

Isaiah 43:16-28

Behold, A New Thing

1. 43:10-15 – I am He

- a. “I am...” LORD, God, Holy One, Redeemer, Saviour, Creator, King – Isa 43:3, 10-15
- b. 10 - “*I am he*” → the one and only God, none before or after, beginning / end, first / last.
 - i. Jesus said “I am he” - John 8:23-29, 58; 18:3-8

2. 43:16-21 – Behold, a New Thing

- a. 16-17 - Who had power over waters in Exodus? The LORD – Mt 8:27, Ps 89:9, 93:4
- b. 18-19 – “*remember not*” in contrast to Deu 32:7-17, 26, 37-43
 - i. Forget the old (old covenant), ‘Behold a new thing!’ (new covenant) - Heb 8:8
 - ii. Paul alludes to Isa 43:19, 65:17 in 2 Cor 5:17 talking about new creature Ga 6:15
 - iii. Isaiah referring to Israel/earth restoration – Rev 12:14-16, 21:5-6
- c. 19-20 - The new thing = a new way for Israel’s return – Jer 31:10-17, 21-37, Eze 36:17-
- d. 21 – “*this people*” = Israel’s purpose to shew that “I am he” and his praise - 1Pet 2:9
 - i. The purpose of the Body is to praise the glory of his grace – Eph 1:6

3. 43:22-28 – But Jacob Does Not Call

- a. 22 - “*hast not called... but weary*” – Israel’s failure to call on the Lord - Rom 10
- b. 23 - Not bringing sacrifices, nor did God weary them to do so = law and captivity
- c. 24 - “*sweet cane with money*” the instruction if they were distant – Deu 14:24-25
 - i. 24b - What they did give him was sins and iniquities (God must be gracious.)
- d. 25 – “*blot out... transgressions*” – grace when he returns to save - Acts 3:19, 1Pe 1:9-13
 - i. “*will not remember thy sins*” = new covenant kingdom - Jer 31:34, Heb 8:12-13
 - ii. Prophesied forgiveness and grace for Israel when the Lord comes – 1 Pet 1:10,13
 - iii. Those not in the new covenant get sins remembered – Rev 18:5
 - iv. He cleanses them for his name’s sake (his promise/his word) – Eze 26:17-28
 - v. (Note: missing is the new creature which is not the new covenant.)
- e. 26 – Remember me, but they do not – Isa 1:18-20, Mt 16:8-9, John 12:16, 14:26
- f. 27 - “*first father*” Pick one: Adam, Abraham, Jacob, chief priests.
- g. 28 – It is because of sins they are profaned, cursed, and under reproach.
 - i. It is because “I am he” that he will redeem, save, and deliver them.