

## Isaiah 43:1-28 **God's loving plan for Israel – Punishment for Sinful Israel**

### God's plan for Israel's peace

<sup>1</sup> But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

<sup>4</sup> Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth —

<sup>7</sup> Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." <sup>8</sup> Bring out the blind people who have eyes, And the deaf who have ears.

<sup>9</sup> Let all the nations be gathered together, And let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, And show us former things? Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; Or let them hear and say, "It is truth."

<sup>10</sup> "You are My witnesses," says the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. <sup>11</sup> I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior.

<sup>12</sup> I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses," Says the Lord, "that I am God.

<sup>13</sup> Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"

<sup>14</sup> Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I will send to Babylon, And bring them all down as fugitives — The Chaldeans, who rejoice in their ships.

<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 in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

### God will do a new thing for the Kingdom age

<sup>18</sup> "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. <sup>21</sup> This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

### Even declaring Judgment God calls for repentance

22 "But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob; And you have been weary of Me, O Israel.  
 23 You have not brought Me the sheep for your burnt offerings, Nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with grain offerings, Nor wearied you with incense.  
 24 You have bought Me no sweet cane with money, Nor have you satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices; But you have burdened Me with your sins, You have wearied Me with your iniquities.  
 25 "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.  
 26 Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted.  
 27 Your first father sinned, And your mediators have transgressed against Me.  
 28 Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary; I will give Jacob to the curse, And Israel to reproaches.  
 NKJV

#### Facts Revealed:

#### God's plan for Israel's peace

- ✧ But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. [\[Isaiah 43:1-3\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh reminded Israel that He created them and will redeem them.
- ✧ Yahweh claimed Israel as His own whom He called by name.
- ✧ Yahweh promised to protect His own when they pass through the waters, rivers, and fire.
- ✧ Yahweh Eloheykaa identifies Himself as the Holy One of Israel, their Savior.
- ✧ Egypt, Ethiopia, and Seba suffered in the place of Israel when God ransomed Israel.
- ✧ Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth — Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." Bring out the blind people who have eyes, And the deaf who have ears. [\[Isaiah 43:4-8\]](#)
- ✧ To demonstrate His love for Israel, God promised to give man and people for their life.
- ✧ Yahweh will be faithful to retain a remnant of the people of Israel all the way through to the time of the Kingdom age, at that time He promised to restore Israel and bring them all back to the land of Israel from around the world wherever they have been scattered.
- ✧ At that time the fame of the name of Yahweh will be changed from: Yahweh who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, to Yahweh who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land. [\[Jeremiah 23:7-8\]](#)
- ✧ The result of their return will be that the blind will see and the deaf will hear and understand perfectly. [\[Jeremiah 23:20, Isaiah 32:1-4\]](#)

- ✧ Let all the nations be gathered together, And let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, And show us former things? Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; Or let them hear and say, "It is truth." [\[Isaiah 43:9\]](#)
    - ✧ Yahweh challenged the wisdom and knowledge of the people of all nations to demonstrate the evidence of their great knowledge.
    - ✧ This is a challenge to those who say there is no God and those who question His revealed Word.
  - ✧ "You are My witnesses," says the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior.
 

I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses," Says the Lord, "that I am God.

Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?" [\[Isaiah 43:10-13\]](#)
  - ✧ The nation of Israel has been a tool in the hand of Yahweh because they have lived through all the wonders God has done from the time He brought them out of Egypt to the time of the Kingdom age becoming eyewitnesses of their God.
  - ✧ The nations of the Gentiles viewing the works of Yahweh concerning Israel, seeing the blessings when the nation was obedient and the punishment for their failure, can plainly see that Yahweh is a God of His word and the only true and living God.
  - ✧ Israel living through the blessings and the curses may see and understand that there is no God other than Yahweh.
  - ✧ Here Yahweh clearly declared that there is no other god and His dealing with Israel has demonstrated the fact.
  - ✧ No one can change anything that Yahweh has done or will do.
  - ✧ Yahweh has declared what He would do before the doing began, and has declared what is still future for all time to come. This is something no other so-called god or man is able to do.
  - ✧ No-one and nothing will ever be able to deliver anyone or anything from the hand of Almighty God.
  - ✧ We therefore do well to believe His Word and follow His commandments for our own present good and the good of our future.
- ✧ Thus says Yahweh (the Lord), your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I will send to Babylon, And bring them all down as fugitives — The Chaldeans, who rejoice in their ships.
 

I am Yahweh Qadowshkem (the Lord, your Holy One), The Creator of Israel, your King." [\[Isaiah 43:14-15\]](#)
- ✧ The Lord wants us to know His name Yahweh.
- ✧ He is the Redeemer of Israel and of all.
- ✧ He is known as the Holy One of Israel, the Creator of Israel, and the King of Israel.
- ✧ To demonstrate His love for Israel whom He chose for Himself, He promised to also give the mighty Chaldeans who are arrogant with their ships for Israel's sake. [\[Isaiah 43:3-4, 14\]](#)
- ✧ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): [\[Isaiah 43:16-17\]](#)

- ✧ Yahweh identified Himself as the One Who brought Israel across the Red Sea on dry ground and He destroyed the Egyptian armies by bringing the waters back on them when they pursued Israel into the Red Sea.

### God will do a new thing for the Kingdom age

- ✧ "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?  
I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.  
The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen.  
This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise. [\[Isaiah 43:18-21\]](#)
- ✧ When Israel is brought into the Kingdom age, the things of old will not be remembered because Yahweh will do a new work to show He is still God, and when it happens you will certainly know it.
- ✧ Yahweh will make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
- ✧ The animals will honor God because their misery is ended and the earth is restored like the Garden of Eden. [\[Isaiah 51:3, Romans 8:18-23\]](#)
- ✧ God does it to provide drink for His people, His chosen.
- ✧ Yahweh declared that He formed Israel for Himself.
- ✧ Then Israel will declare His praise.

### Even declaring Judgment God calls for repentance

- ✧ "But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob; And you have been weary of Me, O Israel.  
You have not brought Me the sheep for your burnt offerings, Nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with grain offerings, Nor wearied you with incense.  
You have bought Me no sweet cane with money, Nor have you satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices; But you have burdened Me with your sins, You have wearied Me with your iniquities. [\[Isaiah 43:22-24\]](#)
- ✧ Charge against Israel for dishonoring Yahweh by neglecting to obey the laws of offerings and sacrifices.
- ✧ "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins. [\[Isaiah 43:25\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh whom they neglect is the One who will blot out their sins and remember them no more.
- ✧ The promise is for the sake of God's own reputation because of His many similar promises.
- ✧ Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted. [\[Isaiah 43:26\]](#)
- ✧ God is seeking recognition so the people may be acquitted.
- ✧ This is a call for repentance for the forgiveness of their sins.
- ✧ Your first father sinned, And your mediators have transgressed against Me.  
Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary; I will give Jacob to the curse, And Israel to reproaches.
- ✧ True, Adam sinned, but the Priests who act as mediators for Israel have themselves also transgressed against the Lord to cause His wrath to come against the nation.
- ✧ Therefore, Yahweh has promised to profane the religious leaders and give the nation over to the curse and reproaches.
- ✧ As we look at the history of Israel, we clearly see that God is a God of His Word, for Israel has been under a curse and reproaches for thousands of years, just as Yahweh promised.

*[However, according to His many promises, there is a time coming when He will rule in righteousness in the Millennial Kingdom of the reign of Christ]. What a glorious time that will be.*