

Isa 43:18 – 44:8
The Lord's Work
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The new things God is doing 43:18-21

18 "Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. 19 "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. 20 "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. 21 "The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise.

"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past" (v. 18)

Phil 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
(Eph 4:23; Col 3:10-11; Titus 3:5)

"Rivers in the desert" (v. 19, 20)

Rivers symbol of life, vitality

Psa 36:8 They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights.

Psa 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

Desert symbol of desolation, temptation, or solitude

Isa 51:3 Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

"The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise."

1Pt 2:9 But you 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; (Eph 1:5-6)

Forgiveness of sins 43:25

25 "I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, (Ac 10:43; 13:38-39; 26:18; Rom 4:7-8; Eph 4:32; Heb 8:12; 9:22; 10:17-18; 1Jn 1:7,9; 2:1-2, 12; Rev 1:5)

His calling and choosing Isa 44:1-2

1 "But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, And Israel, whom I have chosen: 2 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.

“I have chosen”

Israel are God’s chosen people

Dt 7:6 “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. (Dt 4:20; 7:6-8; 10:15; 32:9-10; Ps 33:12; 65:4; 106:5; 135:4; Rom 3:1-2; 9:4)

Christians are also chosen of God

Eph 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, ... (Jn 15:19; Ac 22:14; Rom 8:33; Eph 1:11)

1Thes 1:4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you;

”made you And formed you from the womb”

Ps 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb.

Jer 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

“will help you”

Heb 2:16-17 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. 17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Ps 20:2; 33:20; 46:1, 5; 115:9-11; 121:1-2; 124:8)

“Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you **Jeshurun”**

Jeshurun = “upright one”; designates them as “righteous,”

Dt 33:26-29 “There is none like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to your help, And through the skies in His majesty. 27 “The eternal God is a dwelling place, And underneath are the everlasting arms; And He drove out the enemy from before you, And said, ‘Destroy!’ 28 “So Israel dwells in security, The fountain of Jacob secluded, In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens also drop down dew. 29 “Blessed are you, O Israel; Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, Who is the shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! So your enemies will cringe before you, And you will tread upon their high places.” (Dt 32:15; 33:5)

The promise of the Spirit Isa 44:3-5

3 ‘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; 4 And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.’ 5 “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.

“water” Certain elements are used as emblems for God; God is spoken of as water.

Jer 2:13 “For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water.

Jn 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

“My blessing on your descendants”

Speaks of household salvation

Peter on the day of Pentecost = Acts 2:39 “For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

The angel to Cornelius = Acts 11:13-14 ... ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’

Paul to the Philippian jailer = Acts 16:31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

They will spring up (vs. 4-5)

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that one will call on the name of Jacob;

another will write on his hand, ‘Belonging to the LORD,’

The Lord [Jehovah] is: Isa 44:6-8

6 “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me. 7 ‘Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming And the events that are going to take place. 8 ‘Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.’”

“King of Israel”

Jn 1:49 Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”

Jn 12:13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.”

“Redeemer” (Ps 19:14; 78:35; Isa 41:14; 43:14; 44:24; 47:4; 48:17; 49:7, 26; 54:5, 8; 59:20; 16:16)

1Pt 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. (Gal 3:13)

“The first and the last”

Rev 1:17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, (Rev 2:8; 22:13)

“He declares the things that are coming, the events that are going to take place”

God is omniscient = He possesses universal and complete knowledge; He knows everything”

1Jn 3:20 ... for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. (Ps 139:1-5; Col 2:3)

“Is there any God besides Me”

Rom 16:27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever.

(Rom 11:33-36; Col 2:2-3; 1Tim 6:16; Jude 25)

“Rock”

God, the Rock is an OT title for God and a Messianic title signifying that God’s people can rely on him for absolute protection and salvation. (see Dt 32:4, 30-31; 1Sa 2:2; 22:2, 32; 2Sa 22:47; 23:3; Ps 18:2, 31, 46; 61:2-4; 78:35; 92:15; Isa 26:4; 28:16; 32:2; 44:8; 51:1; Hab 1:12)