Isaiah 43

King James Version (KJV)

- **43** But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. Isaiah-7:14
- ²When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. (Daniel-3:25; as Daniel's companions Sheddrech, Meshach and Abednego did, when Nebuchadnezzar threw them in the furnace)
- ³ For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.
- ⁴Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.
- ⁵ Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;
- ⁶I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; (This is future, when Christ returns and gathers the believers back to Him)
- ⁷ Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. (Christians-Christ's people)
- ⁸ Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. (Those that see and hear spiritually)
- Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. (Only God can foretell what will come. HE does that through the prophets)

- ¹⁰ Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my <u>servant</u> whom I have <u>chosen</u>: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. (servant-laborer, worker) (I have chosen the Elect)
- ¹¹ I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. (One God 3 offices; not the "trinity" that churches teach. There are not 3 separate "Gods". God begat Himself in the flesh through Mary; Jesus is Emanuel God with us. HE said- If you've seen me, you've seen the Father. The Holy Spirit is God's spirit)
- ¹² I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. (always was, always will be) (This verse is paraphrasing the Song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32)
- ¹³ Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? (Who will stop God from doing His work? No one can)
- ¹⁴Thus saith the LORD, your <u>redeemer</u>, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships. (redeemer = kinsman redeemer a legal term for a family member that can claim and help the person. Example Joseph of Aramathea acted as Jesus' kinsman redeemer when he claimed His body for burial in his own crypt)
- ¹⁵ I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.
- ¹⁶Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; (As with Moses, when God parted the Red Sea)
- ¹⁷ Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as <u>tow</u>. (tow- the burned up wick of an oil lamp) (God can protect His own against any army)
- ¹⁸ Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. (God gave us numerous proofs over time of who He is; and of His power and His love for us)
- ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the

- desert. (God can take care of His children through any desert or wilderness)
- ²⁰ The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. (Jesus Christ is the living water spiritually)
- ²¹ This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. (God created us for His pleasure)
- ²² But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. (They forsook God for worship to pagan idols and pagan perversion)
- ²³ Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.
- ²⁴ Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. (God is getting impatient with our transgressions and our refusal to follow Him. People get too busy with life and end up ignoring God, ubntil they get in trouble. Then, they expect God to help them)
- ²⁵ I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. (And yet, God forgives us upon our repentance)
- ²⁶ Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. (Return to God; talk with Him; declare your love for Him and receive His blessings)
- ²⁷Thy first father hath sinned, and thy <u>teachers</u> have transgressed against me. (teachers = interpreters-> of God's word; preachers are not properly teaching the Word of God, unchanged. They twist it into "sermons" that they dream up from their imagination)
- ²⁸ Therefore I have profaned the <u>princes of the sanctuary</u>, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches. (These are the <u>priests</u>, who teach falsely) Amos-6:14