

# Isaiah

## “The Evangelical Prophet”

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

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#### 4. Israel’s *Restoration* from Babylonian Exile (43:14-21)

<sup>14</sup> Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
“For your sake I have sent to Babylon,  
and will bring them all down as *fugitives*,

Even the **Chaldeans**, into the **ships** in which they rejoice.

<sup>15</sup> “I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
**Who** makes a way through the sea  
and a path through the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> **Who** brings forth the *chariot* and the *horse*, the *army* and the *mighty man*  
(They will lie down together and not rise again;  
They have been *quenched* and *extinguished* like a *wick*):

<sup>18</sup> “Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past.

<sup>19</sup> “Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth;  
will you not be aware of it?

I will even make a *roadway* in the wilderness, *rivers* in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> “The **beasts** of the field will **glorify Me**, the **jackals** and the **ostriches**, because I have given **waters** in the **wilderness** and **rivers** in the **desert**, to **give drink** to **My chosen people**.

<sup>21</sup> “The **people** whom I **formed** for **Myself** will **declare My praise**.

## 5. Israel’s *Recalcitrance* Recalled (43:22-28)

<sup>22</sup> “Yet **you** have **not called on Me**, O **Jacob**;  
but you have become **weary of Me**, O **Israel**.

<sup>23</sup> “You have **not** brought to **Me** the **sheep** of your **burnt offerings**,  
**nor** have you **honored Me** with your **sacrifices**.  
I have **not burdened you** with **offerings**,  
nor **wearied you** with **incense**.

<sup>24</sup> “You have bought **Me no sweet cane** with **money**,  
**nor** have you **filled Me** with the **fat** of your **sacrifices**;  
rather you have **burdened Me** with your **sins**,  
you have **wearied Me** with your **iniquities**.

<sup>25</sup> “**I, even I**, am the one who **wipes out** your **transgressions** for **My own sake**,  
and **I will not remember** your **sins**.

<sup>26</sup> “Put **Me in remembrance**, let us **argue our case** together;  
**state your cause**, that you may be **proved right**.

<sup>27</sup> “Your **first forefather sinned**,  
and your **spokesmen** have **transgressed** against **Me**.

<sup>28</sup> “So I will **pollute** the **princes** of the **sanctuary**,  
and I will **consign Jacob** to the **ban** and **Israel to revilement**.

## 6. Israel’s *Revival* Predicted (44:1-5)

**44** “But now **listen, O Jacob, My servant**, and **Israel**, whom I have **chosen**:

<sup>2</sup> Thus says **the LORD** who **made you**  
and **formed you** from the **womb**, who will **help you**,  
‘Do **not** fear, O **Jacob My servant**;  
and you **Jeshurun** whom I have **chosen**.

<sup>3</sup> ‘For I will pour out **water** on the **thirsty land**  
and **streams** on the **dry ground**;

I will pour out **My Spirit** on your **offspring**  
and **My blessing** on your **descendants**;

<sup>4</sup> and they will **spring up** among the **grass**  
like **poplars** by streams of **water**.’

<sup>5</sup>“This **one** will say, ‘**I am the LORD’S**’;  
and that **one** will **call** on the **name** of **Jacob**;

and **another** will **write** on his **hand**, ‘**Belonging to the LORD**,’  
and will **name Israel’s name** with **honor**.

## Personal Application

*Tonight* we read that **God** declared to **Israel**:

“Behold, **I will do** something **new**,” (43:19a), **Also**,

earlier in **Isaiah**, **God** declared that **He** would do “**new things**.” (42:9)

As **believers**, *we too* have been **blessed**

with “**new things**” from **God**—

### 1. *We* are a **part** of a “**New creation**” in **Messiah**

Therefore if anyone is *in Messiah*, *he is* a **new creature**;  
the **old things** passed away; behold, **new things** have come.  
(II Corinthians 5:17)

### 2. *We* have **received** the **Blessings** of a “**New Covenant**”

...but **our adequacy** is from **God**, who made us **adequate**  
as **servants** of a **New Covenant**...(II Corinthians 3:6a)

But now **He (Messiah)** has obtained a **more excellent ministry**,  
by as much as **He** is also the **mediator** of a **better covenant**,  
which has been enacted on **better promises**.  
(Hebrews 8:6)

### 3. *We* now have a “**New Relationship**” to **God**

For by **one offering** He has **perfected** for **all time** those who are **sanctified**...

Therefore, **brethren**, since we have **confidence**  
to enter the **holy place** by the **blood of Jesus**,  
by a **new and living way**  
which **He inaugurated** for us **through the veil**, that is, **His flesh**,

and since *we have* a **great priest** over the **house of God**,  
let us **draw near** with a sincere heart in **full assurance of faith**,...  
(Hebrews 10:14, 19-22a)

But now **we** have been **released** from the **Law**,  
having **died** to that by which we were **bound**,

so that **we serve** in **newness** of the **Spirit**  
and **not** in **oldness** of the **letter**. (Romans 7:6)

4. **We (Jews and Gentiles) are now one “New Man” in Messiah**

For **He Himself (Messiah) is our peace**,  
who made **both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one**  
and broke down the **barrier** of the **dividing wall**,  
by abolishing in **His flesh** the **enmity**,..

so that **in Himself He** might make the **two** into  
**one new man**, *thus* establishing **peace**, and might **reconcile**  
them both in **one body to God** through **the cross**,...(Ephesians 2:14-16)

5. **We have been promised a New Heavens and a New Earth**

“For, behold, I **create new heavens** and a **new earth**;  
and the **former things** shall **not** be **remembered** or come to mind.”  
(Isaiah 65:17)

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Then **I (John)** saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**;  
for the **first heaven** and the **first earth** **passed away**,  
and there is no longer **any sea**.

And I saw the **holy city, new Jerusalem**, coming down out of **heaven**  
from **God**, made ready as a **bride** adorned for her **husband**...

And **He** who sits on the **throne** said,  
“Behold, **I am** making **all things new**.” (Revelation 21:1-2, 5a)

6. **We, as believers, have many reasons to sing to God a “New Song”**

**Sing** to Him a **new song**; play **skillfully** with a **shout of joy**. (Psalm 33:3)

**Sing** to the **LORD** a **new song**; **sing** to the **LORD**, all the earth. (Psalm 96:1)

**O sing** to the **LORD** a **new song**,  
for **He** has done **wonderful things**, (Psalm 98:1)

And **they** sang a **new song**, saying,  
“**Worthy** are **You** (the **Lamb**) to take the **book** and to break its **seals**;  
for **You were slain**, and **purchased for God** with **Your blood**  
*men* from **every tribe** and **tongue** and **people** and **nation**...”  
(Revelation 5:9)

Closing Comments