **deliver out of My hand**;
I act and **who can reverse it?**"

Personal Application

Like **Israel**, **We too** are **called** to be **God's Witnesses**

1. **We too** are **called** to be a **Witness** to the **nations**

"You (**Israel**) are **My witnesses**," declares **the LORD**,
"And **My servant** whom I have **chosen**, (43:10)
He (Jesus) said to **them (His disciples)**,..
but you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you;
and **you** shall be **My witnesses** both in **Jerusalem**,
and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**,
and even to the **remotest part** of the **earth**."(Acts 1:7a, 8)

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**,

teaching them to observe all that **I commanded you**; and lo,
I am with you always, even to the end of the **age**.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

...but **sanctify Messiah** as **Lord** in your **hearts**,
always *being ready* to make a **defense** to everyone who **asks you**
to give an **account** for the **hope** that is **in you**,
yet with **gentleness** and **reverence**; (I Peter 3:15)

2. *We too* are to be **Witnesses** of the *fulfillment* His Prophetic Word

And **He** ordered **us** (**Jesus’ disciples**) to **preach** to the **people**,
and solemnly to **testify** that this is the **One (Jesus)**
who has been **appointed by God** as **Judge** of the **living** and the **dead**.

Of **Him** all the prophets bear witness that through **His name**
everyone who **believes in Him** receives **forgiveness of sins**.” (Acts 10:42-43)

So, having obtained **help** from **God**, **I (Paul)** stand to this day
testifying both to small and great, stating **nothing**
but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to **take place**;
that the **Messiah** was to **suffer**,

and that by reason of **His resurrection** from the **dead**
He would be the first to **proclaim light** both to the **Jewish people**
and to the **Gentiles**.” (Acts 26:22-23)

3. *We also* bear **Witness** that **from God** comes our Salvation

“I, even **I**, **am the LORD**, and there is **no savior besides Me**.” (43:11)

For **God** so **loved** the **world**, that **He gave His only begotten Son**,
that whoever **believes in Him** shall **not perish**, but have **eternal life**.

For **God** did not **send the Son** into the world to **judge** the world,
but that the world might **be saved through Him**. (John 3:16-17)

But when the **kindness** of God our Savior and **His love** for mankind **appeared**,
He saved us, **not** on the basis of **deeds** which we have done in **righteousness**,
but according to **His mercy**, by the **washing of regeneration**
and **renewing** by the **Holy Spirit**, whom **He poured out** upon us richly
through Jesus the Messiah our Savior, (Titus 3:4-6)

Now all *these things* are **from God**,
who **reconciled us** to **Himself through Messiah**

and gave **us** the **ministry of reconciliation**,

namely, that **God** was **in Messiah reconciling** the world to **Himself**,
not counting their **trespasses** against them,
and **He** has committed to us the **word of reconciliation**.
(II Corinthians 5:18-19)

4. *We too* are called to bear **Witness** of the **Uniqueness** of our **God**

“**Before Me** there was **no God** formed,
and there will be **none after Me**.” (43:10b)

But **you (believers)** are A CHOSEN RACE, A **royal PRIESTHOOD**, A **HOLY NATION**,
A **PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION**,
so that **you** may **proclaim** the **excellencies** of **Him**
who has **called you** out of **darkness** into **His marvelous light**; (I Peter 2:9)

“Now to the **King eternal, immortal, invisible**, the **only God**,
be honor and **glory** forever and ever. Amen.” I Timothy 1:17)

5. *We too* are called to bear **Witness** of the **Sovereignty** of **God**.

So you are **My witnesses**,” declares **the LORD**, “And **I am God**.”

“Even from **eternity I am He**,
and there is **none** who can **deliver** out of **My hand**;
I act and **who can reverse it?**”(43:12b-13)

I charge you in the **presence of God**, who **gives life** to **all things**,
and of **Messiah Jesus**, who **testified** the **good confession** before Pontius Pilate,

that you keep the **commandment** without **stain** or **reproach**
until the **appearing** of our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**,

which **He** will **bring about** at the **proper time**—
He who is the **blessed** and **only Sovereign**,
the **King of kings** and **Lord of lords**,
who alone possesses **immortality** and **dwells** in **unapproachable light**,
whom **no man** has **seen** or **can see**.
To **Him** **be honor** and **eternal dominion!** Amen. (I Timothy 6:13-16)